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> FORM S-4 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC

AND

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS CAPITAL CORPORATION (EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANTS AS SPECIFIED IN THEIR CHARTERS)

DELAWARE (STATE UK OTHER JURISDICTION (PRIMARY STANDARD INDUSTRIAL OF INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)

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# CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

TITLE OF EACH CLASS OF SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED	AMOUNT TO BE REGISTERED	PROPOSED MAXIMUM OFFERING PRICE PER NOTE	PROPOSED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE OFFERING PRICE	AMOUNT OF REGISTRATION FEE(1)
10 3/4% Senior Notes due 2009	\$900,000,000(2)	99.913%	\$899,221,305	\$224,804
11 1/8% Senior Notes due 2011	\$500,000,000	100%	\$500,000,000	\$125,000
13 1/2% Senior Notes due 2011	\$675,000,000(2)	51.944%	\$350,620,205	\$ 87,656

- (1) Calculated pursuant to Rule 457.
- (2) Based on the aggregate amount at maturity.

THE REGISTRANTS HEREBY AMEND THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON SUCH DATE OR DATES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO DELAY ITS EFFECTIVE DATE UNTIL THE REGISTRANTS SHALL FILE A FURTHER AMENDMENT WHICH SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL THEREAFTER BECOME EFFECTIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8(a) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OR UNTIL THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON SUCH DATE AS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, ACTING PURSUANT TO SAID SECTION 8(a), MAY DETERMINE.

\$2,075,000,000 Offer to Exchange

10 3/4% Senior Notes due 2009, 11 1/8% Senior Notes due 2011 and 13 1/2% Senior Discount Notes due 2011 for any and all outstanding 10 3/4% Senior Notes due 2009,

11 1/8% Senior Notes due 2011 and 13 1/2% Senior Discount Notes due 2011, respectively, of

> CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC and CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS CAPITAL CORPORATION

- This exchange offer expires at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on March , 2001, unless extended.
- No public market exists for the original notes or the new notes. We do not intend to list the new notes on any securities exchange or to seek approval for quotation through any automated quotation system.

SEE "RISK FACTORS" BEGINNING ON PAGE 14 FOR A DISCUSSION OF CERTAIN FACTORS THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY HOLDERS WHO TENDER THEIR ORIGINAL NOTES IN THE EXCHANGE OFFER AND BY PURCHASERS OF THE NOTES FROM PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO USE THIS PROSPECTUS FOR RESALES.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any State in which the offer or sale would be unlawful.

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> The date of this prospectus is February , 2001.

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#### SUMMARY

The following summary contains a general discussion of our business, the exchange offer and summary financial information. It likely does not contain all the information that is important to you in making a decision to tender your original notes in exchange for new notes. For a more complete understanding of the exchange offer, you should read this entire prospectus and the other documents to which we refer. Unless stated otherwise, the discussion of our business in this prospectus includes Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and its direct and indirect subsidiaries.

### OUR BUSINESS

We are the fourth largest operator of cable systems in the United States, serving approximately  $6.3\ \text{million}$  customers.

We offer a full range of traditional cable television services and we are offering digital cable television services to customers in an increasing number of our systems. Digital technology enables cable operators to increase the number of channels a cable system can carry by permitting a significantly increased number of video signals to be transmitted over a cable system's existing bandwidth. Bandwidth is a measure of the information-carrying capacity. It is the range of usable frequencies that can be carried by a cable system.

We have also started to introduce a number of other new products and services, including interactive video programming, which allows information to flow in both directions, high-speed Internet access and video-on-demand. We are also exploring opportunities in telephony, which will integrate telephone services with the Internet through the use of cable. The introduction of these new services represents an important step toward the realization of our Wired World(TM) vision, where cable's ability to transmit voice, video and data at high speeds will enable it to serve as the primary platform for the delivery of new services to the home and workplace. We are accelerating the upgrade of our systems to more quickly provide these new services.

We have grown rapidly over the past five years. During this period, our management team has successfully completed 36 acquisitions, including five acquisitions closed since January 1, 2000. In addition, we have expanded our customer base through significant internal growth. For the twelve months ended September 30, 2000, our internal customer growth, without giving effect to the cable systems we acquired in 2000, was 2.3%, compared to the national industry average of 1.3%. In 1999, our internal customer growth, without giving effect to the cable systems we acquired in 1999, was 3.1%, more than twice the national industry average of 1.8%.

Our principal executive offices are located at 12444 Powerscourt Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63131. Our telephone number is (314) 965-0555 and our web site is located at www.chartercom.com. The information on our web site is not part of this prospectus.

#### BUSINESS STRATEGY

Our objective is to increase our operating cash flow by increasing our customer base and the amount of cash flow per customer. To achieve this objective, we are pursuing the following strategies:

- expand the array of services we offer to our customers through the implementation of our Wired World vision;
- upgrade the bandwidth capacity of our systems to 550 megahertz or greater to enable greater channel capacity and add two-way capability to facilitate interactive communication;
- maximize customer satisfaction by providing reliable, high-quality service offerings, superior customer service and attractive programming choices at reasonable rates;
- employ innovative marketing programs tailored to local customer preferences to generate additional revenues;
- rapidly integrate acquired cable systems and apply our core operating strategies to raise the financial and operating performance of these acquired systems;
- emphasize local management autonomy to better serve our customers while providing support from regional and corporate offices and maintaining centralized financial controls; and
- improve the geographic clustering of our cable systems by selectively trading or acquiring systems to increase operating efficiencies and improve operating margins.

#### CHARTER ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The new notes to be issued in the exchange offer will be issued by Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Capital Corporation, the co-issuers of the original notes.

The chart below sets forth our organizational structure and that of our direct and indirect parent companies and assumes that there has been (1) no exercise of 28,482,357 outstanding options to purchase membership units of Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, which units will be exchanged upon issuance for shares of Charter Communications, Inc. Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis, see "Management -- Option Plan;" (2) no exchange of outstanding membership units of Charter Communications Holding Company for shares of Class A common stock; and (3) no exchange of outstanding membership units of CC VII, LLC for shares of Class A common stock, as described in the footnotes to the chart. Our cable systems are owned by certain of our wholly owned subsidiaries.

#### [CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS FLOW CHART]

- \* Includes 25,075,733 shares of Charter Communications, Inc. Class A common stock issued in connection with certain acquisitions. These shares are unregistered and are subject to certain restrictions on transfer.
- \*\* These membership units are exchangeable at any time for shares of Charter Communications, Inc. Class B common stock which are in turn convertible into shares of Charter Communications, Inc. Class A common stock.
- \*\*\* Certain former owners of Bresnan own a minority equity interest in Charter Communications Holding Company and other former owners of Bresnan own 100% of the preferred equity interests in CC VIII, LLC, a subsidiary of the Avalon notes issuers. These equity interests are exchangeable at any time for shares of Charter Communications, Inc. Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis. See "Business -- Charter Organizational Structure -- Former Owners of Bresnan."

For a more detailed description of each entity and how it relates to us, see "Business -- Charter Organizational Structure."

#### RECENT EVENTS

#### ACOUISITIONS

Since January 1, 2000, we completed five acquisitions of cable systems for an aggregate purchase price of \$3.4 billion. A summary of information regarding the acquisitions that closed in 2000 is as follows:

		PURCHASE PRICE (INCLUDING	AS OF AND FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000		
	ACQUISITION DATE	ASSUMED DEBT) (IN MILLIONS)	CUSTOMERS	REVENUES (IN THOUSANDS)	
Cable system of Interlake					
Cablevision Enterprises, LLC Bresnan Communications Company	1/00	13	6,000	\$ 1,398	
Limited Partnership	2/00	3,100	695,800	241,149(a)	
Partners, L.P	4/00	60	23,200	7,567	
Cable system of Farmington Cablevision Company	4/00	15	5,700	1,538	
Cablevision of Michigan, Inc. (Kalamazoo)	9/00	173	50,700	15,601	
Total		\$3,361 =====	781,400 ======	\$267,253 ======	

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes revenues of approximately \$0.6 million related to the cable systems acquired by Bresnan since December 31, 1999.

### CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. CONVERTIBLE SENIOR NOTES

In October and November 2000, Charter Communications, Inc. issued 5.75% convertible senior notes due 2005 in the aggregate principal amount of \$750.0 million in a Rule 144A private placement. The net proceeds from the sale of the convertible senior notes were contributed as equity to Charter Holdings. We used all of the net proceeds to repay a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility. See "Description of Certain Indebtedness -- Existing Public Debt."

# CHARTER HOLDINGS SENIOR BRIDGE LOAN FACILITY

On August 14, 2000, Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation borrowed \$1.0 billion under a senior bridge loan facility providing for increasing rate senior bridge loans. Charter Holdings used substantially all of the net proceeds to repay a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Charter Operating and Falcon revolving credit facilities. In October and November 2000, a portion of the net proceeds from the issuance and sale of the convertible senior notes were used to repay an intercompany amount due Charter Holdings and the remaining proceeds were contributed as equity to Charter Holdings. We used all such net proceeds and \$7.0 million in cash and cash equivalents to repay \$727.5 million outstanding under the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility. All remaining amounts outstanding under the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility were repaid in January 2001 with a portion of the net proceeds from the issuance and sale of the January 2001 Charter Holdings senior notes and senior discount notes. See "Description of Certain Indebtedness -- Existing Credit Facilities."

For additional information regarding acquisitions in 2000, see "Business -- Acquisitions."

### BRESNAN/AVALON COMBINATION

On December 22, 2000, Charter Holdings contributed all of its equity interests in CC VIII, LLC to CC V Holdings, combining the cable systems acquired in the Avalon and Bresnan acquisitions below CC V Holdings. In connection with this combination, in January 2001, all amounts due under the Avalon credit facilities were repaid and such credit facilities were terminated. At the same time, the Bresnan credit facilities were amended and restated to, among other things, increase borrowing availability by \$550.0 million. See "Description of Certain Indebtedness -- Existing Credit Facilities."

#### THE EXCHANGE OFFER

# Resales Without Further Registration.....

We believe that the new notes issued pursuant to the exchange offer may be offered for resale, resold or otherwise transferred by you without compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery provisions of the Securities Act, as amended, provided that:

- you are acquiring the new notes issued in the exchange offer in the ordinary course of your business;
- you have not engaged in, do not intend to engage in, and have no arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in, the distribution of the new notes issued to you in the exchange offer, and;
- you are not our "affiliate," as defined under Rule 405 of the Securities  $\mbox{\it Act}\,.$

Each of the participating broker-dealers that receives new notes for its own account in exchange for original notes that were acquired by such broker or dealer as a result of market-making or other activities must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with the resale of the new notes.

Expiration Date.....

 $5\!:\!00$  p.m., New York City time, on March  $\,$  , 2001 unless we extend the exchange offer.

Exchange and Registration Rights Agreements......

You have the right to exchange the original notes that you hold for new notes with substantially identical terms. This exchange offer is intended to satisfy these rights. Once the exchange offer is complete, you will no longer be entitled to any exchange or registration rights with respect to your original notes.

Accrued Interest on the New Notes and Original Notes.....

The new notes will bear interest from January 10, 2001. Holders of original notes which are accepted for exchange will be deemed to have waived the right to receive any payment in respect of interest on such original notes accrued to the date of issuance of the new notes.

Conditions to the Exchange Offer.....

The exchange offer is conditioned upon certain customary conditions which we may waive and upon compliance with securities laws.

Procedures for Tendering Original Notes.....

Each holder of original notes wishing to accept the exchange offer must:

 complete, sign and date the letter of transmittal, or a facsimile of the letter of transmittal; or

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 arrange for The Depository Trust Company to transmit certain required information to the exchange agent in connection with a book-entry transfer.

You must mail or otherwise deliver such documentation together with the original notes to the exchange agent.

#### Special Procedures for Beneficial Holders.....

If you beneficially own original notes registered in the name of a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee and you wish to tender your original notes in the exchange offer, you should contact such registered holder promptly and instruct them to tender on your behalf. If you wish to tender on your own behalf, you must, before completing and executing the letter of transmittal for the exchange offer and delivering your original notes, either arrange to have your original notes registered in your name or obtain a properly completed bond power from the registered holder. The transfer of registered ownership may take considerable time.

# Guaranteed Delivery Procedures.....

You must comply with the applicable procedures for tendering if you wish to tender your original notes and:

- time will not permit your required documents to reach the exchange agent by the expiration date of the exchange offer; or
- you cannot complete the procedure for book-entry transfer on time; or
- your original notes are not immediately available.

Withdrawal Rights.....

You may withdraw your tender of original notes at any time prior to 5:00~p.m., New York City time, on the date the exchange offer expires.

Failure to Exchange Will Affect You Adversely.....

If you are eligible to participate in the exchange offer and you do not tender your original notes, you will not have further exchange or registration rights and your original notes will continue to be subject to some restrictions on transfer. Accordingly, the liquidity of the original notes will be adversely affected.

# Material United States Federal Income Tax Consideration.....

The disclosure in this prospectus represents our legal counsel's opinion as to the material United States Federal income tax consequences of participating in the exchange offer and in connection with the ownership and disposition of the new notes. The exchange of original notes for new notes pursuant to the exchange offer will not result in a taxable event. Accordingly, it is our legal counsel's opinion that:

 no gain or loss will be realized by a U.S. holder upon receipt of a new note;

- a holder's holding period for new notes will include the holding period for original notes; and
- the adjusted tax basis of the new notes will be the same as the adjusted tax basis of the original notes exchanged at the time of such exchange.

Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP has rendered the above-referenced opinion in connection with the exchange offer. See "Material United States Federal Income Tax Considerations."

Exchange Agent...... The Bank of New York is serving as exchange agent.

Use of Proceeds...... We will not receive any proceeds from the exchange  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left$ offer.

### SUMMARY TERMS OF NEW NOTES

Notes Offered..... \$900.0 million in principal amount of 10 3/4% senior notes due 2009.

500.0 million in principal amount of 11 1/8% senior notes due 2011.

\$675.0 million in principal amount at maturity of 13 1/2% senior discount notes due 2011.

- the new notes will bear a different CUSIP number from the original notes;
- the new notes have been registered under the Securities Act and, therefore, will not bear legends restricting their transfer; and
- you will not be entitled to any exchange or registration rights with respect to the new notes.

The new notes will evidence the same debt as the original notes. They will be entitled to the benefits of the indentures governing the original notes and will be treated under the indentures as a single class with the original notes.

	MATURITY DATE	ISSUE PRICE	INTEREST
10 3/4% Notes	October 1, 2009	100.00% plus accrued interest, if any, from January 10, 2001	, , , ,
11 1/8% Notes	January 15, 2011	100.00%, plus accrued interest, if any, from January 10, 2001	11 1/8% per annum, payable every six months on January 15 and July 15, beginning July 15, 2001
13 1/2% Notes	January 15, 2011	\$519.44 per \$1,000.00 principal amount at maturity	Cash interest will not accrue on the senior discount notes until January 15, 2006. The principal amount represented by each senior discount note will accrete from \$519.44 to \$1,000 during the period from the issue date to January 15, 2006. Thereafter, cash interest on the senior discount notes will accrue at a rate of 13.500% per year and will be payable semi-annually in arrears on January 15 and July 15, commencing on July 15, 2006.

Ranking.....

The new notes will be senior debts. They will rank equally with all existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated debt of the Charter Holdings including the existing Charter Holdings senior notes and senior discount notes and trade payables, which are accounts payable to vendors, suppliers and service providers. Charter Holdings is a holding company and conducts all of its operations through its direct and indirect subsidiaries. If it defaults, your right to payment under the new notes will rank below all existing and future liabilities, including trade payables, of the subsidiaries of Charter Holdings. As of September 30, 2000, pro forma for (1) the issuance and sale of the original notes and the application of the net proceeds and (2) the issuance and sale of Charter Communications Inc.'s convertible senior notes and the application of the net proceeds to repay an intercompany amount due Charter Holdings and contribute equity to Charter Holdings which used substantially all of the proceeds received to repay a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility as if such transactions had occurred on that date, our debt would have totaled approximately \$11.5 billion, \$5.3 billion of which would have ranked senior to the new notes.

Optional Redemption.....

We may redeem some or all of the ten-year senior notes and the senior discount notes beginning on January 15, 2006. The initial redemption price is 105.563% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest for the ten-year senior notes and 106.750% of the principal amount at maturity plus accrued and unpaid interest for the senior discount notes. The redemption price will decline each year after 2006 and beginning on January 15, 2009 will be 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest for the ten-year senior notes and 100% of the principal amount at maturity plus accrued and unpaid interest for the senior discount notes. In addition, before January 15, 2004, we may redeem up to 35% of the ten-year senior notes and the senior discount notes using proceeds of certain offerings of equity securities at a redemption price equal to 111.125% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest for the ten-year senior notes and 113.500% of the accreted value for the senior discount notes. We do not have the option to redeem any portion of the eight-year senior notes prior to their maturity date.

Mandatory Offer to

Repurchase.....

If Charter Holdings, Charter Communications Holding Company or Charter Communications, Inc. experiences certain changes of control, we must offer to repurchase the eight-year senior notes and ten-year senior notes at 101% of their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest and the senior discount notes at 101% of their accreted value plus, for any change of control occurring after the full accretion date, accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase.

Basic Covenants of Indentures.....

The indentures governing the notes will, among other things, restrict our ability and the ability of certain of our subsidiaries to:
- pay dividends on stock or repurchase stock;
- make investments;
- borrow money;
- create certain liens;

- sell all or substantially all of our assets or merge with or into other companies;
- merge with or into other companies;
   sell assets;
   in the case of our restricted subsidiaries,
   create or permit to exist dividend or payment
   restrictions with respect to us; and
   engage in certain transactions with affiliates.

These covenants are subject to important exceptions. See "Description of Notes -- Certain Covenants."

# RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider all of the information in this prospectus. In particular, you should evaluate the specific risk factors under "Risk Factors" for a discussion of risks associated with an investment in the new notes.

# UNAUDITED SUMMARY PRO FORMA DATA

You should read the following unaudited summary pro forma financial data of Charter Holdings in conjunction with the historical financial statements and other financial information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus, including "Capitalization," "Unaudited Pro Forma Financial Statements" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

		ND FOR THE NINE			
	CHARTER HOLDINGS	2000	SUBTOTAL	OFFERING ADJUSTMENT	TOTAL
		OLLARS IN THOUS			
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS:					
Revenues	\$ 2,355,345	\$ 51,641	\$ 2,406,986	\$	\$ 2,406,986
Operating expenses: Operating, general and administrative	1,203,987	30,413	1,234,400		1,234,400
Depreciation and amortization Option compensation expense	1,772,764 34,205	47,330	1,820,094 34,205		1,820,094 34,205
Corporate expense charges(a)	41,570	536	42,106		42,106
Management fees		181	181		181
Total operating expenses	3,052,526	78,460	3,130,986		3,130,986
Loss from operations	(697,181)	(26,819)	(724,000)		(724,000)
Interest expense	(737,731)	(24, 381)	(762,112)	(40,301)	(802,413)
Interest income	6,077	(49)	6,028		6,028
Other expense	(2,780)	(137)	(2,917)		(2,917)
Loss before minority interest expense					
and extraordinary item	(1,431,615)	(51,386)	(1,483,001)	(40,301)	(1,523,302)
Minority interest expense(b)	(7,864)	(1,578)	(9,442)		(9,442)
Loss before extraordinary item		\$(52,964) ======	\$(1,492,443) =======	\$(40,301)	\$(1,532,744) =======
OTHER FINANCIAL DATA:					
EBITDA(c) EBITDA margin(d)	45.5%	\$ 20,374 39.5%	\$ 1,093,177 45.4%		\$ 1,093,177 45.4%
Adjusted EBITDA(e)	\$ 1,151,358 837,269	\$ 21,228 84,112	\$ 1,172,586 921,381		\$ 1,172,586 921,381
activities	(1,825,759)	(38,924)	(1,864,683)		(1,864,683)
Cash flows from financing activities	919,386	(79,321)	840,065		840,065
Cash interest expense  Capital expenditures	1.810.952	93,951	1,904,903		627,618 1,904,903
Total debt to estimated annual	_,,	,	_,,		_,, .,
EBITDA(f) Total debt to estimated annual adjusted					7.4x
EBITDA(f) EBITDA to cash interest expense					6.9 1.7
Deficiency of earnings to cover fixed					1.4
charges(g)BALANCE SHEET DATA (AT END OF PERIOD):					\$(1,532,744)
Total assets	. , ,	\$	\$22,412,743	\$ 38,768	\$22,451,511
Total debt			11,440,229	45,341 	11,485,570 637,353
Minority interest(h)  Member's equity	637,353 8,938,220		637,353 8,938,220		8,938,220
OPERATING DATA (AT END OF PERIOD, EXCEPT FOR AVERAGE):	2,202,==0		5,552,==5		5,752,==5
Homes passed(i)					10,160,200
Basic customers(j) Basic penetration(k)					6,318,300 62.2%
Premium units(1)					4,426,200
Premium penetration(m)					70.1%
Average monthly revenue per basic					¢ 40.00
customer(n)					\$ 42.33

AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999

	CHARTER HOLDINGS	ACQUISITIONS	SUBTOTAL	OFFERING ADJUSTMENT	TOTAL
		(DOLLARS IN THOU			
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS:					
Revenues	\$ 1,553,270	\$1,397,611	\$ 2,950,881	\$	\$ 2,950,881
Operating expenses: Operating, general and					
administrative	806,941	703,712	1,510,653		1,510,653
Depreciation and amortization  Option compensation expense	808,981 79,979	887,586 	1,696,567 79,979		1,696,567 79,979
Corporate expense charges(a)	51,428	48,704	100,132		100,132
Management fees		26,722	26,722		26,722
Total operating expenses	1,747,329	1,666,724	3,414,053		3,414,053
Loss from operations	(194,059)		(463, 172)		(463,172)
Interest expense	(478,517)		(966, 241)	(46,863)	(1,013,104)
Interest income	3,956 (403)		5,291 (1,049)		5,291 (1,049)
other expense	(403)		(1,049)		(1,049)
Loss before income taxes, minority interest expense and extraordinary					
item	(669,023)		(1, 425, 171)	(46,863)	(1,472,034)
Income tax expense  Minority interest expense(b)	(1,030)		(3,747) (12,589)		(3,747) (12,589)
ninority interest expense(s)					
Loss before extraordinary item	\$ (670,053) ======	\$ (771,454) =======	\$(1,441,507) =======		\$(1,488,370) =======
OTHER FINANCIAL DATA:	\$ 614,519	\$ 617,827	\$ 1,232,346		\$ 1,232,346
EBITDA(c) EBITDA margin(d)	39.6%	,	41.8%		41.8%
Adjusted EBITDA(e)	\$ 746,329	\$ 693,899	\$ 1,440,228		\$ 1,440,228
Cash flows from operating activities	460,408	485,751	946,159		946,159
Cash flows used in investing activities	(763,706)	(641,724)	(1,405,430)		(1,405,430)
Cash flows from financing activities	407,821	243,024	650,845		650,845
Cash interest expense	700 505	545.000	1 010 007		787,114
Capital expenditures  Total debt to EBITDA	798,565	545,322	1,343,887		1,343,887 8.5x
Total debt to adjusted EBITDA					7.3
EBITDA to cash interest expense					1.6
EBITDA to interest expense  Deficiency of earnings to cover fixed					1.2
charges(g)					\$ 1,488,370
BALANCE SHEET DATA (AT END OF PERIOD):					
Total assets Total debt	\$19,020,222 9,397,540	\$3,307,498 1,072,846	\$22,327,720 10,470,386	\$ 38,768 45,341	\$22,366,488 10,515,727
Minority interest(h)	9,397,340	629,488	629,488	45,341	629,488
Member's equity	8,768,453	1,609,987	10,378,440		10,378,440
OPERATING DATA (AT END OF PERIOD, EXCEPT FOR AVERAGE):					
Homes passed(i)	8,706,400 5,452,500	1,146,400	9,852,800		9,852,800
Basic customers(j) Basic penetration(k)	5,452,500 62.6%	768,100 67.0%	6,220,600 63.1%		6,220,600 63.1%
Premium units(1)	2,800,800	343,700	3,144,500		3,144,500
Premium penetration(m)	51.4%	44.7%	50.5%		50.5%
Average monthly revenue per basic customer(n)					\$ 39.53
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- (a) Prior to November 12, 1999, the date of the initial public offering of Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Investment, Inc. provided management services to our subsidiaries. Since the closing of the initial public offering, Charter Communications, Inc. has provided such management services. See "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions."
- (b) Represents the 2% accretion of the preferred membership units of a subsidiary of Charter Holdings issued to certain Bresnan sellers. These membership units are exchangeable at any time on a one-for-one basis for shares of Class A common stock of Charter Communications, Inc.
- (c) EBITDA represents earnings (loss) before extraordinary item, interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, and minority interest expense. EBITDA is presented because it is a widely accepted financial indicator of a cable company's ability to service indebtedness. However, EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to income from operations or to cash flows from operating, investing or financing activities, as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. EBITDA should also not be construed as an indication of a company's operating performance or as a measure of liquidity. Management's discretionary use of funds depicted by EBITDA may be limited by working capital, debt service and capital expenditure requirements and by restrictions related to legal requirements, commitments and uncertainties.
- (d) EBITDA margin represents EBITDA as a percentage of revenues.
- (e) Adjusted EBITDA means EBITDA before option compensation expense, corporate expense charges, management fees and other expenses. Adjusted EBITDA is presented because it is a widely accepted financial indicator of a cable company's ability to service its indebtedness. However, adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to income from operations or to cash flows from operating, investing or financing activities, as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Adjusted EBITDA should also not be construed as an indication of a company's operating performance or as a measure of liquidity. In addition, because adjusted EBITDA is not calculated identically by all companies, the presentation here may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies. Management's discretionary use of funds depicted by adjusted EBITDA may be limited by working capital, debt service and capital expenditure requirements and by restrictions related to legal requirements, commitments and uncertainties.
- (f) Estimated annual EBITDA and estimated annual adjusted EBITDA represent EBITDA for the nine months ended September 30, 2000 divided by three and multiplied by four.
- (g) Earnings include net income (loss) plus fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest expense and an estimated interest component of rent expense
- (h) Represents preferred membership units in a subsidiary of Charter Holdings issued to certain Bresnan sellers, which are exchangeable on a one-for-one basis for shares of Class A common stock of Charter Communications, Inc.
- (i) Homes passed are the number of living units, such as single residence homes, apartments and condominium units, passed by the cable television distribution network in a given cable system service area.
- (j) Basic customers are customers who receive basic cable service.
- (k) Basic penetration represents basic customers as a percentage of homes passed.
- (1) Premium units represent the total number of subscriptions to premium channels.
- (m) Premium penetration represents premium units as a percentage of basic customers.
- (n) Average monthly revenue per basic customer represents revenues divided by the number of months in the period divided by the number of basic customers at the end of the period.

#### RISK FACTORS

The new notes, like the original notes, entail the following risks. You should carefully consider these risk factors, as well as the other information contained in this prospectus, before exchanging the original notes for the new notes.

### OUR BUSINESS

WE AND OUR SUBSIDIARIES HAVE SUBSTANTIAL EXISTING DEBT AND WILL INCUR SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL DEBT, WHICH COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR FINANCIAL HEALTH AND OUR ABILITY TO OBTAIN FINANCING IN THE FUTURE AND REACT TO CHANGES IN OUR BUSINESS.

We and our subsidiaries have a significant amount of debt. As of September 30, 2000, pro forma for the issuance and sale of the original notes and the application of the net proceeds, and the contribution as equity to and reimbursement of certain outstanding intercompany amounts due Charter Holdings of the net proceeds from the sale of Charter Communications, Inc.'s convertible senior notes and the application to repay a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility, our total debt would have been approximately \$11.5 billion, our member's equity would have been approximately \$8.9 billion and the deficiency of our earnings available to cover fixed charges would have been approximately \$1.5 billion. Since September 30, 2000, we have incurred significant additional debt to fund our capital expenditures. Our significant amount of debt could have important consequences to you. For example, it could:

- make it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations to you under the notes, to the lenders under our subsidiaries' credit facilities and to our other public noteholders;
- increase our vulnerability to general adverse economic and cable industry conditions, including interest rate increases, because a significant portion of our borrowings are and will continue to be at variable rates of interest;
- require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to payments on our debt, which will reduce our funds available for working capital, capital expenditures and other general corporate expenses;
- limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the cable industry;
- place us at a disadvantage compared to our competitors that have proportionately less debt; and
- limit our ability to borrow additional funds in the future, if we need them, due to applicable financial and restrictive covenants in our debt.

The indentures governing the notes will not prohibit us from incurring additional debt. Further, the agreements and instruments governing our and our subsidiaries' debt allow for the incurrence of substantial additional debt by our subsidiaries, all of which would rank senior to the notes. We anticipate incurring significant additional debt in the future to fund the expansion, maintenance and upgrade of our cable systems. If current debt levels increase, the related risks that we and you now face will intensify.

THE AGREEMENTS AND INSTRUMENTS GOVERNING OUR DEBT AND THE DEBT OF OUR SUBSIDIARIES CONTAIN RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS THAT COULD SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT OUR ABILITY TO OPERATE OUR BUSINESS AND ADVERSELY AFFECT THE HOLDERS OF THE NOTES.

The credit facilities of our subsidiaries, the indentures governing the notes and our and our subsidiaries' other public debt contain a number of significant covenants that could adversely impact the holders of the notes and our business. In particular, the credit facilities of our subsidiaries and

indentures of our and our subsidiaries' public notes restrict our ability and the ability of our subsidiaries to:

- pay dividends or make other distributions;
- make certain investments or acquisitions;
- dispose of assets or merge;
- incur additional debt;
- issue equity;
- repurchase or redeem equity interests and debt;
- create liens; and
- pledge assets.

Furthermore, in accordance with our subsidiaries' credit facilities, a number of our subsidiaries are required to maintain specified financial ratios and meet financial tests. The ability to comply with these provisions may be affected by events beyond our control. The breach of any of these covenants will result in a default under the applicable debt agreement or instrument, which could prohibit distributions to us to pay amounts on the notes.

IF OUR SUBSIDIARIES DEFAULT UNDER THEIR CREDIT FACILITIES OR PUBLIC NOTES, WE MAY NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO MAKE PAYMENTS ON THE NOTES.

In the event of a default under our subsidiaries' credit facilities or public notes, our subsidiaries' creditors could elect to declare all amounts borrowed, together with accrued and unpaid interest and other fees, to be due and payable. In such event, our subsidiaries' credit facilities and indentures will not permit our subsidiaries to distribute funds to Charter Holdings to pay interest or principal on the notes. If the amounts outstanding under such credit facilities or public notes are accelerated, all of our subsidiaries debt and liabilities would be payable from our subsidiaries assets, prior to any distribution of our subsidiaries assets to pay the interest and principal amounts on the notes and we may not be able to repay or make payments on the notes. Any default under any of our credit facilities or public notes may adversely affect the holders of the notes and our growth, financial condition and results of operations.

CHARTER HOLDINGS IS A HOLDING COMPANY WHICH HAS NO OPERATIONS AND WILL DEPEND ON ITS OPERATING SUBSIDIARIES FOR CASH TO MAKE PAYMENTS ON THE NOTES. CHARTER HOLDINGS' SUBSIDIARIES ARE LIMITED IN THEIR ABILITY TO MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTES AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS.

As a holding company, we will depend entirely on cash from our operating subsidiaries to satisfy our obligations to you as a holder of the notes. Our operating subsidiaries may not be able to make funds available to us.

We will not hold any significant assets other than our direct and indirect interests in our subsidiaries which conduct all of our operations. Our cash flow will depend upon the cash flow of our operating subsidiaries and the payment of funds by our operating subsidiaries to us. This could adversely affect our ability to meet our obligations to you as a holder of the notes.

Our operating subsidiaries are separate and distinct legal entities and are not obligated to make funds available for payment of the notes and other obligations in the form of loans, distributions or otherwise. In addition, our operating subsidiaries' ability to make any such loans, distributions or other payments to us will depend on their earnings, business and tax considerations and legal restrictions. Furthermore, covenants in the indentures and credit agreements governing the debt of our subsidiaries restrict their ability to make loans, distributions or other payments to us. This could

adversely impact our ability to pay interest and principal due on the notes. See "Description of Certain Indebtedness."

BECAUSE OF OUR HOLDING COMPANY STRUCTURE, THE NOTES WILL BE STRUCTURALLY SUBORDINATED TO ALL LIABILITIES OF OUR SUBSIDIARIES.

The borrowers and guarantors under the Charter Operating credit facilities, the Falcon credit facilities, the Fanch credit facilities and the Bresnan credit facilities are direct or indirect subsidiaries of us. A number of our subsidiaries are also obligors under other debt instruments. As of September 30, 2000, pro forma for the issuance and sale of the original notes and the application of the net proceeds, and the issuance and sale of Charter Communications Inc.'s convertible senior notes and the application of the net proceeds to repay an intercompany amount due Charter Holdings and contribute equity to Charter Holdings which used substantially all of the proceeds received to repay a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility, our indebtedness would have totaled approximately \$11.5 billion, \$5.3 billion of which would have been structurally senior to the notes. The lenders under all of these credit facilities and the holders of the other debt instruments will have the right to be paid before us from any of our subsidiaries' assets. In the event of bankruptcy, liquidation or dissolution of a subsidiary, following payment by such subsidiary of its liabilities, such subsidiary may not have sufficient assets remaining to make payments to us as a shareholder or otherwise. This will adversely affect our ability to make payments to you as a holder of the notes. In addition, the notes are unsecured and therefore will be effectively subordinated in right of payment to all existing and future secured debt we may incur to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt.

OUR ABILITY TO GENERATE THE SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF CASH NEEDED TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS ON THE NOTES, SERVICE OUR OTHER DEBT AND THE DEBT OF OUR SUBSIDIARIES AND GROW OUR BUSINESS DEPENDS ON MANY FACTORS BEYOND OUR CONTROL.

Our ability to make payments on the notes and to fund our planned capital expenditures for upgrading our cable systems and our ongoing operations will depend on our ability to generate cash and to secure financing in the future. This, to a certain extent, is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory and other factors beyond our control. If our business does not generate sufficient cash flow from operations, and sufficient future distributions are not available to us from borrowings under our credit facilities or from other sources of financing, we may not be able to make interest payments on the notes or repay the notes, to grow our business or to fund our other liquidity needs.

WE HAVE GROWN RAPIDLY AND HAVE A LIMITED HISTORY OF OPERATING OUR CURRENT SYSTEMS. THIS MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO COMPLETELY EVALUATE OUR PERFORMANCE.

We commenced active operations in 1994 and have grown rapidly since then through acquisitions of cable systems. As of September 30, 2000, our systems served approximately 400% more customers than were served as of December 31, 1998. As a result, historical financial information about us may not be indicative of the future or of results that we can achieve with the cable systems under our control. Our recent growth in revenues over our short operating history is not necessarily indicative of future performance.

WE MAY NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO INTEGRATE THE NEW CABLE SYSTEMS THAT WE ACQUIRE AND THE CUSTOMERS THEY SERVE WITH OUR EXISTING CABLE SYSTEMS. THIS COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR OPERATING RESULTS AND GROWTH STRATEGY.

We have grown through acquisitions of cable systems and now own and operate cable systems serving approximately 6.3 million customers. We may acquire more cable systems in the future,

through direct acquisition, system swaps or otherwise. The integration of the cable systems we have acquired poses a number of significant risks, including:  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{1}$ 

- our acquisitions may not have a positive impact on our cash flows from operations;
- the integration of these new systems and customers will place significant demands on our management and our operations, information services, and financial, legal and marketing resources. Our current operating and financial systems and controls and information services may not be adequate, and any steps taken to improve these systems and controls may not be sufficient;
- acquired businesses sometimes result in unexpected liabilities and contingencies which could be significant; and
- our continued growth will also increase our need for qualified personnel. We may not be able to hire such additional qualified personnel.

We cannot assure you that we will successfully integrate any acquired systems into our operations.

WE HAVE A HISTORY OF NET LOSSES AND EXPECT TO CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE NET LOSSES. CONSEQUENTLY, WE MAY NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO FINANCE FUTURE OPERATIONS.

We have had a history of net losses and expect to continue to report net losses for the foreseeable future. We expect our net losses to increase as a result of our closed acquisitions and our planned upgrades and other capital expenditures. We reported net losses before extraordinary items of \$5 million for 1997, \$22 million for 1998 and \$641 million for 1999 and \$1.5 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2000. On a pro forma basis, giving effect to the merger of Charter Holdings and Marcus Holdings, acquisitions in 1999 and 2000, the sale of the March 1999 and January 2000 Charter Holdings notes, the drawdown on the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility, the sale of Charter Communications, Inc.'s convertible senior notes and the application of the net proceeds and the issuance and sale of the original notes, we had net losses before minority interest expense and extraordinary item of \$1.5 billion for 1999 and \$1.5 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2000. We cannot predict what impact, if any, continued losses will have on our ability to finance our operations in the future.

IF WE ARE UNSUCCESSFUL IN IMPLEMENTING OUR GROWTH STRATEGY, OUR FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS COULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED.

If we are unable to grow our cash flow sufficiently, we may be unable to make interest payments on the notes or repay the notes or our other debt, to grow our business or to fund our other liquidity needs. We expect that a substantial portion of our future growth will be achieved through revenues from new products and services. We may not be able to offer these new products and services successfully to our customers and these new products and services may not generate adequate revenues.

OUR PROGRAMMING COSTS ARE INCREASING. WE MAY NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO PASS THESE INCREASES ON TO OUR CUSTOMERS, WHICH WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR CASH FLOW AND OPERATING MARGINS.

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

In addition, as we upgrade the channel capacity of our systems and add programming to our basic, expanded basic and premium programming tiers, we may face additional market constraints on our ability to pass programming costs on to our customers. Basic programming includes a variety of entertainment and local programming. Expanded basic programming offers more services than basic programming. Premium service includes unedited, commercial-free movies, sports and other special event entertainment programming.

WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO OBTAIN CAPITAL SUFFICIENT TO FUND OUR PLANNED UPGRADES AND OTHER CAPITAL EXPENDITURES. THIS COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR ABILITY TO OFFER NEW PRODUCTS AND SERVICES, WHICH COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR GROWTH, FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

We intend to upgrade a significant portion of our cable systems over the coming years and make other capital investments. For the two years ending December 31, 2002, we plan to spend approximately \$1.9 billion to upgrade and rebuild our systems to bandwidth capacity of 550 megahertz or greater and to add two-way capability so that we may offer advanced services. For 2000, we expect to spend approximately \$1.3 billion to fund capital expenditures for extensions of systems, development of new products and services, purchases of converters and system maintenance. The amount that we spend on these types of capital expenditures over the next two years will depend on the level of growth in digital cable customers and in the delivery of other advanced services.

We cannot assure you that our anticipated levels of capital expenditures will be sufficient to accomplish our planned system upgrades, maintenance and expansion, or to roll out advanced services. Giving effect to the issuance and sale of the original notes, currently an estimated \$500 million to \$750 million funding shortfall exists regarding anticipated capital expenditures through December 31, 2002. The amount of this expected shortfall could increase if there is accelerated growth in digital cable customers or in the delivery of other advanced services. If we cannot obtain the necessary funds from increases in our operating cash flow, additional borrowings or other sources, we may not be able to fund our planned upgrades and expansion and offer advanced services on a timely basis. Consequently, our growth, financial condition and results of operations could suffer materially. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations -- Liquidity and Capital Resources -- Capital Expenditures."

WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO FUND THE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES NECESSARY TO KEEP PACE WITH TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS OR OUR CUSTOMERS' DEMAND FOR NEW PRODUCTS AND SERVICES. THIS COULD LIMIT OUR ABILITY TO COMPETE EFFECTIVELY. CONSEQUENTLY, OUR GROWTH, RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION COULD SUFFER MATERIALLY.

The cable business is characterized by rapid technological change and the introduction of new products and services. We cannot assure you that we will be able to fund the capital expenditures necessary to keep pace with technological developments, or that we will successfully anticipate the demand of our customers for products and services requiring new technology. This type of rapid technological change could adversely affect our plans to upgrade or expand our systems and respond to competitive pressures. Our inability to upgrade, maintain and expand our systems and provide advanced services in a timely manner, or to anticipate the demands of the market place, could adversely affect our ability to compete. Consequently, our growth, financial condition and results of operations could suffer materially.

WE MAY BE UNABLE TO NEGOTIATE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS ON FAVORABLE TERMS AND OUR CONSTRUCTION COSTS MAY INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY. THIS COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR GROWTH, FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

The expansion and upgrade of our systems will require us to hire contractors and enter into a number of construction agreements. We may have difficulty hiring civil contractors, and the

contractors we hire may encounter cost overruns or delays in construction. Our construction costs may increase significantly over the next few years as existing contracts expire and as demand for telecommunications construction services continues to grow. We cannot assure you that we will be able to construct new systems or expand or upgrade existing or acquired systems in a timely manner or at a reasonable cost. This may adversely affect our growth, financial condition and results of operations.

WE DEPEND ON THIRD-PARTY EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE SUPPLIERS. IF WE ARE UNABLE TO PROCURE THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT, OUR ABILITY TO OFFER OUR SERVICES COULD BE IMPAIRED. THIS COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR GROWTH, FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

We depend on vendors to supply the set-top converter boxes for analog and digital cable services. This equipment is available from a limited number of suppliers. We typically purchase set-top converter boxes under purchase orders placed from time to time and do not carry significant inventories of set-top converter boxes. If demand for set-top converter boxes exceeds our inventories and we are unable to obtain required set-top converter boxes on a timely basis and at an acceptable cost, our ability to recognize additional revenue from digital services could be delayed or impaired. In addition, if there are no suppliers who are able to provide converter devices that comply with evolving Internet and telecommunications standards or that are compatible with other products or components we use, our business would be impaired.

THERE IS NO EXPECTATION THAT MR. ALLEN WILL FUND OUR OPERATIONS OR OBLIGATIONS IN THE FUTURE.

In the past, Mr. Allen and his affiliates have contributed funds to Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company and us. There is no expectation that Mr. Allen or his affiliates will contribute funds to Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company, us or to our subsidiaries in the future.

A SALE BY MR. ALLEN OF HIS DIRECT OR INDIRECT EQUITY INTERESTS COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR ABILITY TO MANAGE OUR BUSINESS.

Mr. Allen is not prohibited by any agreement from selling the shares of Class A or Class B common stock he holds in Charter Communications, Inc. or causing Charter Investment, Inc. or Vulcan Cable III Inc. to sell their membership units in Charter Communications Holding Company. We cannot assure you that Mr. Allen or any of his affiliates will maintain all or any portion of his direct or indirect ownership interests in Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Holding Company. In the event he sells all or any portion of his direct or indirect ownership interest in Charter Communications, Inc. or Charter Communications Holding Company, we cannot assure you that he would continue as Chairman of Charter Communications, Inc.'s board of directors or otherwise participate in our management. The disposition by Mr. Allen or any of his affiliates of these equity interests or the loss of his services by Charter Communications, Inc. and/or Charter Communications Holding Company could adversely affect our growth, financial condition and results of operations or adversely impact the market price of the notes.

WE OPERATE IN A VERY COMPETITIVE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT WHICH CAN ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS.

The industry in which we operate is highly competitive. In some instances, we compete against companies with fewer regulatory burdens, easier access to financing, greater personnel resources, greater brand name recognition and long-standing relationships with regulatory authorities. Mergers, joint ventures and alliances among any of the following businesses could result in providers capable of offering cable television, Internet and other telecommunications services in direct competition with us:

- cable television operators;
- local and regional telephone companies;

- long distance telephone service providers;
- direct broadcast satellite (DBS) companies;
- electric utilities:
- providers of cellular and other wireless communications services; and
- Internet service providers.

We face competition within the subscription television industry, which includes providers of paid television service employing technologies other than cable, such as direct broadcast satellite or DBS. We also face competition from broadcast companies distributing television broadcast signals without assessing a subscription fee and from other communications and entertainment media, including conventional radio broadcasting services, newspapers, movie theaters, the Internet, live sports events and home video products.

We cannot assure you that upgrading our cable systems will allow us to compete effectively. Additionally, as we expand and introduce new and enhanced services, including Internet and telecommunications services, we will be subject to competition from telecommunications providers and Internet service providers. We cannot predict the extent to which competition may affect our business and operations in the future. See "Business -- Competition."

THE LOSS OF MR. ALLEN OR MR. KENT COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR ABILITY TO MANAGE OUR BUSINESS.

Our success is substantially dependent upon the retention and the continued performance of Mr. Allen, Chairman of Charter Communications, Inc.'s board of directors, and Jerald L. Kent, Charter Communications, Inc.'s President and Chief Executive Officer. The loss of the services of Mr. Allen or Mr. Kent could adversely affect our growth, financial condition and results of operations.

IF CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDING COMPANY DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT CAPITAL TO FUND POSSIBLE RESCISSION LIABILITIES, THEY COULD SEEK FUNDS FROM CHARTER HOLDINGS AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES.

The Falcon and Bresnan sellers who acquired membership units in connection with the Bresnan acquisition may have rescission rights against Charter Communications, Inc. or Charter Communications Holding Company arising out of possible violations of Section 5 of the Securities Act in connection with the offers and sales of these equity interests. If these equity holders successfully exercise their possible rescission rights and Charter Communications, Inc. or Charter Communications Holding Company becomes obligated to repurchase all such equity interests, the total repurchase obligations could be up to approximately \$1.1 billion. We cannot assure you that Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Holding Company would be able to obtain capital sufficient to fund any required repurchases. If Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Holding Company fail to obtain sufficient funds for this purpose, they could seek such funds from us and our subsidiaries. This could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

## CHARTER'S STRUCTURE

## MR. ALLEN MAY HAVE INTERESTS THAT CONFLICT WITH YOUR INTERESTS.

Mr. Allen controls approximately 93.5% of the voting power of Charter Communications, Inc.'s capital stock. Accordingly, Mr. Allen controls Charter Communications, Inc. Charter Communications, Inc., in turn, controls Charter Communications Holding Company and Charter Holdings. Mr. Allen thus has the ability to control fundamental corporate transactions requiring equity holder

approval, including, but not limited to, the election of all of Charter Communications, Inc.'s directors, approval of merger transactions involving us and the sale of all or substantially all of our assets.

Mr. Allen's control over our management and affairs could create conflicts of interest if he is faced with decisions that could have implications both for him and for us and the holders of the notes. Further, Mr. Allen could cause us to enter into contracts with another entity in which he owns an interest or cause us to decline a transaction that he (or another entity in which he owns an interest) ultimately enters into.

Mr. Allen may engage in other businesses involving the operation of cable television systems, video programming, high-speed Internet access, telephony or electronic commerce, which is business and financial transactions conducted through broadband interactivity and Internet services. Mr. Allen may also engage in other businesses that compete or may in the future compete with us. In addition, Mr. Allen currently engages and may engage in the future in businesses that are complementary to our cable business.

Accordingly, conflicts could arise with respect to the allocation of corporate opportunities between us and Mr. Allen. Current or future agreements between us and Mr. Allen or his affiliates may not be the result of arm's-length negotiations. Consequently, such agreements may be less favorable to us than agreements that we could otherwise have entered into with unaffiliated third parties. Further, many past and future transactions with Mr. Allen or his affiliates are informal in nature. As a result, there will be some discretion left to the parties, who are subject to the potentially conflicting interests described above. We cannot assure you that the interests of either Mr. Allen or his affiliates will not conflict with the interests of the holders of the notes. We have not instituted any formal plans to address conflicts of interest that may arise.

WE ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ENGAGE IN ANY BUSINESS ACTIVITY OTHER THAN THE CABLE TRANSMISSION OF VIDEO, AUDIO AND DATA UNLESS MR. ALLEN AUTHORIZES US TO PURSUE THAT PARTICULAR BUSINESS ACTIVITY. THIS COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR ABILITY TO OFFER NEW PRODUCTS AND SERVICES OUTSIDE OF THE CABLE TRANSMISSION BUSINESS AND ENTER INTO NEW BUSINESSES, WHICH COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR GROWTH, FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

Charter Communications, Inc.'s certificate of incorporation and Charter Communications Holding Company's limited liability company agreement provide that Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Holding Company and their subsidiaries, including Charter Holdings and its subsidiaries, cannot engage in any business activity outside the cable transmission business except for specified businesses. This will be the case unless the opportunity to pursue the particular business activity is first offered to Mr. Allen, he decides not to pursue it and he consents to our engaging in the business activity. The cable transmission business means the business of transmitting video, audio, including telephone services, and data over cable television systems owned, operated or managed by us from time to time. These provisions may limit our ability to take advantage of attractive business opportunities. Consequently, our ability to offer new products and services outside of the cable transmission business and enter into new businesses could be adversely affected, resulting in an adverse effect on our growth, financial condition and results of operations. See "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions -- Allocation of Business Opportunities with Mr. Allen."

OUR MANAGEMENT MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING OTHER CABLE OPERATIONS AND MAY NOT DEVOTE THEIR FULL TIME TO OUR OPERATIONS. THIS COULD GIVE RISE TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND IMPAIR OUR OPERATING RESULTS.

Mr. Allen and certain other of our affiliates may from time to time in the future acquire cable systems in addition to those owned by us. Charter Communications, Inc., as well as some of the officers of Charter Communications, Inc. who currently manage our cable systems, may have a

substantial role in managing outside cable systems that may be acquired in the future. As a result, the time they devote to managing our systems may be correspondingly reduced. This could adversely affect our growth, financial condition and results of operations. Moreover, allocating managers' time and other resources of Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Holding Company between our systems and outside systems that may be held by our affiliates could give rise to conflicts of interest. Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Holding Company do not have or plan to create formal procedures for determining whether and to what extent cable systems acquired in the future will receive priority with respect to personnel requirements.

#### REGULATORY AND LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

OUR BUSINESS IS SUBJECT TO EXTENSIVE GOVERNMENTAL LEGISLATION AND REGULATION. THE APPLICABLE LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS, AND CHANGES TO THEM, COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR BUSINESS BY INCREASING OUR EXPENSES.

Regulation of the cable industry has increased the administrative and operational expenses and limited the revenues of cable systems. Cable operators are subject to, among other things:

- limited rate regulation;
- requirements that, under specified circumstances, a cable system carry a local broadcast station or obtain consent to carry a local or distant broadcast station;
- rules for franchise renewals and transfers; and
- other requirements covering a variety of operational areas such as equal employment opportunity, technical standards and customer service requirements

Additionally, many aspects of these regulations are currently the subject of judicial proceedings and administrative or legislative proposals. There are also ongoing efforts to amend or expand the state and local regulation of some of our cable systems, which may compound the regulatory risks we already face. Certain states and localities are considering new telecommunications taxes that could increase operating expenses. We cannot predict whether in response to these efforts any of the states or localities in which we now operate will expand regulation of our cable systems in the future or how they will do so.

WE MAY BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO OUR NETWORKS TO OTHER INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS. THIS COULD SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE OUR COMPETITION AND ADVERSELY AFFECT THE UPGRADE OF OUR SYSTEMS OR OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE NEW PRODUCTS AND SERVICES.

Recently, a number of companies, including telephone companies and Internet service providers (ISP), have requested local authorities and the Federal Communications Commission to require cable operators to provide access to cable's broadband infrastructure, which allows cable to deliver a multitude of channels and/or services, so that these companies may deliver Internet services directly to customers over cable facilities. A federal district court in Virginia, a federal district court in Florida and a federal circuit court in California recently struck down as unlawful "open-access" requirements imposed by a variety of franchising authorities. Each of these decisions struck down the "open-access" requirements on different legal grounds. In response to the federal circuit decision, the Federal Communications Commission recently initiated an inquiry to determine the appropriate classification and regulatory treatment of the provision of Internet service by cable operators. It separately initiated a similar inquiry regarding the provision of interactive television services by cable operators. The Federal Trade Commission and the Federal Communications Commission recently imposed certain "open-access" requirements on Time Warner and AOL in connection with their merger, but those requirements are not applicable to other cable operators.

We believe that allocating a portion of our bandwidth capacity to other Internet service providers:

- would impair our ability to use our bandwidth in ways that would generate maximum revenues;
- would strengthen our Internet service provider competitors; and
- may cause us to decide not to upgrade our systems which would prevent us from introducing our planned new products and services.

In addition, we cannot assure you that if we were required to provide access in this manner, it would not have a significant adverse impact on our profitability. This could impact us in many ways, including by:

- increasing competition;
- increasing the expenses we incur to maintain our systems; and/or
- increasing the expense of upgrading and/or expanding our systems.

OUR CABLE SYSTEMS ARE OPERATED UNDER FRANCHISES WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO NON-RENEWAL OR TERMINATION. THE FAILURE TO RENEW A FRANCHISE COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR BUSINESS IN A KEY MARKET.

Our cable systems generally operate pursuant to franchises, permits or licenses typically granted by a municipality or other state or local government controlling the public rights-of-way. Many franchises establish comprehensive facilities and service requirements, as well as specific customer service standards and monetary penalties for non-compliance. In many cases, franchises are terminable if the franchisee fails to comply with material provisions set forth in the franchise agreement governing system operations. Franchises are generally granted for fixed terms and must be periodically renewed. Local franchising authorities may resist granting a renewal if either past performance or the prospective operating proposal is considered inadequate. Franchise authorities often demand concessions or other commitments as a condition to renewal, which have been and may continue to be costly to us. In some instances, franchises have not been renewed at expiration, and we have operated under either temporary operating agreements or without a license while negotiating renewal terms with the local franchising authorities.

We cannot assure you that we will be able to comply with all material provisions of our franchise agreements or that we will be able to renew our franchises in the future. A termination of and/or a sustained failure to renew a franchise could adversely affect our business in the affected geographic area.

WE OPERATE OUR CABLE SYSTEMS UNDER FRANCHISES WHICH ARE NON-EXCLUSIVE. LOCAL FRANCHISING AUTHORITIES CAN GRANT ADDITIONAL FRANCHISES AND CREATE COMPETITION IN MARKET AREAS WHERE NONE EXISTED PREVIOUSLY.

Our cable systems are operated under franchises granted by local franchising authorities. These franchises are non-exclusive. Consequently, such local franchising authorities can grant additional franchises to competitors in the same geographic area. As a result, competing operators may build systems in areas in which we hold franchises. In some cases municipal utilities may legally compete with us without obtaining a franchise from the local franchising authority. The existence of more than

one cable system operating in the same territory is referred to as an overbuild. These overbuilds could adversely affect our growth, financial condition and results of operations by increasing competition or creating competition where none existed previously. As of September 30, 2000, we are aware of overbuild situations impacting 149,900 of our customers and potential overbuild situations in areas servicing another 249,400 basic customers, together representing a total of 399,300 customers. Additional overbuild situations may occur in other systems.

LOCAL FRANCHISE AUTHORITIES HAVE THE ABILITY TO IMPOSE ADDITIONAL REGULATORY CONSTRAINTS ON OUR BUSINESS. THIS COULD FURTHER INCREASE OUR EXPENSES.

In addition to the franchise document, cable authorities in some jurisdictions have adopted cable regulatory ordinances that further regulate the operation of cable systems. This additional regulation increases our expenses in operating our business. We cannot assure you that the local franchising authorities will not impose new and more restrictive requirements.

Local franchising authorities also have the power to reduce rates and order refunds of basic service tier rates paid in the previous twelve-month period determined to be in excess of the maximum permitted rates. Basic service tier rates are the prices charged for basic programming services. As of September 30, 2000, we have refunded a total of approximately \$1.2 million since our inception. We may be required to refund additional amounts in the future.

DESPITE RECENT DEREGULATION OF EXPANDED BASIC CABLE PROGRAMMING PACKAGES, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT CABLE RATE INCREASES COULD GIVE RISE TO FURTHER REGULATION. THIS COULD CAUSE US TO DELAY OR CANCEL SERVICE OR PROGRAMMING ENHANCEMENTS OR IMPAIR OUR ABILITY TO RAISE RATES TO COVER OUR INCREASING COSTS.

On March 31, 1999, the pricing of expanded basic cable programming packages was deregulated, permitting cable operators to set their own rates. This deregulation was not applicable to basic services. However, the Federal Communications Commission and the United States Congress continue to be concerned that cable rate increases are exceeding inflation. It is possible that either the Federal Communications Commission or the United States Congress will again restrict the ability of cable system operators to implement rate increases. Should this occur, it would impede our ability to raise our rates. If we are unable to raise our rates in response to increasing costs, our financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

IF WE OFFER TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, WE MAY BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL REGULATORY BURDENS CAUSING US TO INCUR ADDITIONAL COSTS.

If we enter the business of offering telecommunications services, we may be required to obtain federal, state and local licenses or other authorizations to offer these services. We may not be able to obtain such authorizations in a timely manner, or at all, and conditions could be imposed upon such licenses or authorizations that may not be favorable to us. Furthermore, telecommunications companies, including Internet protocol telephony companies, generally are subject to significant regulation as well as higher fees for pole attachments. Internet protocol telephony companies are companies that have the ability to offer telephone services over the Internet. Pole attachments are cable wires that are attached to poles.

In particular, cable operators who provide telecommunications services and cannot reach agreement with local utilities over pole attachment rates in states that do not regulate pole attachment rates will be subject to a methodology prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission for determining the rates. These rates may be higher than those paid by cable operators who do not provide telecommunications services. The rate increases are to be phased in over a five-year period beginning on February 8, 2001. If we become subject to telecommunications regulation or

higher pole attachment rates, we may incur additional costs which may be material to our business. A recent court decision, currently under appeal, suggests that the provision of Internet service may subject cable systems to higher pole attachment rates.

#### THE OFFERING

THERE CURRENTLY EXISTS NO MARKET FOR THE NOTES. WE CANNOT ASSURE YOU THAT AN ACTIVE TRADING MARKET WILL DEVELOP FOR THE NOTES.

Prior to the issuance and sale of the original notes, there was no market for the original notes. We have been informed by the Placement Agents that they intend to make a market in the original notes after the offering is completed. However, the Placement Agents may cease their market-making at any time without notice. The original notes are not registered under the Securities Act and are being offered and sold only to qualified institutional buyers and to non-U.S. persons outside the United States. Consequently, the original notes are subject to restrictions on transfer which are described under the "Transfer Restrictions" section of this prospectus. The original notes are expected to be eligible for trading in the PORTAL market. However, we do not intend to apply for listing of the original notes or, if issued, the new notes, on any securities exchange or for quotation through Nasdaq. The liquidity of the trading market in the new notes, and the market price quoted for the new notes, may be adversely affected by changes in the overall market for high yield securities generally or the interest of securities dealers in making a market in the new notes and by changes in our financial performance or prospects or in the prospects for companies in our industry generally. As a result, we cannot assure you that an active trading market will develop for the original notes or, if issued, the original notes.

WE MAY NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO RAISE THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO FULFILL OUR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE NOTES FOLLOWING A CHANGE OF CONTROL. THIS WOULD PLACE US IN DEFAULT UNDER THE INDENTURES GOVERNING THE NOTES.

Under the indentures governing the notes, upon the occurrence of specified change of control events, we will be required to offer to repurchase all outstanding notes. However, we may not have sufficient funds at the time of the change of control event to make the required repurchase of the notes. In addition, a change of control would require the repayment of borrowings under credit facilities and publicly held debt of our subsidiaries and the existing Charter Holdings notes. Because our credit facilities and other publicly held debt, other than the notes and existing Charter Holdings notes, are obligations of our subsidiaries, the credit facilities and such debt would have to be repaid by our subsidiaries before their assets could be available to Charter Holdings to repurchase the notes. Our failure to make or complete an offer to repurchase the notes would place us in default under the indentures governing the notes. You should also be aware that a number of important corporate events, such as leveraged recapitalizations that would increase the level of our indebtedness, would not constitute a change of control under the indentures governing the notes.

IF WE DO NOT FULFILL OUR OBLIGATIONS TO YOU UNDER THE NOTES, YOU WILL NOT HAVE ANY RECOURSE AGAINST CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC., CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDING COMPANY, MR. ALLEN OR THEIR AFFILIATES.

The notes will be issued solely by Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation. None of our equity holders, directors, officers, employees or affiliates, including Charter Communications, Inc. and Mr. Allen, will be an obligor or guarantor under the notes. Furthermore, the indentures governing the notes expressly provide that these parties will not have any liability for our obligations under the notes or the indentures governing the notes. By accepting the notes, you waive and release all such liability as consideration for issuance of the notes. Consequently,

if the issuers do not fulfill their obligations to you under the notes, you will have no recourse against any of these parties.

Additionally, our equity holders, including Charter Communications, Inc. and Mr. Allen, will be free to manage other entities, including other cable companies. If we do not fulfill our obligations to you under the notes, you will have no recourse against those other entities or their assets.

THE SENIOR DISCOUNT NOTES WILL BE ISSUED WITH ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT. CONSEQUENTLY, HOLDERS OF THE SENIOR DISCOUNT NOTES WILL GENERALLY BE REQUIRED TO INCLUDE AMOUNTS IN GROSS INCOME FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES IN ADVANCE OF RECEIVING CASH.

The senior discount notes will be issued at a substantial discount from their stated principal amount. As a result, purchasers of the senior discount notes generally will be required to include the accrued portion of this discount in gross income, as interest, for United States federal income tax purposes in advance of the receipt of cash payments of this interest.

IF A BANKRUPTCY PETITION WERE FILED BY OR AGAINST US, YOU MAY RECEIVE A LESSER AMOUNT FOR YOUR CLAIM THAN YOU WOULD BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE UNDER THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THE SENIOR DISCOUNT NOTES, AND YOU MAY REALIZE TAXABLE GAIN OR LOSS UPON PAYMENT OF YOUR CLAIM.

If a bankruptcy petition were filed by or against us under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code after the issuance of the senior discount notes, the claim by a holder of the senior discount notes for the principal amount of the senior discount notes may be limited to an amount equal to the sum of:

- (1) the initial offering price for the senior discount notes; and
- (2) that portion of the original issue discount that does not constitute "unmatured interest" for purposes of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

Any original issue discount that was not amortized as of the date of the bankruptcy filing would constitute unmatured interest. Accordingly, holders of senior discount notes under these circumstances may receive a lesser amount than they would be entitled to receive under the terms of the Indenture governing the senior discount notes, even if sufficient funds are available. In addition, to the extent that the U.S. Bankruptcy Code differs from the Internal Revenue Code in determining the method of amortization of original issue discount, a holder of senior discount notes may realize taxable gain or loss upon payment of that holder's claim in bankruptcy.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus includes forward-looking statements regarding, among other things, our plans, strategies and prospects, both business and financial. 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. Many of the forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus may be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "should," "planned," "estimated" and "potential," among others. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements we make in this prospectus are set forth in this prospectus and in other reports or documents that we file from time to time with the SEC and include, but are not limited to:

- Our plans to achieve growth by offering new products and services and through acquisitions and swaps;
- Our anticipated capital expenditures for our planned upgrades and the ability to fund these expenditures;
- Our beliefs regarding the effects of governmental regulation on our business; and
- Our ability to effectively compete in a highly competitive environment.

All forward-looking statements attributable to us or a person acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by those cautionary statements.

#### USE OF PROCEEDS

This exchange offer is intended to satisfy certain of our obligations under the exchange and registration rights agreements entered into in connection with the offering of the original notes. We will not receive any proceeds from the exchange offer. In consideration for issuing the new notes, we will receive original notes with the same original principal amount at maturity. The form and terms of the original notes are the same as the form and terms of the new notes, except as otherwise described in this prospectus. The original notes surrendered in exchange for new notes will be retired and canceled and cannot be reissued. Accordingly, the issuance of the new notes will not result in any increase in our outstanding debt.

We received net proceeds totaling approximately \$1.7 billion from the private placement of the original notes. These net proceeds were used to repay all remaining amounts outstanding under the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility and the Fanch revolving credit facility and a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Charter Operating and Falcon revolving credit facilities and for general corporate purposes.

The break-down of the use of proceeds is as follows (in millions):

Repayment of then-existing long-term debt:		
Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility	\$	272.5
Fanch revolving credit facility		70.0
Charter Operating revolving credit facility		877.0
Falcon revolving credit facility		485.0
General corporate purposes:		
Pay accrued and unpaid interest		6.6
Apply to cash and cash equivalents		6.5
Discounts, commissions and expenses		32.3
Total	\$1,	,749.9
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### RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

Earnings for the years ended December 31, 1996 and 1997; for the periods from January 1, 1998 through December 23, 1998; for the period from December 24, 1998 through December 31, 1998; for the year ended December 31, 1999, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2000 were insufficient to cover fixed charges by \$2.7 million, \$4.6 million, \$17.2 million, \$5.2 million, \$639.9 million and \$1.5 billion, respectively. As a result of such deficiencies, the ratios of earnings to fixed charges are not presented.

#### CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth as of September 30, 2000 on a consolidated basis:

- the actual capitalization of Charter Holdings;
- the pro forma capitalization of Charter Holdings to reflect:
  - (1) the repayment of the Charter Holdings' senior bridge loan facility with net proceeds from the issuance and sale of Charter Communications, Inc.'s convertible senior notes, substantially all of which was contributed as equity to Charter Holdings; and
  - (2) the Bresnan/Avalon combination; and
- the pro forma as adjusted capitalization of Charter Holdings to reflect:
  - the offering and sale of the original notes as described in this prospectus; and
  - (2) the repayment of all remaining amounts outstanding under the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility and the Fanch revolving credit facility and a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Charter Operating and Falcon revolving credit facilities with net proceeds from the sale of the original notes.

This table should be read in conjunction with the "Unaudited Pro Forma Financial Statements" and the accompanying notes included elsewhere in this memorandum.

	AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2000			
	ACTUAL	PRO FORMA	PRO FORMA AS ADJUSTED	
	(DOL	LARS IN THOUSANDS	s)	
LONG-TERM DEBT: Credit facilities:				
Charter Holdings senior bridge loan	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 272,500(a)	\$	
Charter Operating	3,610,000	3,610,000	2,733,000	
CC V Avalon	193,000	(b)		
CC VI Fanch	850,000	850,000	780,000	
CC VII Falcon	1,152,250	1,152,250	667,250	
CC VIII Operating Bresnan	668,000	861,000(b)	861,000	
8.250% senior notes due 2007	598,707	598,707	598,707	
8.625% senior notes due 2009	1,496,130	1,496,130	1,496,130	
9.920% senior discount notes due 2011	1,050,867	1,050,867	1,050,867	
10.00% senior notes due 2009	675,000	675,000	675,000	
10.25% senior notes due 2010	325, 000	325,000	325,000	
11.75% senior discount notes due 2010	326,042	326,042	326,042	
11.875% senior discount notes due	,	,	,	
2008 Avalon	128,270	128,270	128,270	
10.750% senior notes due 2009			899,221	
11.125% senior notes due 2011			500,000	
13.500% senior discount notes due 2011			350,620	
Other notes(c)	94,463	94,463	94,463	
( )				
Total long-term debt	12,167,729	11,440,229	11,485,570	
MINORITY INTEREST(d)	637, 353	637,353	637,353	
MEMBER'S EQUITY	8,241,225	8,938,220(a)	8,938,220	
Total capitalization	\$21,046,307 ======	\$21,015,802 =======	\$21,061,143	

- (a) Represents the receipt of cash of \$727.5 million from Charter Communications Holding Company and the application of such cash to pay down a portion of the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility. The cash received by Charter Holdings was treated as an equity contribution of \$697.0 million, reimbursement of \$23.5 million of intercompany amounts and a payable of \$7.0 million for the expenses associated with the issuance of Charter Communications, Inc.'s convertible senior notes.
- (b) Represents additional borrowings under the CC VIII Operating-Bresnan credit facilities and the subsequent repayment of the CC V-Avalon credit facilities in connection with the Bresnan/Avalon combination.
- (c) Primarily represents outstanding notes of our Renaissance subsidiary. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations -- Financing Activities" and "Description of Certain Indebtedness."
- (d) Represents preferred membership units in a subsidiary of Charter Holdings issued to certain Bresnan sellers, which are exchangeable on a one-for-one basis for shares of Class A common stock of Charter Communications, Inc.

#### UNAUDITED PRO FORMA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following Unaudited Pro Forma Financial Statements of Charter Holdings are based on the historical financial statements of Charter Holdings. Since January 1, 1999, Charter Holdings, Charter Communications Holding Company and Charter Communications, Inc. have closed numerous acquisitions. In addition, Charter Holdings merged with Marcus Holdings in March 1999.

The balance sheet is adjusted on a pro forma basis to reflect the repayment of an intercompany amount due Charter Holdings and the contribution as equity to Charter Holdings of substantially all of the net proceeds from the sale of Charter Communications, Inc.'s 5.75% convertible senior notes, and the application of the net proceeds, and the issuance and sale of the original notes described in this prospectus and the application of the net proceeds as if such transactions had occurred on September 30, 2000.

The statements of operations are adjusted on a pro forma basis to illustrate the estimated effects of the following transactions as if they had occurred on January 1, 1999:

- (1) the acquisition of Marcus Cable by Mr. Allen and Marcus Holding's merger with and into Charter Holdings effective March 31, 1999;
- (2) the acquisitions by Charter Communications Holding Company, Charter Holdings and their subsidiaries completed since January 1, 1999, including the Kalamazoo acquisition and the transfer of an Indiana cable system in connection with the acquisition of InterMedia Capital Partners IV, L.P., InterMedia Partners and affiliates;
- (3) the refinancing of the previous credit facilities of the Charter companies and certain acquired companies;
- (4) the sale of the March 1999 Charter Holdings notes and the January 2000 Charter Holdings notes, and the repurchase of certain of the Falcon Communications, L.P., Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc., and Bresnan notes and debentures:
- (5) borrowings under the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility and the application of a portion of such borrowings to repay a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Charter Operating and Falcon revolving credit facilities;
- (6) the repayment of a portion of the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility with net proceeds from the sale of the Charter Communications, Inc. convertible senior notes. The net proceeds from these notes were contributed as equity to Charter Holdings; and
- (7) the issuance and sale of the original notes described in this prospectus and the application of the net proceeds to repay all remaining amounts outstanding under the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility and the Fanch revolving credit facility and a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Charter Operating and Falcon revolving credit facilities.

The impact of the Bresnan/Avalon combination and the December 2000 purchase of preferred stock of High Speed Access Corp. are not presented in the unaudited pro forma statements of operations because the effects are not significant.

The Unaudited Pro Forma Financial Statements reflect the application of the principles of purchase accounting to the transactions listed in items (1) and (2) above. The allocation of certain purchase prices is based, in part, on preliminary information, which is subject to adjustment upon obtaining complete valuation information of intangible assets and is subject to post-closing purchase price adjustments. We believe that finalization of the purchase prices and the allocation will not have a material impact on the results of operations or financial position of Charter Holdings.

The Unaudited Pro Forma Financial Statements of Charter Holdings do not purport to be indicative of what our financial position or results of operations would actually have been had the transactions described above been completed on the dates indicated or to project our results of operations for any future date.

# UNAUDITED PRO FORMA DATA AS OF AND FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000

	CHARTER HOLDINGS (NOTE A)	2000 ACQUISITIONS (NOTE B)	SUBTOTAL	OFFERING ADJUSTMENT (NOTE C)	TOTAL
			SANDS, EXCEPT C		)
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS: Revenues	\$ 2,355,345	\$ 51,641	\$ 2,406,986	\$	\$ 2,406,986
Operating expenses: Operating, general and administrative. Depreciation and amortization. Option compensation expense. Corporate expense charges (Note D). Management fees.	1,203,987 1,772,764 34,205 41,570	30,413 47,330  536 181	1,234,400 1,820,094 34,205 42,106 181		1,234,400 1,820,094 34,205 42,106 181
Total operating expenses	3,052,526	78,460	3,130,986		3,130,986
Loss from operations. Interest expense. Interest income. Other expense.	(697,181) (737,731) 6,077 (2,780)	(26,819) (24,381) (49) (137)	(724,000) (762,112) 6,028 (2,917)	(40,301)  	(724,000) (802,413) 6,028 (2,917)
Loss before minority interest expense and extraordinary item	(1,431,615) (7,864)	(51,386) (1,578)	(1,483,001) (9,442)	(40,301)	(1,523,302) (9,442)
Loss before extraordinary item	\$(1,439,479)	\$(52,964)	\$(1,492,443)	\$(40,301)	\$(1,532,744)
OTHER FINANCIAL DATA: EBITDA (Note F) EBITDA margin (Note G) Adjusted EBITDA (Note H) Cash flows from operating activities. Cash flows from investing activities. Cash flows from financing activities. Cash interest expense.	\$ 1,072,803 45.5% \$ 1,151,358 837,269 (1,825,759) 919,386	\$ 20,374	\$ 1,093,177 45.4% \$ 1,172,586 921,381 (1,864,683) 840,065	======	\$ 1,093,177 45.4% \$ 1,172,586 921,381 (1,864,683) 840,065 627,618
Capital expenditures  Total debt to estimated annual EBITDA (Note I)  Total debt to estimated annual adjusted EBITDA (Note I)  EBITDA to cash interest expense  EBITDA to interest expense  Deficiency of earnings to cover fixed charges (Note J)	1,810,952	93,951	1,904,903		1,904,903 7.4x 6.9 1.7 1.4 \$ 1,532,744
OPERATING DATA (AT END OF PERIOD, EXCEPT FOR AVERAGE): Homes passed (Note K) Basic customers (Note L) Basic penetration (Note M) Premium units (Note N) Premium penetration (Note O) Average monthly revenue per basic customer (Note P)					10,160,200 6,318,300 62.2% 4,426,200 70.1% \$ 42.33

	HISTORICAL		
	PERIOD ENDED 9/30/00 CHARTER HOLDINGS	PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS	TOTAL
Revenues	\$ 2,355,345	\$	\$ 2,355,345
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Operating expenses: Operating, general and administrative	1,203,987		1,203,987
Depreciation and amortization	, ,		1,772,764
Option compensation expense	34, 205		34,205
Corporate expense charges	41,570		41,570
Total operating expenses	3,052,526		3,052,526
Loss from operations	(697,181)		(697,181)
Interest expense		42,380(a)	
Interest income	6,077		6,077
Other expense	(2,780)		(2,780)
Loss before income taxes, minority interest expense and			
extraordinary item	(1,473,995)	42,380	(1,431,615)
Minority interest expense	(7,864)	,	(7,864)
Loss before extraordinary item	\$(1,481,859)	\$42,380	\$(1,439,479)
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<sup>(</sup>a) Represents a decrease in interest expense related to (1) the repayment of a portion of the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility with net proceeds from the sale of Charter Communications, Inc.'s 5.75% convertible senior notes, which substantially all such proceeds were contributed as equity to Charter Holdings and (2) an adjustment to interest expense related to borrowings on the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility and the application of substantially all of such borrowings to repay a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Charter Operating and Falcon revolving credit facilities (dollars in millions):

DESCRIPTION	INTEREST EXPENSE
\$1.0 billion of Charter Holdings senior bridge loan at a weighted average rate of 10.85%	\$ 67.8
Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility	1.6
Total pro forma interest expense	69.4
Historical interest expense on \$957.0 million Charter Operating and Falcon revolving credit facilities at a composite rate of 8.6%	(51.6)
10.85%	(60.2)
Adjustment	\$(42.4) ======

NOTE B: Pro forma operating results for our acquisitions completed since January 1, 2000 consist of the following (dollars in thousands):

## NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000

	2000 ACQUISITIONS HISTORICAL			
	BRESNAN(A)	KALAMAZOO(B)	OTHER(C)	TOTAL
Revenues	\$37,102	\$14,151	\$ 3,187	\$ 54,440
Operating expenses: Operating, general and administrative Depreciation and amortization Corporate expense charges Management fees	24,925 8,095  1,389	8,437 1,640 318	2,759 777 3 109	36,121 10,512 321 1,498
Total operating expenses	34,409	10,395	3,648	48,452
Income (loss) from operations	2,693 (9,566) 44 (106)	3,756  3,365 (131)	(461) (1,565) 2 (1)	5,988 (11,131) 3,411 (238)
Income (loss) before income taxes and extraordinary item	\$(6,935) ======	\$ 6,990 ======	\$(2,025) ======	\$ (1,970) ======

## NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000

	2000 ACQUISITIONS				
	PRO FORMA				
	HISTORICAL	ACQUISITIONS(D)	DISPOSITIONS(E)	ADJUSTMENTS	TOTAL
Revenues	\$54,440	\$556	\$(3,355)	\$	\$ 51,641
Operating expenses:					
Operating, general and administrative  Depreciation and amortization  Corporate expense charges  Management fees	10,512 321 1,498	415 107 47 	(1,507) (10)  (117)	(4,616)(f) 36,721(g) 168(f) (1,200)(h)	30,413 47,330 536 181
Total operating expenses	48,452	569	(1,634)	31,073	78,460
Income (loss) from operations	5,988	(13) (8)  10	(1,721)  (5)	(31,073) (13,242)(i) (3,460)(j) 96(k)	(26,819)
Loss before income taxes, minority interest expense and extraordinary item Income tax benefit		(11) 5 	(1,726)  	(47,679) (5)(1) (1,578)(m)	(51,386)  (1,578)
Loss before extraordinary item	\$(1,970)	\$ (6) ====	\$(1,726) ======	\$(49,262)	\$(52,964)

<sup>(</sup>a) Represents the results of operations of Bresnan for the period from January 1, 2000 to February 14, 2000, the date of acquisition.

<sup>(</sup>b) Represents the results of operations of Kalamazoo for the period from January 1, 2000 to September 7, 2000, the date of acquisition.

<sup>(</sup>c) Represents the results of operations of Capital Cable and Farmington for the period from January 1, 2000 through April 1, 2000, the date of these acquisitions and of Interlake for the period from January 1, 2000 through January 31, 2000, the date of that acquisition.

<sup>(</sup>d) Represents the historical results of operations for the period from January 1, 2000 through the date of purchase for an acquisition completed by Bresnan. This acquisition was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. The purchase price was \$36.2 million and the transaction closed in January 2000.

- (e) Represents the operating results related to an Indiana cable system that we did not transfer at the time of the InterMedia closing because some of the necessary regulatory approvals were still pending. This system was transferred in March 2000. No material gain or loss occurred on the disposition as these systems were recently acquired and recorded at fair value at that time.
- (f) Reflects a reclassification of expenses representing corporate expenses that would have occurred at Charter Investment, Inc. totaling \$0.2 million. The remaining adjustment primarily relates to the elimination of severance and divestiture costs of \$3.8 million and the adjustment for loss contracts of \$0.6 million that were included in operating, general and administrative expense.
- (g) Represents additional depreciation and amortization as a result of our acquisitions completed in 2000. A large portion of the purchase price was allocated to franchises (\$2.9 billion) that are amortized over 15 years. The adjustment to depreciation and amortization expense consists of the following (dollars in millions):

	FAIR VALUE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE USEFUL LIFE	DEPRECIATION/ AMORTIZATION
Franchises Cable distribution systems Land, buildings and improvements	325.7 10.2	15 8 10	\$ 35.4 10.3 0.4
Vehicles and equipment  Total depreciation and amortization  Less-historical depreciation and amortization	16.8		1.2  47.3 (10.6)
Adjustment			\$ 36.7 =====

- (h) Represents the elimination of termination benefits paid in connection with the Bresnan acquisition.
- (i) Reflects additional interest expense on borrowings, which were used to finance the 2000 acquisitions as follows (dollars in millions):

DESCRIPTION	INTEREST EXPENSE
DESCRIPTION	LAFLINGE
\$631.2 million of credit facilities at a composite current rate of 8.4% Bresnan	\$ 6.6
discount notes at composite rate of 10.55%  Interest expense on additional borrowings used to finance	4.7
other acquisitions at a composite current rate of 8.8%	13.0
Total pro forma interest expense Less-historical interest expense from acquired	24.3
companies	(11.1)
Adjustment	\$ 13.2 =====

An increase in the interest rate of 0.125% on all variable rate debt would result in an increase in interest expense of \$4.7 million.

- (j) Represents interest income on a historical related party receivable that will be retained by the seller.
- (k) Represents the elimination of gain (loss) on sale of cable systems whose results of operations have been eliminated in (e) above.
- Reflects the elimination of income tax benefit as a result of being acquired by a limited liability company.
- (m) Represents 2% accretion of the preferred membership units of a subsidiary of Charter Holdings issued to certain Bresnan sellers.

NOTE C: The January 2001 Charter Holdings notes offering adjustment of approximately \$40.3 million in higher interest expense consists of the following (dollars in millions):

DESCRIPTION	INTEREST EXPENSE
\$900.0 million of 10.750% senior notes	\$ 72.5 41.7 41.9 2.7
Total pro forma interest expense  Less historical interest expense on debt repaid  Adjustment	158.8 (118.5)  \$ 40.3

NOTE D: Prior to November 12, 1999, the date of the closing of the initial public offering of Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Investment, Inc. provided management services to our subsidiaries. From and after the initial public offering of Charter Communications, Inc., such management services were provided by Charter Communications, Inc. See "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions."

NOTE E: Represents 2% accretion of the preferred membership units in a subsidiary of Charter Holdings issued to certain Bresnan sellers.

NOTE F: EBITDA represents earnings (loss) before extraordinary item, interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, and minority interest expense. EBITDA is presented because it is a widely accepted financial indicator of a cable company's ability to service indebtedness. However, EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to income from operations or to cash flows from operating, investing or financing activities, as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. EBITDA should also not be construed as an indication of a company's operating performance or as a measure of liquidity. In addition, because EBITDA is not calculated identically by all companies, the presentation here may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies. Management's discretionary use of funds depicted by EBITDA may be limited by working capital, debt service and capital expenditure requirements and uncertainties.

NOTE G:  $\$ EBITDA margin represents  $\$ EBITDA as a percentage of revenues.

NOTE H: Adjusted EBITDA means EBITDA before option compensation expense, corporate expense charges, management fees and other income (expense). Adjusted EBITDA is presented because it is a widely accepted financial indicator of a cable company's ability to service indebtedness. However, adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to income from operations or to cash flows from operating, investing or financing activities, as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Adjusted EBITDA should also not be construed as an indication of a company's operating performance or as a measure of liquidity. In addition, because adjusted EBITDA is not calculated identically by all companies, the presentation here may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies. Management's discretionary use of funds depicted by adjusted EBITDA may be limited by working capital, debt service and capital expenditure requirements and by restrictions related to legal requirements, commitments and uncertainties.

NOTE I: Estimated annual EBITDA and estimated annual adjusted EBITDA represent EBITDA for the nine months ended September 30, 2000 divided by three and multiplied by four.

- NOTE J: Earnings include net income (loss) plus fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest expense and an estimated interest component of rent expense.
- NOTE K: Homes passed are the number of living units, such as single residence homes, apartments and condominium units, passed by the cable distribution network in a given cable system service area.
  - NOTE L: Basic customers are customers who receive basic cable service.
- $\ensuremath{\mathsf{NOTE}}$  M: Basic penetration represents basic customers as a percentage of homes passed.
- $\ensuremath{\mathsf{NOTE}}\xspace \ensuremath{\mathsf{N}}\xspace :$  Premium units represent the total number of subscriptions to premium channels.
- NOTE 0: Premium penetration represents premium units as a percentage of basic customers.
- NOTE P: Average monthly revenue per basic customer represents revenues divided by nine divided by the number of basic customers at September 30, 2000.

## UNAUDITED PRO FORMA DATA AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999

	AS	OF AND FUR THE	E YEAR ENDED DE	CEMBER 31, 1	999
	CHARTER HOLDINGS (NOTE A)	ACQUISITIONS (NOTE B)	SUBTOTAL	OFFERING ADJUSTMENT (NOTE C)	TOTAL
		DOLLARS IN THO			A)
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS:					
Revenues	\$1,553,270	\$1,397,611	\$ 2,950,881	\$	\$ 2,950,881
Operating expenses: Operating, general and administrative	806,941 808,981 79,979 51,428 	703,712 887,586 	1,510,653 1,696,567 79,979 100,132 26,722 3,414,053 (463,172) (966,241) 5,291 (1,049) (1,425,171) (3,747) (12,589) \$(1,441,507) ======== \$1,232,346 41.8% \$1,440,228 946,159 (1,405,430) 650,845	(46, 863) 	1,510,653 1,696,567 79,979 100,132 26,722 3,414,053 (463,172) (1,013,104) 5,291 (1,049) (1,472,034) \$(1,472,034) \$(1,488,370) \$(1,488,370) \$1,232,346 41.8% \$1,440,228 946,159 (1,405,430) 650,845 787,114
Capital expenditures. Total debt to EBITDA. Total debt to adjusted EBITDA. EBITDA to cash interest expense. EBITDA to interest expense. Deficiency of earnings to cover fixed charges (Note I).	798,565	545,322	1,343,887		1,343,887 8.5x 7.3 1.6 1.2
OPERATING DATA (AT END OF PERIOD, EXCEPT FOR AVERAGE): Homes passed (Note J) Basic customers (Note K) Basic penetration (Note L) Premium units (Note M) Premium penetration (Note N) Average monthly revenue per basic customer (Note O)	8,706,400 5,452,500 62.6% 2,800,800 51.4%	1,146,400 768,100 67.0% 343,700 44.7%	9,852,800 6,220,600 63.1% 3,144,500 50.5%		9,852,800 6,220,600 63.1% 3,144,500 50.5% \$ 39.53

## NOTES TO UNAUDITED PRO FORMA STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	HISTORICAL			
	YEAR ENDED 12/31/99 CHARTER HOLDINGS	1/1/99 THROUGH 3/31/99 MARCUS HOLDINGS(a)	PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS	TOTAL
Revenues	\$1,428,090	\$125,180	\$	\$1,553,270
Operating expenses: Operating, general and administrative Depreciation and amortization. Option compensation expense Corporate expense charges	737,957 745,315 79,979 51,428	51,688   4,381	(4,381)(c)	808,981 79,979 51,428
Total operating expenses	1,614,679	125,053	7,597	1,747,329
Income (loss) from operations	(186,589) (471,871) 18,821	127 (27,067) 104 (158)	(7,597) 20,421(d) (14,969)(e)	(194,059) (478,517)
Loss before income taxes, minority interest expense and extraordinary item	\$ (639,884) (1,030)	\$(26,994) 	\$ (2,145) 	\$ (669,023) (1,030)
Loss before extraordinary item	\$ (640,914) =======	\$(26,994) ======	\$ (2,145) =======	\$ (670,053) =======

- (a) Marcus Holdings represents the results of operations of Marcus Holdings through March 31, 1999, the date of its merger with Charter Holdings.
- (b) As a result of Mr. Allen acquiring the controlling interest in Marcus Cable, a large portion of the purchase price was recorded as franchises (\$2.5 billion) that are amortized over 15 years. This resulted in additional amortization for the period from January 1, 1999 through March 31, 1999. The adjustment to depreciation and amortization expense consists of the following (dollars in millions):

	FAIR VALUE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE USEFUL LIFE (IN YEARS)	DEPRECIATION/ AMORTIZATION
Franchises Cable distribution systems Land, buildings and improvements Vehicles and equipment	\$2,500.0 720.0 28.3 13.6	15 8 10 3	\$ 40.8 21.2 0.7 1.0
Total depreciation and amortization Less historical depreciation and amortization of Marcus Cable			63.7
Adjustment			\$ 12.0 =====

- (c) Reflects the elimination of management fees.
- (d) Represents adjustments to interest expense related to the issuance of the January 2000 Charter Holdings notes and the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility, the repayment of a portion of the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility with net proceeds from the sale of the Charter Communications, Inc.'s senior convertible notes as substantially all of the net proceeds from these notes were contributed as equity to Charter Holdings, and the reduction of interest expense in connection with the extinguishment of substantially all of our long-term debt in March 1999, excluding borrowings under our previous credit facilities, and the refinancing of all previous credit facilities (dollars in millions):

DESCRIPTION	INTEREST EXPENSE
\$1.0 billion Charter Holdings senior bridge loan at a weighted average rate of 10.85%	67.5 33.3

Reduction of interest expense in connection with the issuance of March 1999 Charter Holding notes	(2.8) 6.2
Total pro forma interest expense	249.0
Historical interest expense	(190.5)
of 10.85%	(78.9)
Adjustment	\$ (20.4) ======

(e) Reflects the elimination of interest income on excess cash since we assumed substantially all such cash was used to finance a portion of the acquisitions completed in 1999. NOTE B: Pro forma operating results for our acquisitions completed since January 1, 1999 consist of the following (dollars in thousands):

## YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999 ACQUISITIONS -- HISTORICAL

	RENAISSANCE	AMERICAN CABLE (A)	GREATER MEDIA SYSTEMS (A)	HELICON (A)	RIFKIN (A)	INTERMEDIA SYSTEMS (A)	FALCON (A)	FANCH (A)	AVALON (A)
Revenues	\$20,396	\$12,311	\$42,348	\$ 49,564	\$152,364	\$152,789	\$ 371,617	\$185,916	\$ 94,383
Operating expenses:									
Operating, general and administrative Depreciation and	9,382	6,465	26,067	31,563	95,077	84,174	218,308	85,577	53,089
amortization Equity-based deferred	8,912	5,537	5,195	16,617	77,985	79,325	196,260	62,097	39,943
compensation							46,400		
charges									
Management fees		369		2,511	2,513	2,356		6,162	<b></b>
Total operating expenses	18,294	12,371	31,262	50,691	175,575	165,855	460,968	153,836	93,032
Income (loss) from									
operations		(60)	11,086	(1,127)	(23,211)	(13,066)	(89,351)	32,080	1,351
Interest expense		(3,218)	(565)	(20,682)	(34,926)	(17,636)	(114,993)		(40,162)
Interest income Other income (expense)	122	32 2	(398)	124	 (12,742)	187 (2,719)	8,021	(7,796)	764 4,499
other income (expense)			(390)		(12,742)	(2,719)	0,021	(7,796)	4,499
<pre>Income (loss) before income taxes and extraordinary</pre>									
item	(4,097)	(3,244)	10,123	(21,685)	(70,879)	(33,234)	(196,323)	24, 284	(33,548)
(expense)	65	(5)	(4,535)		1,975	2,681	(2,509)	(197)	13,936
Income (loss) before									
extraordinary item	\$(4,032)	\$(3,249)	\$5,588	\$(21,685)	\$(68,904)	\$(30,553)	\$(198,832)	\$ 24,087	\$(19,612)
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# YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999 ACQUISITIONS -- HISTORICAL

			TOTAL
\$283,574	\$20,259	\$24,827	\$1,410,348
166,113	12,321	14,232	802,368
59,752	3,534	6,792	561,949
	2,000		48,268
10,498		910	25,319
236,363	18,224	21,934	1,438,405
(67,291)	4.120	(0,180)	5,329
	(189)	(30)	(11,696)
(20,424)	5,966	(3,337)	(346,398)
			11,411
. , ,	,		\$ (334,987) =======
	(B) \$283,574 166,113 59,752 10,498 236,363 (344) (20,424) \$(20,424)	(B) (B)	(B) (B) (B) (B)

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999	
ACQUISITIONS	
PRO FORMA	

	HISTORICAL	ACQUISITIONS(C)	DISPOSITIONS(D)	ADJUSTMENTS	TOTAL
Revenues	\$1,410,348	\$43,859	\$(53,626)	\$ (2,970)(e)	\$1,397,611
Operating expenses: Operating, general and administrative. Depreciation and amortization. Equity-based deferred compensation. Corporate expense charges. Management fees.	802,368 561,949 48,268 501 25,319	25,370 11,166  1,280 1,403	(25,493) (22,850)  	(98,533)(f) 337,321(g) (48,268)(h) 46,923(f)	703,712 887,586  48,704 26,722
Total operating expenses	1,438,405	39,219	(48, 343)	237,443	1,666,724
Income (loss) from operations	(28,057) (311,974) 5,329 (11,696)	4,640 (2,402) 126 49,024	(5,283) 37  (2,576)	(240,413) (173,385)(i) (4,120)(j) (35,398)(k)	(269,113) (487,724) 1,335 (646)
Income (loss) before income taxes, minority interest expense and extraordinary item	(346,398) 11,411	51,388 47 	(7,822)  	(453,316) (14,175)(1) (12,589)(m)	(756,148) (2,717) (12,589)
Income (loss) before extraordinary item	\$ (334,987) =======	\$51,435 ======	\$ (7,822) ======	\$(480,080) ======	\$ (771,454) =======

<sup>(</sup>a) Renaissance represents the results of operations of Renaissance Media Group, LLC through April 30, 1999, the date of acquisition by Charter Holdings. American Cable represents the results of operations of American Cable Entertainment, LLC through May 7, 1999, the date of acquisition by Charter Holdings. Greater Media Systems represents the results of operations of cable systems of Greater Media Cablevision, Inc. through June 30, 1999, the date of acquisition by Charter Holdings. Helicon represents the results of operations of Helicon Partners I, L.P. and affiliates through July 30, 1999, the date of acquisition by Charter Holdings. InterMedia represents the results of operations of cable systems of Intermedia Capital Partners IV, L.P., InterMedia Partners and affiliates through September 30, 1999, the date of acquisition by Charter Holdings. Falcon represents the results of operations of cable systems of Falcon Communications, L.P. through November 12, 1999, the date of acquisition by Charter Communications Holding Company. Fanch represents the results of operations of cable systems of Fanch Cablevision L.P. and affiliates through November 15, 1999, the date of acquisition by Charter Communications Holding Company. Avalon represents the results of operations of

cable systems of Avalon Cable of Michigan Holding, Inc. through November 15, 1999, the date of acquisition by Charter Communications Holding Company. Rifkin includes the results of operations of Rifkin Acquisition Partners, L.L.L.P., Rifkin Cable Income Partners L.P., Indiana Cable Associates, Ltd. and R/N South Florida Cable Management Limited Partnership, all under common ownership through September 13, 1999, the date of acquisition by Charter Holdings, as follows (dollars in thousands):

	RIFKIN ACQUISITION	RIFKIN CABLE INCOME	INDIANA CABLE	SOUTH FLORIDA	OTHER	TOTAL
Revenues Income (loss) from operations Loss before extraordinary item	(6,954)	\$3,807 146 (391)	\$ 6,034 (3,714) (4,336)	\$ 17,516 (14,844) (15,605)	\$ 56,178 2,155 (27,001)	\$152,364 (23,211) (68,904)

- (b) Bresnan represents the results of operations of cable systems of Bresnan for the year ended December 31, 1999. Kalamazoo represents the results of operations of cable systems of Cablevision of Michigan, Inc., the indirect owner of a cable system in Kalamazoo, Michigan, for the year ended December 31, 1999. Other represents the results of operations of Vista Broadband Communications, L.L.C. through July 30, 1999, the date of acquisition by Charter Holdings, the results of operations of cable systems of Cable Satellite of South Miami, Inc. through August 4, 1999, the date of acquisition by Charter Holdings and of cable systems of Capital Cable and Farmington for the year ended December 31, 1999.
- (c) Represents the historical results of operations for the period from January 1, 1999 through the date of purchase for acquisitions completed by Bresnan before December 31, 1999 and the historical results of operations for the year ended December 31, 1999 for acquisitions completed after December 31, 1999.

These acquisitions were accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. The purchase price in millions and closing dates for significant acquisitions are as follows (dollars in millions):

	FANCH ACQUISITIONS	BRESNAN ACQUISITIONS
Purchase price	\$42.2 February 1999	\$40.0 January 1999
Purchase price	\$248.0 February 1999	
Purchase price	\$70.5 March 1999 \$50.0 June 1999	\$36.2 January 2000

- (d) Represents the elimination of the operating results related to the cable systems transferred to InterMedia as part of a swap of cable systems in October 1999. The agreed value of our systems transferred to InterMedia was \$420.0 million. This number includes 30,000 customers served by an Indiana cable system that we did not transfer at the time of the InterMedia closing because some of the necessary regulatory approvals were still pending. This system was transferred in March 2000. No material gain or loss occurred on the disposition as these systems were recently acquired and recorded at fair value at that time. Also represents the elimination of the operating results related to the sale of a Bresnan cable system sold in January 1999.
- (e) Reflects the elimination of historical revenues and expenses associated with an entity not included in the purchase by Charter Holdings.
- (f) Reflects a reclassification of expenses representing corporate expenses that would have occurred at Charter Investment, Inc. totaling \$46.9 million. The remaining adjustment primarily relates to the elimination of severance and divestiture costs of \$38.9 million, the adjustment for loss contracts of \$5.3 million and the write-off of debt issuance costs of \$7.4 million that were included in operating, general and administrative expense.
- (g) Represents additional depreciation and amortization as a result of our acquisitions completed in 1999 and 2000. A large portion of the purchase price was allocated to franchises (\$12.6 billion) that are amortized over 15 years. The adjustment to depreciation and amortization expense consists of the following (dollars in millions):

	FAIR VALUE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE USEFUL LIFE	DEPRECIATION/ AMORTIZATION
Franchises	1,754.9	15 8 10	\$ 681.8 180.1 4.2

Vehicles and equipment	90.4	3	21.5
Total depreciation and amortizationLess historical depreciation and amortization			887.6 (550.3)
Adjustment			\$ 337.3

- (h) Reflects the elimination of approximately \$46.4 million of change in control payments under the terms of Falcon's equity-based compensation plans that were triggered by the acquisition of Falcon by Charter Communications Holding Company and the elimination of approximately \$1.9 million of change in control payments under the terms of a stock appreciation rights plan that were triggered by the acquisition of Kalamazoo by Charter Communications, Inc. These plans were terminated and the retained employees will participate in the option plan of Charter Communications Holding Company. As such, these costs will not recur.
- (i) Reflects additional interest expense on borrowings, which were used to finance the acquisitions as follows (dollars in millions):

DESCRIPTION		TEREST PENSE
\$170.0 million of credit facilities at a composite current		
rate of 8.6% Avalon	\$	
\$150.0 million 9.375% senior subordinated notes Avalon		12.3
\$196.0 million 11.875% senior discount notes Avalon \$850.0 million of credit facilities at a composite current		11.6
rate of 8.5% Fanch		62.0
rate of 8.0% Falcon		71.9
\$375.0 million 8.375% senior debentures Falcon		27.2
\$435.3 million 9.285% senior discount		
debentures Falcon		26.0
\$631.2 million of credit facilities at a composite current		
rate of 8.4% Bresnan		52.9
\$170.0 million 8.0% senior notes Bresnan		13.6
\$275.0 million 9.25% senior discount notes Bresnan Interest expense on additional borrowings used to finance		17.7
acquisitions at a composite current rate of 8.8%		180.3
·		
Total pro forma interest expense Less historical interest expense from acquired		487.7
companies	(	314.3)
Adjustment		173.4 =====

An increase in the interest rate of 0.125% on all variable rate debt would result in an increase in interest expense of \$6.3\$ million.

- j) Represents interest income on a historical related party receivable, that was retained by the seller.
- (k) Represents the elimination of gain (loss) on sale of cable television systems whose results of operations have been eliminated in (d) above.
- (1) Reflects the elimination of income tax expense (benefit) as a result of being acquired by a limited liability company.
- (m) Represents 2% accretion of the preferred membership units of a subsidiary of Charter Holdings issued to certain Bresnan sellers.

NOTE C: The January 2001 Charter Holdings notes offering adjustment of approximately \$46.9 million in higher interest expense consists of the following (dollars in millions):

DESCRIPTION	INTEREST EXPENSE
\$900.0 million of 10.750% senior notes	\$ 96.7 55.6 49.0 3.6
Total pro forma interest expense  Less historical interest expense on debt repaid  Adjustment	204.9 (158.0)  \$ 46.9

NOTE D: Prior to November 12, 1999, the date of the closing of the initial public offering of Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Investment, Inc. provided management services to our subsidiaries. From and after the initial public offering of Charter Communications Inc., such management services were provided by Charter Communications, Inc. See "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions."

NOTE E: Represents 2% accretion of the preferred membership units in a subsidiary of Charter Holdings issued to certain Bresnan sellers.

- NOTE F: EBITDA represents earnings (loss) before extraordinary item interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, and minority interest expense. EBITDA is presented because it is a widely accepted financial indicator of a cable company's ability to service indebtedness. However, EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to income from operations or to cash flows from operating, investing or financing activities, as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. EBITDA should also not be construed as an indication of a company's operating performance or as a measure of liquidity. In addition, because EBITDA is not calculated identically by all companies, the presentation here may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies. Management's discretionary use of funds depicted by EBITDA may be limited by working capital, debt service and capital expenditure requirements and uncertainties.
  - NOTE G: EBITDA margin represents EBITDA as a percentage of revenues.
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- NOTE I: Earnings include net income (loss) plus fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest expense and an estimated interest component of rent expense.
- NOTE J: Homes passed are the number of living units, such as single residence homes, apartments and condominium units, passed by the cable television distribution network in a given cable system service area.
  - NOTE K: Basic customers are customers who receive basic cable service.
- $\ensuremath{\mathsf{NOTE}}\xspace$  L: Basic penetration represents basic customers as a percentage of homes passed.
- $\ensuremath{\mathsf{NOTE}}\xspace$  M: Premium units represent the total number of subscriptions to premium channels.
- NOTE N: Premium penetration represents premium units as a percentage of basic customers.
- NOTE 0: Average monthly revenue per basic customer represents revenues divided by twelve divided by the number of basic customers at December 31, 1999.

## UNAUDITED PRO FORMA BALANCE SHEET AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2000

	CHARTER HOLDINGS (NOTE A)	ADJUSTMENTS (NOTE B)	TOTAL
	(DOL	LARS IN THOUSAN	IDS)
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	190,479	\$ 6,517 	\$ 51,509 190,479
Receivable from related partyPrepaid expenses and other	43,062		43,062
Total current assets	278,533 4,640,836 17,273,858 219,516	6,517   32,251	285,050 4,640,836 17,273,858 251,767
Total assets	\$22,412,743 ========	\$38,768 ======	\$22,451,511 =======
LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,208,931 11,410	\$(6,573) 	\$ 1,202,358 11,410
Total current liabilities  Long-term debt  Deferred management fees related parties  Other long-term liabilities  Minority interest (Note C)  Member's equity	1,220,341 11,440,229 13,751 162,849 637,353 8,938,220	(6,573) 45,341  	1,213,768 11,485,570 13,751 162,849 637,353 8,938,220
Total liabilities and member's equity	\$22,412,743	\$38,768 ======	\$22,451,511

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED PRO FORMA BALANCE SHEET

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	HISTORICAL	ADJUSTMENTS	TOTAL		
Cash and cash equivalents  Accounts receivable, net  Receivable from related party.  Prepaid expenses and other	\$ 44,992 190,479 12,095 43,062	\$ (12,095)(a)	\$ 44,992 190,479  43,062		
Total current assets  Property, plant and equipment  Franchises  Other assets	290,628 4,640,836 17,273,858 219,516	290,628 (12,095) 4,640,836 .7,273,858			
Total assets	\$22,424,838	\$ (12,095) =======	\$22,412,743		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		\$ 7,000(a) 11,410(a)	\$ 1,208,931 11,410		
Total current liabilities Long-term debt Deferred management fees related party Other long-term liabilities Minority interest Member's equity.	1,201,931 12,167,729 13,751 162,849 637,353 8,241,225	18,410 (727,500)(a)    696,995(a)	1,220,341 11,440,229 13,751 162,849 637,353 8,938,220		
Total liabilities and member's equity	\$22,424,838 ========	\$ (12,095) =======	\$22,412,743 ========		

<sup>(</sup>a) Represents the receipt of cash of \$727.5 million from Charter Communications Holding Company and the application of all such cash to pay down a portion of the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility. The cash received by Charter Holdings was treated as an equity contribution of \$697.0 million, reimbursement of \$23.5 million of outstanding intercompany amounts and a payable of \$7.0 million for the expenses associated with the issuance of Charter Communications, Inc.'s convertible senior notes.

NOTE B: The January 2001 Charter Holdings notes offering adjustment of 45.3 of additional long-term debt consists of the following (dollars in millions):

DESCRIPTION	LONG-TERM DEBT
10.750% senior notes	\$ 899.2 500.0 350.6
Total nua fauma lana taum daht	1 740 0
Total pro forma long-term debt Less historical long-term debt:	1,749.8
Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility	(272.5)
Charter Operating revolving credit facility	(877.0)
Falcon revolving credit facility	(485.0)
Fanch revolving credit facility	(70.0)
Adjustment	\$ 45.3
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Also represents an adjustment to accounts payable and accrued expense to pay \$6.6 million of accrued and unpaid interest, the addition to other assets of \$32.3 million of underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated expenses incurred in connection with the issuance and sale of the January 2001 Charter Holdings notes and the application of the remaining net proceeds of \$6.5 million to cash and cash equivalents for general corporate purposes.

NOTE C: Represents preferred membership units in an indirect subsidiary of Charter Holdings issued to certain Bresnan sellers, which are exchangeable on a one-for-one basis for shares of Class A common stock of Charter Communications, Inc.

## SELECTED HISTORICAL FINANCIAL DATA

The selected historical financial data below for the period from October 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995, for the years ended December 31, 1996 and 1997, for the periods from January 1, 1998 through December 23, 1998 and from December 24, 1998 through December 31, 1998, the year ended December 31, 1999, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, are derived from the consolidated financial statements of Charter Holdings. The consolidated financial statements of Charter Holdings for the year ended December 31, 1997, for the periods from January 1, 1998 through December 23, 1998 and from December 24, 1998 through December 31, 1998 and for the year ended December 31, 1999 have been audited by Arthur Andersen LLP, independent public accountants, and are included elsewhere in this prospectus. The consolidated financial statements of Charter Holdings for the period from October 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995 and the year ended December 31, 1996, have been audited by Arthur Andersen LLP, independent public accountants, and are not included elsewhere in this prospectus. The selected historical financial data for the period from January 1, 1995 through September 30, 1995 are derived from the unaudited financial statements of Charter Holdings' predecessor business and are not included elsewhere in this prospectus. The information presented below should be read in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the historical financial statements of Charter Holdings and related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus.

	PREDECESSOR OF CHARTER HOLDINGS	CHARTER HOLDINGS								CHARTER HOLDINGS		
1/1/95 THROUGH 9/30/95		10/1/95 THROUGH 12/31/95	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996 1997		1/1/98 THROUGH 12/23/98	12/24/98 THROUGH 12/31/98						
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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS: Revenues	\$ 5,324	\$ 1,788	\$14,881	\$18,867	\$ 49,731	\$ 13,713						
Operating expenses: Operating, general and administrative Depreciation and	2,581	931	8,123	11,767	25,952	7,134						
amortization	2,137	648	4,593	6,103	16,864	8,318						
expense						845						
expense charges	224	54	446	566	6,176	473						
Total operating expenses	4,942	1,633	13,162	18,436	48,992	16,770						
Income (loss) from												
operations	382 	155 (691)	1,719 (4,415)	431 (5,120)	739 (17,277)	(3,057) (2,353)						
<pre>Interest income Other income (expense)</pre>	 38	5 	20 (47)	41 25	44 (728)	133						
Income (loss) before												
extraordinary item Income tax expense	420 	(531) 	(2,723)	(4,623)	(17,222)	(5,277)						
Minority interest expense												
Extraordinary item loss from early extinguishment												
of debt												
Net income (loss)	\$ 420 =====	\$ (531) ======	\$(2,723) ======	\$(4,623) ======	\$(17,222) ======	\$ (5,277) =======						
BALANCE SHEET DATA (AT END OF PERIOD):												
Total assets	\$26,342 10,480	\$31,572 28,847	\$67,994 59,222	\$55,811 41,500	\$281,969 274,698	\$4,335,527 2,002,206						
Member's equity (deficit)	15,311	971	2,648	(1,975)	(8,397)	2,147,379						

## CHARTER HOLDINGS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,	NINE MONTHS ENDED
1999	SEPTEMBER 30, 2000
(DOLLARS	IN THOUSANDS)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS: Revenues	\$ 1,428,090	\$ 2,355,345
Operating expenses:		
Operating, general and		
administrative	737,957	1,203,987
Depreciation and		
amortization	745,315	1,772,764
Option compensation	,	, ,

expense	79,979	34,205
Management fees/corporate expense charges	51,428	41,570
Total operating expenses	1,614,679	3,052,526
Income (loss) from operations	(186,589) (471,871) 18,821 (245)	(697,181) (780,111) 6,077 (2,780)
Income (loss) before extraordinary item Income tax expense Minority interest	(639,884) (1,030)	(1,473,995) 
expense Extraordinary item loss from early extinguishment		(7,864)
of debt	(7,794)	
Net income (loss)	\$ (648,708) =======	\$(1,481,859) =======
BALANCE SHEET DATA (AT END OF PERIOD):		
Total assets	\$18,939,477	\$22,424,838
Total debt	10,015,618	12,167,729
Member's equity	20,020,020	12,10,,120
(deficit)	8,047,953	8,241,225

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

Reference is made to the "Certain Trends and Uncertainties" section below in this Management's Discussion and Analysis for a discussion of important factors that could cause actual results to differ from expectations and non-historical information contained herein. In addition, the following discussion should be read in conjunction with the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements as of and for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2000 and 1999, and the audited consolidated financial statements of Charter Holdings as of December 31, 1999 and for the year ended December 31, 1999 and the audited consolidated financial statements of Charter Communications Properties Holdings, LLC (CCPH) for the period from January 1, 1998 through December 23, 1998 and for the year ended December 31, 1997.

## INTRODUCTION

We do not believe that our historical financial condition and results of operations are accurate indicators of future results because of certain past significant events, including:

- (1) the acquisition by Mr. Allen of CCA Group, Charter Communications Properties Holdings, LLC (CCPH) and CharterComm Holdings, LLC, referred to together with their subsidiaries as the Charter companies;
- (2) the merger of Marcus Holdings with and into Charter Holdings;
- (3) the acquisitions by Charter Communications Holding Company and its direct and indirect subsidiaries completed since January 1, 1999;
- (4) the refinancing or replacement of the previous credit facilities of the Charter companies and certain of our subsidiaries acquired in 1999 and 2000; and
- (5) the purchase of publicly held notes that had been issued by several of the direct and indirect subsidiaries of Charter Holdings.

Provided below is a discussion of our organizational history consisting of:

- the operations and development of the Charter companies prior to the acquisition by Mr. Allen, together with the acquisition of the Charter companies by Mr. Allen;
- (2) the merger of Marcus Holdings with and into Charter Holdings;
- (3) the acquisitions by Charter Communications Holding Company and its direct and indirect subsidiaries;
- (4) our formation; and
- (5) the initial public offering of Class A common stock of Charter Communications, Inc.

## ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

Prior to the acquisition of the Charter companies by Mr. Allen on December 23, 1998 and the merger of Marcus Holdings with and into Charter Holdings effective April 7, 1999, the cable systems of the Charter and Marcus companies were operated under four groups of companies. Three of these groups were comprised of companies that were managed by Charter Investment and in which Charter Investment had an ownership interest. The fourth group was comprised of companies that were subsidiaries of Marcus Holdings which Charter Investment began managing in October 1998.

The following is an explanation of how:

- CCPH, the operating companies that formerly comprised CCA Group and CharterComm Holdings, and the Marcus companies became wholly owned subsidiaries of Charter Operating;
- (2) Charter Operating became a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Holdings;
- (3) Charter Holdings became a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Communications Holding Company; and
- (4) Charter Communications Holding Company became a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc.

#### THE CHARTER COMPANTES

Prior to Charter Investment acquiring the remaining interests that it did not previously own in two of the three groups of Charter companies, namely CCA Group and CharterComm Holdings, as described below, the operating subsidiaries of the three groups of Charter companies were parties to separate management agreements with Charter Investment, pursuant to which Charter Investment provided management and consulting services. Prior to the acquisition by Mr. Allen, the Charter companies were as follows:

## (1) CCPH

CCPH was a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Investment. The primary subsidiary of CCPH, which owned the cable systems, was Charter Communications Properties, LLC. On May 20, 1998, CCPH acquired certain cable systems from Sonic Communications, Inc. for a total purchase price, net of cash acquired, of \$228.4 million, including \$60.9 million of assumed debt. In connection with Mr. Allen's acquisition on December 23, 1998, CCPH was merged out of existence, and Charter Communications Properties became a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Investment.

## (2) CCA Group

The controlling interests in CCA Group were held by affiliates of Kelso & Co., and Charter Investment had only a minority interest. Effective December 23, 1998, prior to Mr. Allen's acquisition, Charter Investment acquired from the Kelso affiliates the interests the Kelso affiliates held in CCA Group. Consequently, the companies comprising CCA Group became wholly owned subsidiaries of Charter Investment.

CCA Group consisted of the following three sister companies:

- (a) CCT Holdings, LLC;
- (b) CCA Holdings, LLC; and
- (c) Charter Communications Long Beach, LLC.

The cable systems were owned by the various subsidiaries of these three sister companies. The financial statements for these three sister companies historically were combined and the term "CCA Group" was assigned to these combined entities. In connection with Mr. Allen's acquisition on December 23, 1998, the three sister companies and some of the non-operating subsidiaries were merged out of existence, leaving certain of the operating subsidiaries owning all of the cable systems under this former group. These operating subsidiaries became indirect, wholly owned subsidiaries of Charter Investment.

## (3) CharterComm Holdings, LLC

The controlling interests in CharterComm Holdings were held by affiliates of Charterhouse Group International Inc., and Charter Investment had only a minority interest. Effective December 23, 1998, prior to Mr. Allen's acquisition, Charter Investment acquired from the Charterhouse Group affiliates the interests the Charterhouse Group affiliates held in CharterComm Holdings. Consequently, CharterComm Holdings became a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Investment.

The cable systems were owned by the various subsidiaries of CharterComm Holdings. In connection with Mr. Allen's acquisition on December 23, 1998, some of the non-operating subsidiaries were merged out of existence, leaving certain of the operating subsidiaries owning all of the cable systems under this former group. CharterComm Holdings was merged out of existence. Charter Communications, LLC became a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Investment.

Our acquisition by Mr. Allen became effective on December 23, 1998, through a series of transactions in which Mr. Allen acquired approximately 94% of the equity interests of Charter Investment for an aggregate purchase price of \$2.2 billion, excluding \$2.0 billion in assumed debt. CCPH and the operating companies that formerly comprised CCA Group and CharterComm Holdings were contributed to Charter Operating subsequent to Mr. Allen's acquisition. CCPH is deemed to be our predecessor. Consequently, the contribution of CCPH was accounted for as a reorganization under common control. Accordingly, our results of operations for periods prior to and including December 23, 1998 include the accounts of CCPH. The contributions of the operating companies that formerly comprised CCA Group and CharterComm Holdings were accounted for in accordance with purchase accounting. Accordingly, our results of operations for periods after December 23, 1998 include the accounts of CCPH, CCA Group and CharterComm Holdings.

In February 1999, Charter Holdings was formed as a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Investment, and Charter Operating was formed as a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Holdings. All of Charter Investment's direct interests in the entities described above were transferred to Charter Operating. All of the prior management agreements were terminated, and a single new management agreement was entered into between Charter Investment and Charter Operating to cover all of the subsidiaries.

In May 1999, Charter Communications Holding Company was formed as a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Investment. All of Charter Investment's interests in Charter Holdings were transferred to Charter Communications Holding Company.

In July 1999, Charter Communications, Inc. was formed as a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Investment.

In November 1999, Charter Communications, Inc. conducted its initial public offering. In the initial public offering, substantially all of the equity interests in Charter Communications, Inc. were sold to the public, and less than 1% of its equity interests were sold to Mr. Allen. Charter Communications, Inc. contributed substantially all of the proceeds of its initial public offering to Charter Communications Holding Company, which issued membership units to Charter Communications, Inc. In November 1999, the management agreement between Charter Investment and Charter Operating was amended and assigned from Charter Investment to Charter Communications, Inc. Also in November 1999, Charter Communications Holding Company sold membership units to Vulcan Cable III.

## THE MARCUS COMPANIES

In April 1998, Mr. Allen acquired approximately 99% of the non-voting economic interests in Marcus Cable, and agreed to acquire the remaining interests. The owner of the remaining partnership

interests retained voting control of Marcus Cable. In October 1998, Marcus Cable entered into a management consulting agreement with Charter Investment, pursuant to which Charter Investment provided management and consulting services to Marcus Cable and its subsidiaries which own cable systems. This agreement placed the Marcus cable systems under common management with the cable systems of the Charter companies acquired by Mr. Allen in December 1998.

In March 1999, all of Mr. Allen's interests in Marcus Cable were transferred to Marcus Holdings, a then newly formed company. Later in March 1999, Mr. Allen acquired the remaining interests in Marcus Cable, including voting control, which interests were transferred to Marcus Holdings. In April 1999, Mr. Allen merged Marcus Holdings into Charter Holdings, and the operating subsidiaries of Marcus Holdings and all of the cable systems they owned came under the ownership of Charter Holdings and, in turn, Charter Operating. For financial reporting purposes, the merger of Marcus Holdings with and into Charter Holdings was accounted for as an acquisition of Marcus Holdings effective March 31, 1999, and accordingly, the results of operations of Marcus Holdings have been included in our consolidated financial statements since that date.

## ACQUISITIONS

Since January 1, 2000, we completed five acquisitions of cable systems for an aggregate purchase price of \$3.4 billion. In addition, on January 1, 2000 Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holding Company effected a number of transactions to transfer cable systems acquired in the Fanch, Falcon and Avalon acquisitions to Charter Holdings. These transactions are referred to in this prospectus as the "systems transfers". As a result of these transactions, Charter Holdings became the indirect parent of the Fanch, Falcon and Avalon cable systems.

On February 14, 2000, Charter Communications Holding Company and Charter Holdings completed the acquisition of Bresnan. The Bresnan cable systems acquired are located primarily in Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Nebraska. Prior to the acquisition, Charter Communications Holding Company assigned a portion of its rights to purchase Bresnan to Charter Holdings. Charter Communications Holding Company and Charter Holdings purchased 52% of Bresnan from certain sellers for cash, and certain sellers contributed 18% of Bresnan to Charter Communications Holding Company for 14.8 million Class C common membership units of Charter Communications Holding Company, a 2.6% equity interest in Charter Communications Holding Company. Charter Communications Holding Company then transferred its ownership interest in Bresnan to Charter Holdings. Thereafter, Charter Holdings and certain other sellers contributed all of the outstanding interests in Bresnan to CC VIII, LLC (CC VIII), a subsidiary of Charter Holdings, and Bresnan was dissolved. In exchange for the contribution of their interests in Bresnan, the other sellers received 24.2 million Class A preferred membership units in CC VIII, representing 30% of the equity of CC VIII, and are entitled to a 2% annual return on their preferred membership units. The purchase price for Bresnan was \$3.1 billion, subject to adjustment, and was comprised of \$1.1 billion in cash, \$384.6 million in equity in Charter Communications Holding Company, \$629.5 million in equity in CC VIII and approximately \$963.3 million in assumed debt. All of the membership units received by the sellers are exchangeable on a one-for-one basis for Class A common stock of Charter Communications, Inc.

In September 2000, the merger of Cablevision of Michigan, Inc., the owner of a cable system in Kalamazoo, Michigan, with and into Charter Communications, Inc. was completed. For financial reporting purposes, this transaction was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting as prescribed by APB Opinion No. 16, Business Combinations. The merger consideration was paid in 11,173,376 shares of Charter Communications, Inc. Class A common stock valued at approximately \$170.6 million. After the merger, Charter Communications, Inc. contributed 100% of the equity interests of the direct owner of the Kalamazoo system to Charter Communications Holding Company in exchange for membership units. Charter Communications Holding Company in turn contributed 100% of the equity interests to Charter Holdings. The Kalamazoo cable system had revenues of approximately \$20.3 million for the year ended December 31, 1999.

In addition, we have closed three acquisitions in 2000. A summary of information regarding these acquisitions and the systems transfers which closed in 2000 is as follows:

		PURCHASE PRICE (INCLUDING ASSUMED	AS OF AND FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000		
	ACQUISITION	DEBT)		REVENUES	
	DATE	(IN MILLIONS)	CUSTOMERS	(IN THOUSANDS)	
Fanch	1/00	\$ 2,400	535,600	\$188,368	
Falcon	1/00	3,481	977,200	327,731	
Avalon	1/00	832	270,800	88,970	
Interlake	1/00	13	6,000	1,398	
Bresnan	2/00	3,100	695,800	241,149(a)	
Capital Cable	4/00	60	23,200	7,567	
Farmington	4/00	15	5,700	1,538	
Kalamazoo		173	50,700	15,601	
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Total		\$10,074	2,565,000	\$872,322	
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(a) Includes revenues of approximately \$0.6 million related to the cable systems acquired by Bresnan since December 31, 1999.

Acquisitions in 1999 and 2000 were funded through excess cash from the issuance by Charter Holdings of the March 1999 Charter Holdings notes and the January 2000 Charter Holdings notes, borrowings under our credit facilities, the assumption of the outstanding Renaissance, Helicon, Rifkin, Avalon, Falcon and Bresnan notes and debentures, equity issued to specified sellers in the Helicon, Rifkin, Falcon, Bresnan and Kalamazoo acquisitions, the net proceeds of Charter Communications, Inc.'s initial public offering and equity contributions to Charter Communications Holding Company by Mr. Allen through Vulcan Cable III.

## OVERVIEW OF OPERATIONS

Approximately 87% of our historical revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2000 are attributable to monthly subscription fees charged to customers for our basic, expanded basic, premium and digital cable television programming services, Internet access through television-based service, dial-up telephone modems and high-speed cable modem service, equipment rental and ancillary services provided by our cable systems. In addition, we derive other revenues from installation and reconnection fees charged to customers to commence or reinstate service, pay-per-view programming, where users are charged a fee for individual programs requested, advertising revenues and commissions related to the sale of merchandise by home shopping services. We have generated increased revenues in each of the past three fiscal years, primarily through internal customer growth, basic and expanded tier rate increases, customer growth from acquisitions and revenues from new services and products. These new services and products are expected to significantly contribute to our future revenues provided that the necessary equipment is available from our vendors. One of these services is digital cable, which provides customers with additional programming options. During the first nine months of 2000, we added an average of 12,800 digital customers per week compared to our original estimate of 10,000 customers per week throughout the year. During the third quarter of 2000, we added approximately 21,400 digital customers per week. We are also offering high-speed Internet access to the World Wide Web through cable modems. As of September 30, 2000 we served approximately 184,600 data customers compared to approximately 65,000 at the end of 1999. During the first nine months of 2000, we added an average of 2,570 customers per week. In addition, we are launching video on demand service in certain systems. Our television-based Internet access allows us to offer users TV-based e-mail and other Internet services. Finally, we continue to work together with several equipment vendors in a field trial of telephony.

Our expenses primarily consist of operating costs, general and administrative expenses, depreciation and amortization expense, interest expense and management fees/corporate expense charges. Operating costs primarily include programming costs, cable service related expenses, marketing and advertising costs, franchise fees and expenses related to customer billings. Programming costs accounted for approximately 44% of our operating, general and administrative expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2000 and for the year ended December 31, 1999. Programming costs have increased in recent years and are expected to continue to increase due to additional programming being provided to customers and increased cost to produce or purchase cable programming due to inflation and other factors affecting the cable television industry. As we continue to upgrade and rebuild our cable systems, additional channel capacity will be available, resulting in increased programming costs. In each year we have operated, our costs to acquire programming have exceeded customary inflationary increases. Significant factors with respect to increased programming costs are the rate increases and surcharges imposed by national and regional sports networks directly tied to escalating costs to acquire programming for professional sports packages in a competitive market. We have benefited in the past from our membership in an industry cooperative that provided members with volume discounts from programming networks. This industry cooperative no longer exists. However, our increased size is believed to give us substantially equivalent buying power. Also, we have been able to negotiate favorable terms with premium networks in conjunction with the premium packages we offer, which minimized the impact on margins and provided substantial volume incentives to grow the premium category. Although we believe that we will be able to pass future increases in programming costs through to customers, there can be no assurance that we will be able to do so.

General and administrative expenses primarily include system level management and administrative personnel, and expenditures primarily related to professional fees, copyright licensing fees and property taxes. Depreciation and amortization expense primarily relates to the depreciation of our tangible assets and the amortization of our franchise costs (both increase with the closing of acquisitions). Corporate expense charges are fees paid or charges for management services. Pursuant to a mutual services agreement between Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Investment, each entity provides services to the other in order to manage Charter Holdings and to manage and operate the cable systems owned by its subsidiaries. We record actual expenses incurred by Charter Investment on our behalf. All expenses and costs incurred by Charter Investment with respect to the services provided are paid by us. Our credit facilities limit the amount of such reimbursements.

We have had a history of net losses and expect to continue to report net losses for the foreseeable future. The principal reasons for our prior and anticipated net losses include depreciation and amortization expenses associated with our acquisitions and capital expenditures related to construction and upgrading of our systems, and interest costs on borrowed money. We cannot predict what impact, if any, continued losses will have on our ability to finance our operations in the future.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discusses the results of operations for:

- (1) Charter Holdings, comprised of the Charter companies and the following for the nine months ended September 30, 1999:
  - Marcus Holdings for the period from March 31, 1999, the date Mr. Allen acquired voting control, through September 30, 1999;
  - Renaissance Media Group LLC for the period from April 30, 1999, the acquisition date, through September 30, 1999;

- American Cable Entertainment, LLC for the period from May 7, 1999, the acquisition date, through September 30, 1999;
- Cable systems of Greater Media Cablevision, Inc. for the period from June 30, 1999, the acquisition date, through September 30, 1999;
- Helicon Partners I, L.P. and affiliates for the period from July 30, 1999, the acquisition date through September 30, 1999;
- Vista Broadband Communications, L.L.C. for the period from July 20, 1999, the acquisition date, through September 30, 1999;
- Cable system of Cable Satellite of South Miami, Inc. for the period from August 4, 1999, the acquisition date, through September 30, 1999;
- Rifkin Acquisition Partners, L.L.L.P. and Interlink Communications Partners, LLLP for the period from September 13, 1999, the acquisition date, through September 30, 1999.
- (2) Charter Holdings, comprised of the Charter companies, all acquisitions closed during 1999 (including the transfer of the Fanch, Falcon and Avalon cable systems), and the following for the nine months ended September 30, 2000:
  - Cable system of Interlake from January 31, 2000, the acquisition date, through September 30, 2000;
  - Bresnan from February 14, 2000, the acquisition date, through September 30, 2000;
  - Cable system of Farmington from April 1, 2000, the acquisition date, through September 30, 2000;
  - Cable system of Capital Cable from April 1, 2000, the acquisition date, through September 30, 2000; and
  - Kalamazoo from September 7, 2000, the acquisition date, through September 30, 2000.

The following table sets forth the percentages of revenues that items in the statements of operations constitute for the indicated periods (dollars in thousands, except per share data):

	NINE MON ENDED	THS	NINE MONTHS ENDED		
	SEPTEMBER 30	•	SEPTEMBER 30,		
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STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS:	A 045 400	400 00/	<b>#</b> 0 055 045	100 00/	
Revenues	\$ 845,182	100.0%	\$ 2,355,345	100.0%	
Operating expenses:					
Operating costs	290,933	34.4%	799,857	34.0%	
General and administrative costs	145,124	17.2%	404,130	17.2%	
Depreciation	150,626	17.8%	860, 166	36.5%	
Amortization	290,765	34.4%	912,598	38.7%	
Option compensation expense	59,288	7.0%	34,205	1.4%	
Corporate expense charges	18,309	2.2%	41,570	1.8%	
Total operating expenses	955,045	113.0%	3,052,526	129.6%	
lace from encuctions	(400,000)	(40,00()		(00,0%)	
Loss from operations	(109,863)	(13.0%)	(697,181)	(29.6%)	
Interest expenseInterest income	(288,750)	(34.2%)	(780,111) 6,077	(33.1%)	
Other expense	(177)	%		(0.1%)	
other expense	(177)	70		(0.1%)	
Loss before minority interest	(380,464)	(45.0%)	(1,473,995)	(62.6%)	
Minority interest expense			(7,864)	(0.3%)	
Extraordinary item	(7,794)				
Net loss	\$(388,258) =======	(45.9%) =====	\$(1,481,859) =======	(62.9%) =====	

NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000 COMPARED TO THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1000

Since January 1, 1999, Charter Communications Holding Company and Charter Holdings have closed numerous acquisitions. In addition, Charter Holdings merged with Marcus Holdings in April 1999. As of September 30, 2000, our cable systems served approximately 400% more customers than served as of December 31, 1998. Thus, amounts for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, are not comparable to those for the nine months ended September 30, 1999.

REVENUES. Revenues increased by \$1,510.2 million, from \$845.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 1999, to \$2,355.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2000. The increase in revenues primarily resulted from acquisitions.

OPERATING COSTS. Operating costs increased by \$508.9 million, from 290.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 1999, to 799.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2000. This increase was due primarily to acquisitions.

GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. General and administrative costs increased by \$259.0 million, from \$145.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 1999, to \$404.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2000. This increase was due primarily to acquisitions.

DEPRECIATION. Depreciation expense increased by \$709.5 million, from \$150.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 1999, to \$860.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2000. This increase was due primarily to acquisitions. In addition, capital expenditures for system upgrades have increased, resulting in greater property, plant and equipment balances and a corresponding increase in depreciation expense.

AMORTIZATION. Amortization expense increased by \$621.8 million, from \$290.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 1999, to \$912.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2000. This increase was due primarily to franchises acquired.

OPTION COMPENSATION EXPENSE. Option compensation decreased by \$25.1 million, from \$59.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 1999, to \$34.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2000. This expense results from granting options to employees prior to Charter's initial public offering at exercise prices less than the estimated fair values of the underlying membership units at time of grant, resulting in compensation expense being accrued over the vesting period of each grant.

CORPORATE EXPENSE CHARGES. Corporate expense charges increased by \$23.3 million, from \$18.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 1999, to \$41.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2000. The increase was primarily the result of increased costs due to the Company's growth from acquisitions.

INTEREST EXPENSE. Interest expense increased by \$491.4 million, from \$288.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 1999, to \$780.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2000. This increase resulted primarily from interest on debt used to finance acquisitions.

INTEREST INCOME. Interest income decreased by \$12.2 million, from \$18.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 1999, to \$6.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2000. This decrease is attributed to the fact that we had more excess cash for investment in 1999 (resulting from required credit facilities drawdowns and the issuance and sale of the March 1999 Charter Holdings notes) as compared to the amount available in 2000 (resulting from the issuance and sale of the January 2000 Charter Holdings notes prior to completing the change of control offers described herein).

OTHER EXPENSE. Other expense increased by \$2.6 million, from \$177,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 1999, to \$2.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2000.

MINORITY INTEREST EXPENSE. Minority interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, represents the accretion of dividends on the preferred membership units in an indirect subsidiary of Charter Holdings held by certain Bresnan sellers.

EXTRAORDINARY ITEM. In March 1999, the Company extinguished all then-existing long-term debt, excluding borrowings of the Company under its credit facilities, and refinanced substantially all then-existing credit facilities at various subsidiaries with a new credit facility. The excess of the amount paid over the carrying value, net of deferred financing costs, of the then-existing long-term debt was recorded as an extraordinary item.

NET LOSS. Net loss increased by \$1,093.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 1999. The increase in revenues that resulted from acquisitions was not sufficient to offset the increased expenses (including depreciation and amortization) associated with the acquired systems.

The following discusses the results of operations for:

- (1) Charter Holdings, for the year ended December 31, 1997, and for the period from January 1, 1998 through December 23, 1998;
- (2) Charter Holdings, comprised of CCPH, CCA Group and CharterComm Holdings, for the period from December 24, 1998 through December 31, 1998; and
- (3) Charter Holdings, comprised of the following for the year ended December 31, 1999:
  - CCPH, CCA Group and CharterComm Holdings for the entire period;

- Marcus Holdings for the period from March 31, 1999, the date Mr. Allen acquired voting control, through December 31, 1999;
- Renaissance Media Group LLC for the period from April 30, 1999, the acquisition date, through December 31, 1999;
- American Cable Entertainment, LLC for the period from May 7, 1999, the acquisition date, through December 31, 1999;
- Cable systems of Greater Media Cablevision, Inc. for the period from June 30, 1999, the acquisition date, through December 31, 1999;
- Helicon Partners I, L.P. and affiliates for the period from July 30, 1999, the acquisition date, through December 31, 1999;
- Vista Broadband Communications, L.L.C. for the period from July 30, 1999, the acquisition date, through December 31, 1999;
- Cable system of Cable Satellite of South Miami, Inc. for the period from August 4, 1999, the acquisition date, through December 31, 1999;
- Rifkin Acquisition Partners, L.L.P. and InterLink Communications Partners, LLLP for the period from September 13, 1999, the acquisition date, through December 31, 1999;
- Cable systems of InterMedia Capital Partners IV, L.P., InterMedia Partners and affiliates for the period from October 1, 1999, the "swap" transaction date, through December 31, 1999;
- Cable systems of Fanch Cablevision L.P. and affiliates from November 12, 1999, the acquisition date, through December 31, 1999;
- Falcon Communications, L.P. for the period from November 12, 1999, the acquisition date, through December 31, 1999; and
- Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc. from November 15, 1999, the acquisition date, through December 31, 1999.

The following table sets forth the percentages of revenues that items in the statements of operations constitute for the indicated periods (dollars in thousands, except per share data):

## CHARTER HOLDINGS

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		1/1/98 THROUGH		12/24/98 THROUGH		YEAR END DECEMBER	
	199	17	12/23/98		12/31/98		1999	
STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS:								
Revenues	\$18,867	100.0%	\$ 49,731	100.0%	\$13,713	100.0%	\$1,428,090	100.0%
Operating expenses:								
Operating costs	9,157	48.5%	18,751	37.7%	4,757	34.7%	500,477	35.0%
General and administrative costs	2,610	13.8%	7,201	14.5%	2,377	17.3%	237, 480	16.6%
Depreciation and amortization	6,103	32.4%	16,864	33.9%	8,318	60.7%	745,315	52.2%
Option compensation expense					845	6.2%	79,979	5.6%
Management fees/corporate expense								
charges	566	3.0%	6,176	12.4%	473	3.4%	51,428	3.6%
Total operating expenses	18,436	97.7%	48,992	98.5%	16,770	122.3%	1,614,679	113.1%
Income (loss) from operations	431	2.3%	739	1.5%	(3,057)	(22.3%)	(186,589)	(13.1%)
Interest expense	(5,120)	(27.1%)	(17, 277)	(34.7%)	(2,353)	(17.2%)	(471,871)	(33.0%)
Interest income	41 25	0.2% 0.1%	(728)	0.1%	133	1.0%	18,821	1.3%
Other income (expense)	25	0.1%	(728)	(1.5%)			(245)	
Loss before income taxes and extraordinary								
item	(4,623)	(24.5%)	(17, 222)	(34.6%)	(5,277)	(38.5%)	(639,884)	(44.8%)
Income tax expense  Extraordinary item loss from early							(1,030)	
extinguishment of debt							(7,794)	(0.5%)
Net loss	\$(4,623)	(24.5%)	\$(17,222)	(34.6%)	\$(5,277)	(38.5%)	\$ (648,708)	(45.4%)

1999 COMPARED TO PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH DECEMBER 23, 1998

REVENUES. Revenues increased by \$1,378.4 million, from \$49.7 million for the period from January 1, 1998 through December 23, 1998 to \$1,428.1 million in 1999. The increase in revenues primarily resulted from the acquisitions of CCA Group and CharterComm Holdings, Marcus Holdings and 1999 acquisitions. Additional revenues from these entities included for the year ended December 31, 1999 were \$618.8 million, \$386.7 million and \$350.1 million, respectively.

OPERATING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. Operating, general and administrative costs increased by \$712.0 million, from \$26.0 million for the period from January 1, 1998 through December 23, 1998 to \$738.0 million in 1999. This increase was due primarily to the acquisitions of CCA Group and CharterComm Holdings, Marcus Holdings and 1999 acquisitions. Additional operating, general and administrative expenses from these entities included for the year ended December 31, 1999 were \$338.5 million, \$209.3 million and \$158.8 million, respectively.

DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION. Depreciation and amortization expense increased by \$728.5 million, from \$16.9 million for the period from January 1, 1998 through December 23, 1998 to \$745.3 million in 1999. There was a significant increase in amortization expense resulting from the acquisitions of CCA Group and CharterComm Holdings, Marcus Holdings and 1999 acquisitions. Additional depreciation and amortization expense from these entities included for the year ended December 31, 1999 was \$346.3 million, \$203.5 million and \$195.1 million, respectively. The increases were offset by the elimination of depreciation and amortization expense related to dispositions of cable systems.

OPTION COMPENSATION EXPENSE. Option compensation expense in 1999 was \$80.0 million due to the granting of options to employees in December 1998, February 1999 and April 1999. The exercise prices of the options on the date of grant were deemed to be less than the estimated fair values of the underlying membership units, resulting in compensation expense accrued over the vesting period of each grant that varies from four to five years.

MANAGEMENT FEES/CORPORATE EXPENSE CHARGES. Management fees/corporate expense charges increased by \$45.3 million, from \$6.2 million for the period from January 1, 1998 through December 23, 1998 to \$51.4 million in 1999. The increase was the result of the acquisitions of CCA Group and CharterComm Holdings, Marcus Holdings and 1999 acquisitions.

INTEREST EXPENSE. Interest expense increased by \$454.6 million, from \$17.3 million for the period from January 1, 1998 through December 23, 1998 to \$471.9 million in 1999. This increase resulted primarily from interest on the notes and credit facilities used to finance the acquisitions of CCA Group and CharterComm Holdings, Marcus Holdings and 1999 acquisitions.

INTEREST INCOME. Interest income increased by \$18.8 million, from \$44,000 for the period from January 1, 1998 through December 23, 1998 to \$18.8 million in 1999. The increase was primarily due to investing excess cash that resulted from required credit facilities drawdowns and the sale of the March 1999 Charter Holdings notes.

NET LOSS. Net loss increased by \$631.5 million, from \$17.2 million for the period from January 1, 1998 through December 23, 1998 to \$648.7 million in 1999. The increase in revenues that resulted from the acquisitions of CCA Group, CharterComm Holdings, Marcus Holdings and 1999 acquisitions was not sufficient to offset the operating expenses associated with the acquired systems.

PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 24, 1998 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1998

This period is not comparable to any other period presented. The financial statements represent eight days of operations. This period not only contains the results of operations of CCPH, but also the results of operations of those entities purchased in the acquisition of the Charter companies by Mr. Allen. As a result, no comparison of the operating results for this eight-day period is presented.

PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH DECEMBER 23, 1998 COMPARED TO 1997

REVENUES. Revenues increased by \$30.9 million, or 163.6%, from \$18.9 million in 1997 to \$49.7 million for the period from January 1, 1998 through December 23, 1998. The increase in revenues primarily resulted from the acquisition of Sonic, which had revenues for that period of \$29.8 million.

OPERATING COSTS. Operating costs increased by \$9.6 million, or 104.8%, from \$9.2 million in 1997 to \$18.8 million for the period from January 1, 1998 through December 23, 1998. This increase was due primarily to the acquisition of Sonic, which had operating costs for that period of \$9.4 million, partially offset by the loss of \$1.4 million on the sale of a cable system in 1997.

GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. General and administrative costs increased by \$4.6 million, or 175.9%, from \$2.6 million in 1997 to \$7.2 million for the period from January 1, 1998 through December 23, 1998. This increase was due primarily to the acquisition of Sonic, which had general and administrative costs for that period of \$6.0 million.

DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION. Depreciation and amortization expense increased by \$10.8 million, or 176.3%, from \$6.1 million in 1997 to \$16.9 million for the period from January 1, 1998 through December 23, 1998. There was a significant increase in amortization resulting from the acquisition of Sonic. Incremental depreciation and amortization expense related to the acquisition of Sonic was \$9.9 million.

MANAGEMENT FEES/CORPORATE EXPENSE CHARGES. Corporate expense charges increased by \$5.6 million, or 991.2% from \$0.6 million in 1997 to \$6.2 million for the period from January 1, 1998 through December 23, 1998. The increase from 1997 compared to the period from January 1, 1998 through December 23, 1998 was the result of additional Charter Investment charges related to equity appreciation rights plans of \$3.8 million for the period from January 1, 1998 through December 23, 1998 and an increase of \$0.9 million in management services provided by Charter Investment as a result of the acquisition of Sonic.

INTEREST EXPENSE. Interest expense increased by \$12.2 million, or 237.4%, from \$5.1 million in 1997 to \$17.3 million for the period from January 1, 1998 through December 23, 1998. This increase resulted primarily from the indebtedness of \$220.6 million, including a note payable for \$60.9 million, incurred in connection with the acquisition of Sonic, resulting in additional interest expense.

NET LOSS. Net loss increased by \$12.6 million, or 272.5%, from \$4.6 million in 1997 to \$17.2 million for the period from January 1, 1998 through December 23, 1998. The increase in revenues that resulted from cable television customer growth was not sufficient to offset the operating expenses related to the acquisition of Sonic.

## OUTLOOK

Our business strategy emphasizes the increase of our operating cash flow by increasing our customer base and the amount of cash flow per customer. We believe that there are significant advantages in increasing the size and scope of our operations, including:

- improved economies of scale in management, marketing, customer service, billing and other administrative functions;
- reduced costs for our cable systems and our infrastructure in general;
- increased leverage for negotiating programming contracts; and
- increased influence on the evolution of important new technologies affecting our business.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our business requires significant cash to fund acquisitions, capital expenditures, debt service costs and ongoing operations. We have historically funded and expect to fund future liquidity and capital requirements through cash flows from operations, equity contributions, borrowings under our credit facilities and debt and equity financings. Our historical cash flows from operating activities were \$837.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, and \$460.4 million and \$30.2 million for the years ended December 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively.

## CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

We have substantial ongoing capital expenditure requirements. We make capital expenditures primarily to upgrade, rebuild and expand our cable systems, as well as for system maintenance, the development of new products and services, and converters, or set-top boxes.

Upgrading our cable systems will enable us to offer new products and services, including digital television, additional channels and tiers, expanded pay-per-view options, high-speed Internet access, video-on-demand and interactive services.

We made capital expenditures, excluding acquisitions of cable systems, of \$1.9 billion and \$741.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2000 and for the year ended December 31, 1999, respectively. The majority of these capital expenditures in 2000 relate to our accelerated rebuild and upgrade program and purchases of converters and were funded from cash flows from operations and borrowings under credit facilities.

For 2000, we expect to spend approximately \$1.6 billion to upgrade and rebuild our systems to bandwidth capacity of 550 megahertz or greater and to add two-way capability so that we may offer advanced services. For the two years ending December 31, 2002, we plan to spend approximately \$1.9 billion to upgrade and rebuild our systems. We also make capital expenditures for extensions of systems, development of new products and services, purchases of converters and system maintenance. For 2000, we expect to spend approximately \$1.3 billion to fund these capital expenditures. For the

next two years, the amount that we spend on these types of capital expenditures will depend on the level of our growth in digital cable customers and in the delivery of other advanced services. We currently expect to finance the anticipated capital expenditures with cash generated from operations, additional borrowings under credit facilities and additional financings, including this offering. Giving effect to the issuance and sale of the original notes, currently an estimated \$500 million to \$750 million funding shortfall exists regarding anticipated capital expenditures through December 31, 2002, when we expect to become cash flow positive. We expect to fund this projected shortfall with additional bank debt. The amount of this projected shortfall could increase if there is accelerated growth in digital cable customers or in the delivery of other advanced services.

We cannot be sure that our anticipated levels of capital expenditures will be sufficient to accomplish our planned system upgrades, expansion and maintenance and to roll out advanced services or that we will be able to acquire necessary plant and equipment from vendors to complete our upgrade and rebuild on schedule. If we are not able to obtain financing sufficient to fund our planned upgrades and other capital expenditures, it could adversely affect our ability to offer new products and services and compete effectively, and could adversely affect our growth, financial condition and results of operations. See "-- Certain Trends and Uncertainties" for further information.

## RECENT INVESTING ACTIVITIES

JOINT VENTURE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL VIDEO RECORDER SET-TOP BOX. In September 2000, Charter Communications Ventures, LLC, a subsidiary of Charter Communications Holding Company, entered into a joint venture with General Instrument Corporation (doing business as Broadband Communications Sector of Motorola Inc.), Replay TV Inc. and Internal Research Corporation, an entity controlled by Mr. Allen, to develop and integrate digital video recording capabilities in advanced digital set-top boxes. The joint venture will focus on creating a set-top based digital video recording platform that will be designed for storing video, audio and Internet content. In connection with the formation of this joint venture, Charter Ventures contributed \$3.2 million in October 2000.

HIGH SPEED ACCESS CORP. INVESTMENT. In December 2000, Vulcan Ventures, Inc., an entity controlled by Mr. Allen, and Charter Communications Ventures, LLC invested \$38.0 million and \$37.0 million, respectively, in exchange for 38,000 shares and 37,000 shares, respectively, of senior convertible preferred stock of High Speed Access. The preferred stock has a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share, in general shares in dividends on High Speed Access common stock on an "as converted to common stock" basis and is convertible into common stock of High Speed Access at a conversion rate of \$5.01875 per share of High Speed Access common stock, subject to certain adjustments. Vulcan Ventures and Charter Ventures were granted certain preemptive, first refusal, registration and significant board representation rights as part of the transaction.

## FINANCING ACTIVITIES

As of September 30, 2000, our total debt was approximately \$12.2 billion. Pro forma for the issuance and sale of the original notes and the application of the net proceeds therefrom, and the issuance and sale of Charter Communications Inc.'s convertible senior notes and the application of the net proceeds to repay an intercompany amount due Charter Holdings and contribute equity to Charter Holdings which used substantially all of the proceeds received to repay a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility, our total debt would have been approximately \$11.5 billion, our member's equity would have been approximately \$9.0 billion and the deficiency of our earnings available to cover fixed charges would have been approximately \$1.5 billion. Since September 30, 2000, we have incurred significant additional debt to fund our

capital expenditures. Our significant amount of debt may adversely affect our ability to obtain financing in the future and react to changes in our business. We anticipate incurring substantial additional debt in the future. Our credit facilities and other debt instruments contain various financial and operating covenants that could adversely impact our ability to operate our business, including restrictions on the ability of our operating subsidiaries to distribute cash to their parents. See "-- Certain Trends and Uncertainties -- Restrictive Covenants" for further information.

MARCH 1999 CHARTER HOLDINGS NOTES. On March 17, 1999, Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation issued \$3.6 billion principal amount of senior notes. The March 1999 Charter Holdings notes consisted of \$600.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 8.250% senior notes due 2007, \$1.5 billion in aggregate principal amount of 8.625% senior notes due 2009, and \$1.475 billion in aggregate principal amount at maturity of 9.920% senior discount notes due 2011. The net proceeds of approximately \$3.0 billion, combined with the borrowings under our credit facilities, were used to consummate tender offers for publicly held debt of several of our subsidiaries, as described below, to refinance borrowings under our previous credit facilities, for working capital purposes and to finance a number of acquisitions.

As of September 30, 2000, a total of \$2.1 billion was outstanding under the 8.250% notes and the 8.625% notes, and the accreted value of the outstanding 9.920% notes was \$1.1 billion.

JANUARY 2000 CHARTER HOLDINGS NOTES. On January 12, 2000, Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation issued \$1.5 billion principal amount of senior notes. The January 2000 Charter Holdings notes consisted of \$675.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 10.00% senior notes due 2009, \$325.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 10.25% senior notes due 2010, and \$532.0 million in aggregate principal amount at maturity of 11.75% senior discount notes due 2010. The net proceeds of approximately \$1.3 billion were used to consummate change of control offers for certain of the Falcon, Avalon and Bresnan notes and debentures.

As of September 30, 2000, \$1.0 billion of the January 2000 Charter Holdings 10.00% and 10.25% senior notes were outstanding, and the accreted value of the 11.75% senior discount notes was approximately \$326.0 million.

NOTES OF THE CHARTER COMPANIES AND THE MARCUS COMPANIES. In February and March 1999, we commenced cash tender offers to purchase the 14% senior discount notes issued by Charter Communications Southeast Holdings, LLC, the 11.25% senior notes issued by Charter Communications Southeast, LLC, the 13.50% senior subordinated discount notes issued by Marcus Cable Operating Company, L.L.C., and the 14.25% senior discount notes issued by Marcus Cable. All such notes, except for \$1.1 million in principal amount, were repaid in full for an aggregate amount of \$1.0 billion. The remaining \$1.1 million of such notes was repaid in September 1999.

CHARTER OPERATING CREDIT FACILITIES. The Charter Operating credit facilities provide for two term facilities, one with a principal amount of \$1.0 billion that matures in September 2007 (Term A), and the other with a principal amount of \$1.85 billion that matures in March 2008 (Term B). The Charter Operating credit facilities also provide for a \$1.25 billion revolving credit facility with a maturity date in September 2007 and, at the option of the lenders, supplemental credit facilities in the amount of \$500.0 million available until March 18, 2002. Amounts under the Charter Operating credit facilities bear interest at the Base Rate or the Eurodollar rate, as defined, plus a margin of up to 2.75% (8.62% to 9.24% as of September 30, 2000). A quarterly commitment fee of between 0.25% and 0.375% per annum is payable on the unborrowed balance of Term A and the revolving credit facility.

In March 2000, the credit facilities were amended to increase the amount of the supplemental credit facility to \$1.0 billion. In connection with this amendment, \$600.0 million of the supplemental credit facilities was borrowed, thereby increasing the Term B facility to \$2.45 billion and the total

borrowing capacity to \$4.7 billion. The remaining \$400.0 million of the supplemental credit facilities is subject to our ability to obtain additional commitments from the lenders. As of September 30, 2000, outstanding borrowings were approximately \$3.6 billion, and the unused availability was \$1.1 billion. As of September 30, 2000, pro forma for the repayment of a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Charter Operating revolving credit facility with a portion of the net proceeds of this offering, outstanding borrowings would have been approximately \$2.7 billion, and the unused availability would have been approximately \$2.0 billion.

RENAISSANCE NOTES. When we acquired Renaissance in April 1999, Renaissance had outstanding \$163.2 million principal amount at maturity of 10% senior discount notes due 2008. The Renaissance notes do not require the payment of interest until April 15, 2003. From and after April 15, 2003, the Renaissance notes bear interest, payable semi-annually in cash, on April 15 and October 15, commencing on October 15, 2003. The Renaissance notes are due on April 15, 2008. In May 1999, \$48.8 million aggregate face amount of the Renaissance notes was repurchased at 101% of the accreted value plus accrued and unpaid interest. As of September 30, 2000, the accreted value of the Renaissance notes that remain outstanding was approximately \$89.3 million.

HELICON NOTES. We acquired Helicon in July 1999 and assumed Helicon's \$115.0 million in principal amount of 11% senior secured notes due 2003. On November 1, 1999, we redeemed all of the Helicon notes at a purchase price equal to 103% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, for \$124.8 million.

RIFKIN NOTES. We acquired Rifkin in September 1999 and assumed Rifkin's outstanding \$125.0 million in principal amount of 11.125% senior subordinated notes due 2006. In October 1999, we repurchased an individually held \$3.0 million Rifkin promissory note for \$3.4 million and publicly held notes with a total outstanding principal amount of \$124.1 million for a total of \$140.6 million, including a consent fee to noteholders who delivered timely consents to amend the indenture governing those notes to eliminate substantially all of the restrictive covenants. In February 2000, we repurchased \$0.5 million in principal amount of these notes. As of September 30, 2000, \$0.4 million in principal amount of Rifkin notes remained outstanding.

FALCON DEBENTURES. We acquired Falcon in November 1999 and assumed Falcon's outstanding \$375.0 million in principal amount of 8.375% senior debentures due 2010 and 9.285% senior discount debentures due 2010 with an accreted value of approximately \$319.1 million. Falcon's 11.56% subordinated notes due 2001 were paid off for a total of \$16.3 million, including principal, accrued and unpaid interest and premiums, at the closing of the Falcon acquisition.

In February 2000, through change of control offers and purchases in the open market, all of the Falcon 8.375% senior debentures with a principal amount of \$375.0 million were repurchased for \$388.0 million, and all of the Falcon 9.285% senior discount debentures with an aggregate principal amount at maturity of \$435.3 million were repurchased for \$328.1 million.

FALCON CREDIT FACILITIES. In connection with the Falcon acquisition, the previous Falcon credit facilities were amended to provide for two term facilities, one with a principal amount of \$196.5 million that matures June 2007 (Term B), and the other with the principal amount of \$294.8 million that matures December 2007 (Term C). The Falcon credit facilities also provide for a \$646.0 million revolving credit facility with a maturity date of December 2006 and, at the option of the lenders, supplemental credit facilities in the amount of up to \$700.0 million with a maturity date in December 2007. At September 30, 2000, \$110.0 million was available under the supplemental credit facilities. Amounts under the Falcon credit facilities bear interest at the Base Rate or the Eurodollar rate, as defined, plus a margin of up to 2.5% (8.12% to 9.50% as of September 30, 2000). A quarterly commitment fee of between 0.25% and 0.375% per annum is payable on the unborrowed balance. As of September 30, 2000, outstanding borrowings were \$1.2 billion, and unused availability was \$95.0

million. As of September 30, 2000, pro forma for the repayment of a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Falcon revolving credit facility with a portion of the net proceeds of the issuance and sale of the original notes, outstanding borrowings would have been approximately \$667.3 million, and the unused availability would have been approximately \$580.0 million.

AVALON CREDIT FACILITIES. Upon completion of the Bresnan/Avalon Combination, all amounts outstanding under the Avalon credit facilities were repaid and the Avalon credit facilities were terminated. As of September 30, 2000, outstanding borrowings were \$193.0 million, and unused availability was \$107.0 million.

AVALON NOTES. We acquired Avalon in November 1999 and assumed Avalon's outstanding 11.875% senior discount notes due 2008 with an accreted value of \$123.3 million and \$150.0 million in principal amount of 9.375% senior subordinated notes due 2008. After December 1, 2003, cash interest on the Avalon 11.875% notes will be payable semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing June 1, 2004.

In January 2000, we completed change of control offers in which we repurchased \$16.3 million aggregate principal amount at maturity of the 11.875% notes at a purchase price of 101% of accreted value as of January 28, 2000, for \$10.5 million. As of September 30, 2000, Avalon 11.875% notes with an aggregate principal amount of \$179.8 million at maturity remained outstanding with an accreted value of \$124.8 million.

At the same time, through change of control offers and purchases in the open market, we repurchased all of the \$150.0 million aggregate principal amount of the Avalon 9.375% notes. The aggregate repurchase price was \$153.7 million and was funded with equity contributions from Charter Holdings, which made the cash available from the proceeds of its sale of the January 2000 Charter Holdings notes.

FANCH CREDIT FACILITIES. The Fanch credit facilities provide for two term facilities, one with a principal amount of \$450.0 million that matures May 2008 (Term A), and the other with a principal amount of \$400.0 million that matures November 2008 (Term B). The Fanch credit facilities also provide for a \$350.0 million revolving credit facility with a maturity date in May 2008 and, at the option of the lenders, supplemental credit facilities in the amount of \$300.0 million available until December 31, 2004. Amounts under the Fanch credit facilities bear interest at the Base Rate or the Eurodollar rate, as defined, plus a margin of up to 3.0% (8.73% to 9.48% as of September 30, 2000). A quarterly commitment fee of between 0.250% and 0.375% per annum is payable on the unborrowed balance. We used \$850.0 million of the credit facilities to fund a portion of the Fanch purchase price. As of September 30, 2000, outstanding borrowings were \$850.0 million, and unused availability was \$350.0 million. As of September 30, 2000, pro forma for the repayment of all amounts outstanding under the Fanch revolving credit facility with a portion of the net proceeds of the issuance and sale of the original notes, outstanding borrowing would have been approximately \$780.0 million, and the unused availability would have been approximately \$780.0 million.

BRESNAN NOTES. We acquired Bresnan in February 2000 and assumed Bresnan's outstanding \$170.0 million in principal amount of 8% senior notes due 2009 and \$275.0 million in principal amount at maturity of 9.25% senior discount notes due 2009 with an accreted value of \$192.2 million. In March 2000, we repurchased all of the outstanding Bresnan notes at purchase prices of 101% of the outstanding principal amounts plus accrued and unpaid interest or accreted value, as applicable, for a total of \$369.7 million, using proceeds from the sale of the January 2000 Charter Holdings notes.

BRESNAN CREDIT FACILITIES. Upon the closing of the Bresnan/Avalon combination, the Bresnan credit facilities were amended and restated. The Bresnan credit facilities provide for borrowings of up to \$1.45 billion. The Bresnan credit facilities provide for two term facilities, one with a principal

amount of \$500.0 million (Term A), and the other with a principal amount of \$500.0 million (Term B). The Bresnan credit facilities also provide for a \$450.0 million revolving credit facility with a maturity date in June 2007 and, at the option of lenders, incremental facilities in the amount of \$500.0 million. Amounts under the Bresnan credit facilities bear interest at the Base Rate or the Eurodollar Rate, as defined, plus a margin of up to 2.75%. A quarterly commitment fee of between 0.250% and 0.375% is payable on the unborrowed balance of Term A and the revolving credit facility. At the closing of the Bresnan acquisition, we borrowed approximately \$599.9 million to replace the borrowings outstanding under the previous credit facilities and an additional \$31.3 million to fund a portion of the Bresnan purchase price. In connection with the Bresnan/Avalon combination, we borrowed an additional \$193.0 million to repay all amounts outstanding under the Avalon credit facilities. As of September 30, 2000, giving effect to the amendment and restatement of the Bresnan credit facilities and the repayment of the Avalon credit facilities, \$861.0 million was outstanding, and \$589.0 million was available for borrowing.

CHARTER HOLDINGS SENIOR BRIDGE LOAN FACILITY. On August 4, 2000, affiliates of the Placement Agents, Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation entered into a senior bridge loan agreement providing for senior increasing rate bridge loans in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$1.0 billion.

On August 14, 2000, Charter Holdings borrowed \$1.0 billion under the senior bridge loan facility and used substantially all of the proceeds to repay a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Charter Operating and the Falcon revolving credit facilities. The bridge loan initially bore interest at an annual rate of 10.21%. For amounts not repaid by November 14, 2000, the interest rate increased by 1.25% at such date and will increase an additional 0.50% at the end of each additional 90-day period thereafter. Unless additional special interest is assessed, the interest rate on the bridge loan will not exceed 15% annually. If the bridge loan has not been repaid in full by August 14, 2001, then it will be converted to a term loan. The term loan will bear interest at a fixed rate equal to the greater of the applicable rate of the bridge loan on the date of the conversion plus 0.50% and the yield corresponding to the bid price on Charter Holdings 10.25% notes as of the date immediately prior to the conversion. If the term loan is not repaid within 90 days after the conversion from the bridge loan, the interest rate thereon will increase by 0.50% at the end of each 90-day period. Unless additional special interest is assessed, the interest rate on the term loan will not exceed 15% annually. The term loan will mature on the tenth anniversary of the initial senior bridge loan borrowing.

The net proceeds from the sale of Charter Communications, Inc.'s convertible senior notes were used to repay an intercompany amount due Charter Holdings and to contribute equity to Charter Holdings which used substantially all of the net proceeds therefrom to repay a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility. All remaining amounts outstanding under the senior bridge loan facility were repaid in January 2001 with a portion of the net proceeds from the issuance and sale of the original notes. All of the amounts remaining outstanding under the senior bridge loan facility will be repaid with a portion of the net proceeds of this offering.

CONTRIBUTIONS BY AFFILIATES. In August 1999, Vulcan Cable III Inc. contributed to Charter Communications Holding Company \$500.0 million in cash and, in September 1999, an additional \$825.0 million, of which approximately \$644.3 million was in cash and approximately \$180.7 million was in the form of equity interests acquired by Vulcan Cable III Inc. in connection with the Rifkin acquisition. Charter Communications Holding Company in turn contributed the cash and equity interests to Charter Holdings. In November 1999, in connection with Charter Communications, Inc.'s initial public offering, Vulcan Cable III contributed to Charter Communications Holding Company \$750.0 million in cash. In connection with the Rifkin, Falcon and Bresnan acquisitions, Charter Communications Holding Company issued equity interests totaling approximately \$1.1 billion to certain sellers in each of these acquisitions, and a subsidiary of Charter Holdings issued preferred equity interests totaling \$629.5 million to certain sellers in the Bresnan acquisition.

CONVERTIBLE SENIOR NOTES. On October 30, 2000, Charter Communications, Inc. issued convertible senior notes due 2005 with a principal amount of \$650.0 million. An additional \$100.0 million pursuant to the initial purchasers' over-allotment option were issued on November 3, 2000. The convertible senior notes have an annual interest rate of 5.75%, payable semi-annually, and are convertible into shares of Charter Communications, Inc.'s Class A common stock at \$21.56 per share. The issuance was made in a private placement pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act. The net proceeds were used to repay \$727.5 million outstanding under the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility.

For a description of our acquisitions completed in 1999 and 2000, see "Business -- Acquisitions."  $\,$ 

# CERTAIN TRENDS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The following discussion highlights a number of trends and uncertainties, in addition to those discussed elsewhere in this prospectus, that could materially impact our business, results of operations and financial condition.

SUBSTANTIAL LEVERAGE. As of September 30, 2000, pro forma for (i) the issuance and sale of the original notes and the application of the net proceeds therefrom and (ii) the issuance and sale of Charter Communications Inc.'s convertible senior notes and the application of the net proceeds to repay an intercompany amount due Charter Holdings and contribute equity to Charter Holdings which used substantially all of the proceeds received to repay a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility, our total debt was approximately \$11.5 billion. We anticipate incurring significant additional debt in the future to fund the expansion, maintenance and upgrade of our cable systems.

Our ability to make payments on our debt and to fund our planned capital expenditures for upgrading our cable systems and our ongoing operations will depend on our ability to generate cash and secure financing in the future. This, to a certain extent, is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory and other factors beyond our control. We cannot assure you that our business will generate sufficient cash flow from operations, or that future borrowings will be available to us under our existing credit facilities, new facilities or from other sources of financing at acceptable rates or in an amount sufficient to enable us to repay our debt, to grow our business or to fund our other liquidity and capital needs.

VARIABLE INTEREST RATES. At September 30, 2000, approximately 40% of our debt bears interest at variable rates that are linked to short-term interest rates. In addition, a significant portion of our existing debt, assumed debt or debt we might arrange in the future will bear interest at variable rates. If interest rates rise, our costs relative to those obligations will also rise. At September 30, 2000, our weighted-average rate on outstanding bank commitments is approximately 8.6% and approximately 9.6% on high-yield debt, resulting in a blended weighted-average rate of 9.1%. See "-- Interest Rate Risk."

RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS. Our credit facilities and the indentures governing our outstanding debt contain a number of significant covenants that, among other things, restrict our ability and the ability of our subsidiaries to:

- pay dividends or make other distributions;
- make certain investments or acquisitions;
- dispose of assets or merge;
- incur additional debt;
- issue equity;

- repurchase or redeem equity interests and debt;
- create liens; and
- pledge assets.

Furthermore, in accordance with our credit facilities we are required to maintain specified financial ratios and meet financial tests. The ability to comply with these provisions may be affected by events beyond our control. The breach of any of these covenants will result in a default under the applicable debt agreement or instrument, which could trigger acceleration of the debt. Any default under our credit facilities or the indentures governing our outstanding debt may adversely affect our growth, our financial condition, and our results of operations and the ability to repay amounts due under the notes.

NEW SERVICES AND PRODUCTS GROWTH STRATEGY. We expect that a substantial portion of any of our future growth will be achieved through revenues from additional services. We cannot assure you that we will be able to offer new advanced services successfully to our customers or that those new advanced services will generate revenues. The amount of our capital expenditures and related roll-out of advanced services may be limited by the availability of certain equipment (in particular, digital converter boxes and cable modems) due to production capacity constraints of certain vendors and/or materials shortages. We continue to work with our primary vendors to address such problems and have been assured that we will have an adequate supply to meet our demand. If we are unable to grow our cash flow sufficiently, we may be unable to fulfill our obligations or obtain alternative financing.

MANAGEMENT OF GROWTH. We have experienced rapid growth that has placed and is expected to continue to place a significant strain on our management, operations and other resources. Our future success will depend in part on our ability to successfully integrate the operations acquired and to be acquired and to attract and retain qualified personnel. No significant severance cost was incurred in conjunction with acquisitions in 1999 and 2000. The failure to retain or obtain needed personnel or to implement management, operating or financial systems necessary to successfully integrate acquired operations or otherwise manage growth when and as needed could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

REGULATION AND LEGISLATION. Cable systems are extensively regulated at the federal, state, and local level. Effective March 31, 1999, the scope of rate regulation was reduced so that it continues to impact only the lowest level of basic cable service and associated equipment. This change affords cable operators much greater pricing flexibility, although Congress could revisit this issue if confronted with substantial rate increases.

Cable operators also face significant regulation of their channel capacity. They currently can be required to devote substantial capacity to the carriage of programming that they would not carry voluntarily, including certain local broadcast signals, local public, educational and government access users, and unaffiliated commercial leased access programmers. This carriage burden could increase in the future, particularly if the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)were to require cable systems to carry both the analog and digital versions of local broadcast signals. The FCC is currently conducting a proceeding in which it is considering this channel usage possibility, although it has tentatively concluded against imposing a dual digital and analog obligation.

There is also uncertainty whether local franchising authorities, state regulators, the FCC, or the U.S. Congress will impose obligations on cable operators to provide unaffiliated Internet service providers with access to cable plant on non-discriminatory terms. If they were to do so, and the obligations were found to be lawful, it could complicate our operations in general, and our Internet operations in particular, from a technical and marketing standpoint. These access obligations could adversely impact our profitability and discourage system upgrades and the introduction of new products and services. Recently, a federal district court in Virginia and a federal circuit court in

California struck down as unlawful open-access requirements imposed by two different franchising authorities. The federal circuit court ruling reversed an earlier district court decision that had upheld an open-access requirement. The FCC has announced that it will soon consider how Internet service provided over cable systems should be classified for regulatory purposes and what, if any, regulations should be imposed.

There are other instances where "open-access" requirements have been imposed and judicial challenges are pending. The FCC has initiated a new proceeding to categorize cable-delivered Internet service and perhaps establish an appropriate regulatory scheme.

POSSIBLE RESCISSION LIABILITY. Charter Communications Holding Company acquired Falcon Communications, L.P. (Falcon) in November 1999 and acquired Bresnan in February 2000. In connection with these acquisitions, the Falcon and Bresnan sellers who acquired Charter Communications Holding Company membership units or, in the case of Bresnan, additional equity interests in a subsidiary of Charter Holdings may have rescission rights against Charter Communications, Inc. or Charter Communications Holding Company arising out of possible violations of Section 5 of the Securities Act of 1933 in connection with the offers and sales of these equity interests. If these equity holders successfully exercised their possible rescission rights, Charter Communications Holding Company or Charter Communications, Inc. would become obligated to repurchase all such equity interests, and the total repurchase obligation could be up to approximately \$1.1 billion. If Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Holding Company fail to obtain capital sufficient to fund any required repurchases, they could seek funds from us and our subsidiaries. This could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. These rescission rights expire one year from the dates of issuance of these equity interests.

# INTEREST RATE RISK

The use of interest rate risk management instruments, such as interest rate exchange agreements, interest rate cap agreements and interest rate collar agreements, is required under the terms of the credit facilities of our subsidiaries. Our policy is to manage interest costs using a mix of fixed and variable rate debt. Using interest rate swap agreements, we agree to exchange, at specified intervals, the difference between fixed and variable interest amounts calculated by reference to an agreed-upon notional principal amount. Interest rate cap agreements are used to lock in a maximum interest rate should variable rates rise, but enable us to otherwise pay lower market rates. Collars limit our exposure to and benefits from interest rate fluctuations on variable rate debt to within a certain range of rates.

Our participation in interest rate hedging transactions involves instruments that have a close correlation with our debt, thereby managing our risk. Interest rate hedge agreements have been designed for hedging purposes and are not held or issued for speculative purposes.

At September 30, 2000, we had outstanding \$2.0 billion, \$15.0 million and \$725.0 million in notional amounts of interest rate swaps, caps and collars, respectively.

The notional amounts of interest rate instruments are used to measure interest to be paid or received and do not represent the amount of exposure to credit loss. While swaps, caps and collars represent an integral part of our interest rate risk management program, their incremental effect on interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, and for the year ended December 31, 1999, was not significant.

The fair value of fixed-rate debt at September 30, 2000, was \$4.2 billion. The fair value of fixed-rate debt is based on quoted market prices. The fair value of variable-rate debt approximates the carrying value of \$7.5 billion at September 30, 2000, since this debt bears interest at current market rates.

#### **OPTIONS**

In accordance with an employment agreement and a related option agreement with Jerald L. Kent, our President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Kent was issued an option to purchase 7,044,127 membership units in Charter Communications Holding Company in December 1998. The option vests over a four-year period from the date of grant and expires ten years from the date of grant.

In February 1999, Charter Holdings adopted the 1999 Charter Communications Option Plan, which was assumed by Charter Communications Holding Company in May 1999, providing for the grant of options to employees, consultants and directors of Charter Communications Holding Company and its affiliates to purchase up to 25,009,798 Charter Communications Holding Company membership units. Options granted under the 1999 Charter Communications Option Plan will be fully vested five years after the date of grant. Options not exercised accumulate and are exercisable, in whole or in part, in any subsequent period, but not later than ten years from the date of grant.

Membership units received upon exercise of the options issued to Mr. Kent and to optionees under the 1999 Charter Communications Option Plan are automatically exchanged for shares of Class A common stock of Charter Communications, Inc. on a one-for-one basis.

The following chart sets forth the number of options outstanding and the exercise price of such options as of December 31, 2000:

	OPTIONS OUTSTANDING					OPTIONS EXERCISABLE
	NUMBER OF OPTIONS	EXER(		TOTAL DOLLARS	REMAINING LIFE (IN YEARS)	NUMBER OF OPTIONS(4)
Outstanding as of January						
1, 1999(1)	7,044,127	\$	20.00	\$140,882,540	10.0(3)	3,522,064(5)
Granted:	, ,			, ,	, ,	, , , , , ,
February 9, 1999(2)	9,111,681		20.00	182,233,620		3,172,373
April 5, 1999(2)	473,000		20.73	9,805,290		108,424
November 8, 1999(2)	4,781,400		19.00	90,846,600		240,000
February 15, 2000(2)	5,566,600		19.47	108,375,022		·
May 1, 2000(2)	1,469,200		15.03	22,083,986		
July 26, 2000(2)	1,469,800		14.31	21,036,513		
October 24, 2000(2)	1,621,600		19.25	31,215,800		
Cancelled	(3,055,051)	15.03 -	- 20.73	(58,541,020)		
Outstanding as of December						
31, 2000	28,482,357	\$	19.23(3)	\$547,938,351	8.6(3)	7,042,861(5)
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- (1) Granted to Jerald L. Kent pursuant to his employment agreement and related option agreement.
- (2) Granted pursuant to the 1999 Charter Communications Option Plan.
- (3) Weighted average.
- (4) As of December 31, 2000.
- (5) The weighted average exercise price for options exercisable was \$20.00 and \$19.23 at December 31, 1998 and December 31, 2000, respectively.

The weighted average fair value of options granted was \$12.59 and \$12.50 at December 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively.

We follow Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" to account for options issued under the 1999 Charter Communications Option Plan and the options held by Mr. Kent. We recorded option compensation expense of \$845,000 for the period from December 24, 1998 through December 31, 1998, \$80.0 million for the year ended December 31, 1999 and \$34.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, in the financial statements since the exercise prices were less than the estimated fair values of the underlying membership units

on the date of grant. The estimated fair value was determined using the valuation inherent in Mr. Allen's acquisition of Charter Investment and valuations of public companies in the cable industry adjusted for factors specific to us. Compensation expense is accrued over the vesting period of each grant that varies from four to five years. As of September 30, 2000, deferred compensation remaining to be recognized in future periods totaled \$41.4 million.

# ACCOUNTING STANDARDS RECENTLY IMPLEMENTED

In December 1999, the SEC issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 101 (SAB 101) Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements, which summarizes certain of the SEC staff's views on applying generally accepted accounting principles to revenue recognition in financial statements. Charter Communications, Inc. adopted the accounting provisions of SAB 101 effective April 1, 2000. Management believes that the implementation of SAB 101 has not had a significant effect on Charter Communications, Inc.'s financial condition or results of operations.

# ACCOUNTING STANDARDS NOT YET IMPLEMENTED

SFAS No. 133 establishes accounting and reporting standards requiring that every derivative instrument, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts, be recorded in the balance sheet as either an asset or liability measured at its fair value and that changes in the derivative's fair value be recognized currently in earnings unless specific hedge accounting criteria are met. Special accounting for qualifying hedges allows a derivative's gains and losses to offset related results on the hedged item in the income statement, and requires that a company must formally document, designate and assess the effectiveness of transactions that receive hedge accounting. SFAS No. 137 "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities -- Deferral of the Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 133 -- An Amendment of FASB No. 133" has delayed the effective date of SFAS No. 133 to fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2000. We have not yet quantified the impacts of adopting SFAS No. 133 on our consolidated financial statements, nor have we determined the timing or method of our adoption of SFAS No. 133. However, SFAS No. 133 could increase volatility in earnings (losses).

#### THE EXCHANGE OFFER

# TERMS OF THE EXCHANGE OFFER

#### **GENERAL**

We sold the original notes on January 5, 2001 in a transaction exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The initial purchasers of the notes subsequently resold the original notes to qualified institutional buyers in reliance on Rule 144A and under Regulation S under the Securities Act.

In connection with the sale of original notes to the initial purchasers pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, dated January 5, 2001, among us and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, Goldman, Sachs & Co., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc., and RBC Dominion Securities Corporation, the holders of the original notes became entitled to the benefits of the exchange and registration rights agreements dated January 10, 2001, among us and the initial purchasers.

Under the registration rights agreements, the issuers became obligated to file a registration statement in connection with an exchange offer within 120 days after January 5, 2001 and to use their reasonable best efforts to have the exchange offer registration statement declared effective within 180 days after January 5, 2001. The exchange offer being made by this prospectus, if consummated within the required time periods, will satisfy our obligations under the registration rights agreements. This prospectus, together with the letter of transmittal, is being sent to all beneficial holders of original notes known to the issuers.

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this prospectus and in the accompanying letter of transmittal, the issuers will accept all original notes properly tendered and not withdrawn prior to the expiration date. The issuers will issue \$1,000 principal amount of new notes in exchange for each \$1,000 principal amount of outstanding original notes accepted in the exchange offer. Holders may tender some or all of their original notes pursuant to the exchange offer.

Based on no-action letters issued by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission to third parties we believe that holders of the new notes issued in exchange for original notes may offer for resale, resell and otherwise transfer the new notes, other than any holder that is an affiliate of ours within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act, without compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery provisions of the Securities Act. This is true as long as the new notes are acquired in the ordinary course of the holder's business, the holder has no arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in the distribution of the new notes and neither the holder nor any other person is engaging in or intends to engage in a distribution of the new notes. A broker-dealer that acquired original notes directly from the issuers cannot exchange the original notes in the exchange offer. Any holder who tenders in the exchange offer for the purpose of participating in a distribution of the new notes cannot rely on the no-action letters of the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission and must comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any resale transaction.

Each broker-dealer that receives new notes for its own account in exchange for original notes, where original notes were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making or other trading activities, must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such new notes. See "Plan of Distribution" for additional information.

We shall be deemed to have accepted validly tendered original notes when, as and if we have given oral or written notice of the acceptance of such notes to the exchange agent. The exchange agent will act as agent for the tendering holders of original notes for the purposes of receiving the new notes from the issuers and delivering new notes to such holders.

If any tendered original notes are not accepted for exchange because of an invalid tender or the occurrence of the conditions set forth under "-- Conditions" without waiver by us, certificates for any such unaccepted original notes will be returned, without expense, to the tendering holder of any such original notes as promptly as practicable after the expiration date.

Holders of original notes who tender in the exchange offer will not be required to pay brokerage commissions or fees or, subject to the instructions in the letter of transmittal, transfer taxes with respect to the exchange of original notes, pursuant to the exchange offer. We will pay all charges and expenses, other than certain applicable taxes in connection with the exchange offer. See "-- Fees and Expenses."

# SHELF REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Pursuant to the registration rights agreements, if the exchange offer is not completed prior to the date on which the earliest of any of the following events occurs:  $\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^$ 

- (a) applicable interpretations of the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission do not permit us to effect the exchange offer,
  - (b) any holder of notes notifies us that either:
  - (1) such holder is not eligible to participate in the exchange offer, or  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right)$
  - (2) such holder participates in the exchange offer and does not receive freely transferable new notes in exchange for tendered original notes, or
- (c) the exchange offer is not completed within 210 days after January 10, 2001,  $\,$

# we will, at our cost:

- file a shelf registration statement covering resales of the original notes,
- use our reasonable best efforts to cause the shelf registration statement to be declared effective under the Securities Act at the earliest possible time, but no later than 90 days after the time such obligation to file arises, and
- use our reasonable best efforts to keep effective the shelf registration statement until the earlier of two years after the date as of which the Securities and Exchange Commission declares such shelf registration statement effective or the shelf registration otherwise becomes effective, or the time when all of the applicable original notes are no longer outstanding.

If any of the events described occurs, we will refuse to accept any original notes and will return all tendered original notes.

We will, if and when we file the shelf registration statement, provide to each holder of the original notes copies of the prospectus which is a part of the shelf registration statement, notify each holder when the shelf registration statement has become effective and take other actions as are required to permit unrestricted resales of the original notes. A holder that sells original notes pursuant to the shelf registration statement generally must be named as a selling security-holder in the related prospectus and must deliver a prospectus to purchasers, a seller will be subject to civil liability provisions under the Securities Act in connection with these sales. A seller of the original notes also will be bound by applicable provisions of the registration rights agreements, including indemnification obligations. In addition, each holder of original notes must deliver information to be used in connection with the shelf registration statement and provide comments on the shelf registration statement in order to have its original notes included in the shelf registration statement and benefit from the provisions regarding any liquidated damages in the registration rights agreement.

#### INCREASE IN INTEREST RATE

If:

- (1) the registration statement, of which this prospectus is a part, has not been declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission within 180 days of the issuance of the original notes, and we have not used or are not continuing to use our reasonable best efforts to cause the registration statement to become effective, or
- (2) the exchange offer has not been completed within 30 business days after the initial effective date of the exchange offer registration statement, or
- (3) the exchange offer registration statement is either withdrawn by us or subject to an effective stop order without being followed immediately by an additional registration statement filed and declared effective, or
  - (4) we are required to file the shelf registration statement and either
    - (a) the shelf registration statement has not become effective or been declared effective on or before the 90th calendar day following the date such obligation to file arises, or
    - (b) the shelf registration statement has been declared effective and such shelf registration statement ceases to be effective, except as specifically permitted in the registration rights agreements, without being succeeded promptly by an additional registration statement filed and declared effective,

the interest rate borne by the original notes will be increased by 0.25% per year for the first 90 days of default, 0.50% per year for the second 90 days of default, 0.75% per year for the third 90 days of default and 1.0% per year for the remaining period of time in default.

The sole remedy available to the holders of the original notes will be the immediate increase in the interest rate on the original notes as described above. Any amounts of additional interest due as described above will be payable in cash on the same interest payments dates as the original notes.

# EXPIRATION DATE; EXTENSIONS; AMENDMENT

We will keep the exchange offer open for not less than 30 days, or longer if required by applicable law, after the date on which notice of the exchange offer is mailed to the holders of the old notes. The term "expiration date" means the expiration date set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, unless we extend the exchange offer, in which case the term "expiration date" means the latest date to which the exchange offer is extended.

In order to extend the expiration date, we will notify the exchange agent of any extension by oral or written notice and will issue a public announcement of the extension, each prior to 5:00~p.m., New York City time, on the next business day after the previously scheduled expiration date.

# We reserve the right

- (a) to delay accepting any original notes, to extend the exchange offer or to terminate the exchange offer and not accept original notes not previously accepted if any of the conditions set forth under "-- Conditions" shall have occurred and shall not have been waived by us, if permitted to be waived by us, by giving oral or written notice of such delay, extension or termination to the exchange agent, or
- (b) to amend the terms of the exchange offer in any manner deemed by us to be advantageous to the holders of the original notes.

Any delay in acceptance, extension, termination or amendment will be followed as promptly as practicable by oral or written notice. If the exchange offer is amended in a manner determined by us to constitute a material change, we promptly will disclose such amendment in a manner reasonably calculated to inform the holders of the original notes of such amendment. Depending upon the significance of the amendment, we may extend the exchange offer if it otherwise would expire during such extension period.

Without limiting the manner in which we may choose to make a public announcement of any extension, amendment or termination of the exchange offer, we will not be obligated to publish, advertise, or otherwise communicate any such announcement, other than by making a timely release to an appropriate news agency.

# PROCEDURES FOR TENDERING

To tender in the exchange offer, a holder must complete, sign and date the letter of transmittal, or a facsimile of the letter of transmittal, have the signatures on the letter of transmittal guaranteed if required by instruction 2 of the letter of transmittal, and mail or otherwise deliver such letter of transmittal or such facsimile or an agent's message in connection with a book entry transfer, together with the original notes and any other required documents. To be validly tendered, such documents must reach the exchange agent before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date. Delivery of the original notes may be made by book-entry transfer in accordance with the procedures described below. Confirmation of such book-entry transfer must be received by the exchange agent prior to the expiration date.

The term "agent's message" means a message, transmitted by a book-entry transfer facility to, and received by, the exchange agent, forming a part of a confirmation of a book-entry transfer, which states that such book-entry transfer facility has received an express acknowledgment from the participant in such book-entry transfer facility tendering the original notes that such participant has received and agrees to be bound by the terms of the letter of transmittal and that we may enforce such agreement against such participant.

The tender by a holder of original notes will constitute an agreement between such holder and us in accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this prospectus and in the letter of transmittal.

Delivery of all documents must be made to the exchange agent at its address set forth below. Holders may also request their respective brokers, dealers, commercial banks, trust companies or nominees to effect such tender for such holders.

THE METHOD OF DELIVERY OF ORIGINAL NOTES AND THE LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL AND ALL OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO THE EXCHANGE AGENT IS AT THE ELECTION AND RISK OF THE HOLDERS. INSTEAD OF DELIVERY BY MAIL, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT HOLDERS USE AN OVERNIGHT OR HAND DELIVERY SERVICE. IN ALL CASES, SUFFICIENT TIME SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO ASSURE TIMELY DELIVERY TO THE EXCHANGE AGENT BEFORE 5:00 P.M., NEW YORK CITY TIME, ON THE EXPIRATION DATE. NO LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL OR ORIGINAL NOTES SHOULD BE SENT TO US.

Only a holder of original notes may tender original notes in the exchange offer. The term "holder" with respect to the exchange offer means any person in whose name original notes are registered on our books or any other person who has obtained a properly completed bond power from the registered holder.

Any beneficial holder whose original notes are registered in the name of its broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee and who wishes to tender should contact such registered holder promptly and instruct such registered holder to tender on its behalf. If such beneficial holder wishes to tender on its own behalf, such registered holder must, prior to completing and executing the letter of transmittal and delivering its original notes, either make appropriate

arrangements to register ownership of the original notes in such holder's name or obtain a properly completed bond power from the registered holder. The transfer of record ownership may take considerable time.

Signatures on a letter of transmittal or a notice of withdrawal, must be guaranteed by a member firm of a registered national securities exchange or of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. or a commercial bank or trust company having an office or correspondent in the United States referred to as an "eligible institution", unless the original notes are tendered

- (a) by a registered holder who has not completed the box entitled "Special Issuance Instructions" or "Special Delivery Instructions" on the letter of transmittal or
- (b) for the account of an eligible institution. In the event that signatures on a letter of transmittal or a notice of withdrawal, are required to be guaranteed, such guarantee must be by an eligible institution.

If the letter of transmittal is signed by a person other than the registered holder of any original notes listed therein, such original notes must be endorsed or accompanied by appropriate bond powers and a proxy which authorizes such person to tender the original notes on behalf of the registered holder, in each case signed as the name of the registered holder or holders appears on the original notes.

If the letter of transmittal or any original notes or bond powers are signed by trustees, executors, administrators, guardians, attorneys-in-fact, officers of corporations or others acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, such persons should so indicate when signing, and unless waived by us, evidence satisfactory to us of their authority so to act must be submitted with the letter of transmittal.

All questions as to the validity, form, eligibility, including time of receipt, and withdrawal of the tendered original notes will be determined by us in our sole discretion, which determination will be final and binding. We reserve the absolute right to reject any and all original notes not properly tendered or any original notes our acceptance of which, in the opinion of counsel for us, would be unlawful. We also reserve the right to waive any irregularities or conditions of tender as to particular original notes. Our interpretation of the terms and conditions of the exchange offer, including the instructions in the letter of transmittal, will be final and binding on all parties. Unless waived, any defects or irregularities in connection with tenders of original notes must be cured within such time as we shall determine. None of us, the exchange agent or any other person shall be under any duty to give notification of defects or irregularities with respect to tenders of original notes, nor shall any of them incur any liability for failure to give such notification. Tenders of original notes will not be deemed to have been made until such irregularities have been cured or waived. Any original notes received by the exchange agent that are not properly tendered and as to which the defects or irregularities have not been cured or waived will be returned without cost to such holder by the exchange agent to the tendering holders of original notes, unless otherwise provided in the letter of transmittal, as soon as practicable following the expiration date.

In addition, we reserve the right in our sole discretion to

- (a) purchase or make offers for any original notes that remain outstanding subsequent to the expiration date or, as set forth under "-- Conditions," to terminate the exchange offer in accordance with the terms of the registration rights agreements and
- (b) to the extent permitted by applicable law, purchase original notes in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. The terms of any such purchases or offers may differ from the terms of the exchange offer.

By tendering, each holder will represent to us that, among other things,

- (a) the new notes acquired pursuant to the exchange offer are being obtained in the ordinary course of business of such holder or other person,
- (b) neither such holder nor such other person is engaged in or intends to engage in a distribution of the new notes.
- (c) neither such holder or other person has any arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in the distribution of such new notes, and
- (d) such holder or other person is not our "affiliate," as defined under Rule 405 of the Securities Act, or, if such holder or other person is such an affiliate, will comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act to the extent applicable.

We understand that the exchange agent will make a request promptly after the date of this prospectus to establish accounts with respect to the original notes at The Depository Trust Company for the purpose of facilitating the exchange offer, and subject to the establishment of such accounts, any financial institution that is a participant in The Depository Trust Company's system may make book-entry delivery of original notes by causing The Depository Trust Company to transfer such original notes into the exchange agent's account with respect to the original notes in accordance with The Depository Trust Company's procedures for such transfer. Although delivery of the original notes may be effected through book-entry transfer into the exchange agent's account at The Depository Trust Company, an appropriate letter of transmittal properly completed and duly executed with any required signature guarantee, or an agent's message in lieu of the letter of transmittal, and all other required documents must in each case be transmitted to and received or confirmed by the exchange agent at its address set forth below on or prior to the expiration date, or, if the guaranteed delivery procedures described below are complied with, within the time period provided under such procedures. Delivery of documents to The Depository Trust Company does not constitute delivery to the exchange agent.

# GUARANTEED DELIVERY PROCEDURES

Holders who wish to tender their original notes and

- (a) whose original notes are not immediately available or
- (b) who cannot deliver their original notes, the letter of transmittal or any other required documents to the exchange agent prior to the expiration date, may effect a tender if:
  - (1) the tender is made through an eligible institution;
  - (2) prior to the expiration date, the exchange agent receives from such eligible institution a properly completed and duly executed Notice of Guaranteed Delivery, by facsimile transmission, mail or hand delivery, setting forth the name and address of the holder of the original notes, the certificate number or numbers of such original notes and the principal amount of original notes tendered, stating that the tender is being made thereby, and guaranteeing that, within three business days after the expiration date, the letter of transmittal, or facsimile thereof or agent's message in lieu of the letter of transmittal, together with the certificate(s) representing the original notes to be tendered in proper form for transfer and any other documents required by the letter of transmittal will be deposited by the eligible institution with the exchange agent; and
  - (3) such properly completed and executed letter of transmittal (or facsimile thereof) together with the certificate(s) representing all tendered original notes in proper form for transfer and all other documents required by the letter of transmittal are received by the exchange agent within three business days after the expiration date.

#### WITHDRAWAL OF TENDERS

Except as otherwise provided in this prospectus, tenders of original notes may be withdrawn at any time prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date. However, where the expiration date has been extended, tenders of original notes previously accepted for exchange as of the original expiration date may not be withdrawn.

To withdraw a tender of original notes in the exchange offer, a written or facsimile transmission notice of withdrawal must be received by the exchange agent at its address set forth in this prospectus prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date. Any such notice of withdrawal must:

- (a) specify the name of the depositor, who is the person having deposited the original notes to be withdrawn,
- (b) identify the original notes to be withdrawn, including the certificate number or numbers and principal amount of such original notes or, in the case of original notes transferred by book-entry transfer, the name and number of the account at The Depository Trust Company to be credited.
- (c) be signed by the depositor in the same manner as the original signature on the letter of transmittal by which such original notes were tendered, including any required signature guarantees, or be accompanied by documents of transfer sufficient to have the trustee with respect to the original notes register the transfer of such original notes into the name of the depositor withdrawing the tender and
- (d) specify the name in which any such original notes are to be registered, if different from that of the depositor. All questions as to the validity, form and eligibility, including time of receipt, of such withdrawal notices will be determined by us, and our determination shall be final and binding on all parties. Any original notes so withdrawn will be deemed not to have been validly tendered for purposes of the exchange offer and no new notes will be issued with respect to the original notes withdrawn unless the original notes so withdrawn are validly retendered. Any original notes which have been tendered but which are not accepted for exchange will be returned to its holder without cost to such holder as soon as practicable after withdrawal, rejection of tender or termination of the exchange offer. Properly withdrawn original notes may be retendered by following one of the procedures described above under "-- Procedures for Tendering" at any time prior to the expiration date.

# CONDITIONS

Notwithstanding any other term of the exchange offer, we will not be required to accept for exchange, or exchange, any new notes for any original notes, and may terminate or amend the exchange offer before the expiration date, if the exchange offer violates any applicable law or interpretation by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

If we determine in our reasonable discretion that the foregoing condition exists, we may

- (1) refuse to accept any original notes and return all tendered original notes to the tendering holders,
- (2) extend the exchange offer and retain all original notes tendered prior to the expiration of the exchange offer, subject, however, to the rights of holders who tendered such original notes to withdraw their tendered original notes, or
- (3) waive such condition, if permissible, with respect to the exchange offer and accept all properly tendered original notes which have not been withdrawn. If such waiver constitutes a

material change to the exchange offer, we will promptly disclose such waiver by means of a prospectus supplement that will be distributed to the holders, and we will extend the exchange offer as required by applicable law.

# EXCHANGE AGENT

The Bank of New York has been appointed as exchange agent for the exchange offer. Questions and requests for assistance and requests for additional copies of this prospectus or of the letter of transmittal should be directed to The Bank of New York addressed as follows:

For Information by Telephone: (312) 827-8546

The Bank of New York

By Overnight Courier or Registered/Certified Mail: The Bank of New York 101 Barclay Street New York, New York 10286 Attn: Reorg Unit-7E By Hand:
The Bank of New York
101 Barclay Street
New York, New York 10286
Corporate Trust Services Window
Ground Level
Attn: Reorg Unit-7E

By Facsimile Transmission: (212) 815-6339 (Telephone Confirmation) (212) 815-3750

The Bank of New York is an affiliate of the trustee under the indentures governing the notes.

# FEES AND EXPENSES

We have agreed to bear the expenses of the exchange offer pursuant to the exchange and registration rights agreements. We have not retained any dealer-manager in connection with the exchange offer and will not make any payments to brokers, dealers or others soliciting acceptances of the exchange offer. We, however, will pay the exchange agent reasonable and customary fees for its services and will reimburse it for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in connection with providing the services.

The cash expenses to be incurred in connection with the exchange offer will be paid by us. Such expenses include fees and expenses of The Bank of New York as exchange agent, accounting and legal fees and printing costs, among others.

# ACCOUNTING TREATMENT

The new notes will be recorded at the same carrying value as the original notes as reflected in our accounting records on the date of exchange. Accordingly, no gain or loss for accounting purposes will be recognized by us. The expenses of the exchange offer and the unamortized expenses related to the issuance of the original notes will be amortized over the term of the notes.

#### CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO EXCHANGE

Holders of original notes who are eligible to participate in the exchange offer but who do not tender their original notes will not have any further registration rights, and their original notes will continue to be subject to restrictions on transfer. Accordingly, such original notes may be resold only

- to us, upon redemption of these notes or otherwise,
- so long as the original notes are eligible for resale pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act, to a person inside the United States whom the seller reasonably believes is a qualified institutional buyer within the meaning of Rule 144A in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A,
- in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act, or under another exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, and based upon an opinion of counsel reasonably acceptable to us,
- outside the United States to a foreign person in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 904 under the Securities Act, or
- under an effective registration statement under the Securities Act,

in each case in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States.

# REGULATORY APPROVALS

We do not believe that the receipt of any material federal or state regulatory approval will be necessary in connection with the exchange offer, other than the effectiveness of the exchange offer registration statement under the Securities Act.

# OTHER

Participation in the exchange offer is voluntary and holders of original notes should carefully consider whether to accept the terms and condition of this exchange offer. Holders of the original notes are urged to consult their financial and tax advisors in making their own decisions on what action to take with respect to the exchange offer.

#### BUSINESS

# OVERVIEW

We are the fourth largest operator of cable television systems in the United States, serving approximately 6.3 million customers.

We offer a full range of traditional cable television services in all of our systems. Our service offerings include the following programming packages:

- basic programming;
- expanded basic programming;
- premium service; and
- pay-per-view television programming.

As part of our Wired World vision, we are also beginning to offer an array of new services including:

- digital television;
- interactive video programming; and
- high-speed Internet access; and
- television-based internet access.

We are also beginning to offer video-on-demand services and are exploring opportunities in telephony.

The new products and services described above will take advantage of the significant bandwidth of our cable systems. We are accelerating the upgrade of our cable systems to more quickly provide these products and services.

For the year ended December 31, 1999, pro forma for our merger with Marcus Holdings and the acquisitions completed since the beginning of 1999 our revenues would have been approximately \$3.0 billion. For the nine months ended September 30, 2000, pro forma for acquisitions closed since January 1, 2000, our revenues would have been approximately \$2.4 billion.

Mr. Allen, the principal owner of Charter Communications, Inc. and one of the computer industry's visionaries, has long believed in a Wired World in which cable technology will facilitate the convergence of television, computers and telecommunications. We believe cable's ability to deliver voice, video and data at high speeds will enable it to serve as the primary platform for the delivery of new services to the home and workplace.

# BUSINESS STRATEGY

Our objective is to increase our operating cash flow by increasing our customer base and the amount of cash flow per customer. To achieve this objective, we are pursuing the following strategies:

OFFER NEW PRODUCTS AND SERVICES. We offer an array of products and services to our customers implementing our Wired World vision. Using digital technology, we offer additional channels on our existing service tiers, create new service tiers, introduce multiple packages of premium services and increase the number of pay-per-view channels. We also offer digital music services and interactive program guides that are comprehensive guides to television program listings that can be accessed by network, time, date or programming genre. In addition, we offer advanced services, including interactive video programming and high-speed Internet access, and we are currently exploring

opportunities in telephony. We are party to agreements with several providers of high-speed Internet access and other interactive services, including High Speed Access Corp., EarthLink Network, Inc., Excite@Home Corporation, Convergence.com, WorldGate Communications, Inc. and Wink Communications, Inc. We have entered into the Digeo Broadband joint venture with Vulcan Ventures Inc. and InfoSpace, Inc. (successor by merger to Go2Net) to deliver high-speed Internet portal services to our customers.

UPGRADE THE BANDWIDTH CAPACITY OF OUR SYSTEMS. We plan to spend approximately \$1.9 billion in 2001 and 2002 to upgrade and rebuild our systems to bandwidth capacity of 550 megahertz or greater. Upgrading to at least 550 megahertz of bandwidth capacity will allow us to:

- offer advanced services, such as digital television, Internet access and other interactive services;
- increase channel capacity up to 82 analog channels, or even more programming channels if some of our bandwidth is used for digital services: and
- permit two-way communication which will give our customers the ability to send and receive signals over the cable system so that high-speed cable services, such as Internet access, will not require a separate telephone line and will enable our systems to provide telephony services.

As of September 30, 2000, approximately 60.1% of our customers were served by cable systems with at least 550 megahertz bandwidth capacity, and approximately 46.7% of our customers had two-way communication capability. By year-end 2003, we expect that approximately 97.3% of our customers will be served by cable systems with at least 550 megahertz bandwidth capacity, and approximately 91.5% of our customers will be served by cable systems with at least 750 megahertz bandwidth and two-way communication capability.

Our planned upgrades are designed to reduce the number of headends from 1,258 at September 30, 2000 to 457 at year-end 2003. Reducing the number of headends will reduce headend equipment and maintenance expenditures and, together with other upgrades, will provide enhanced picture quality and system reliability. In addition, by year-end 2003, we expect that approximately 89% of our customers will be served by headends serving at least 10,000 customers.

MAXIMIZE CUSTOMER SATISFACTION. To maximize customer satisfaction, we operate our business to provide reliable, high-quality products and services, superior customer service and attractive programming choices at reasonable rates. We have implemented stringent customer service standards which we believe meet or exceed those established by the National Cable Television Association, the Washington, D.C.-based trade association for the cable industry. We believe that our customer service efforts have contributed to our superior customer growth and will strengthen the Charter brand name and increase acceptance of our new products and services.

EMPLOY INNOVATIVE MARKETING. We have developed and successfully implemented a variety of innovative marketing techniques to attract new customers and increase revenue per customer. Our marketing efforts focus on tailoring Charter-branded entertainment and information services that provide value, choice, convenience and quality to our customers. We use demographic "cluster codes" to address messages to target audiences through direct mail and telemarketing. Cluster codes identify customers by marketing type such as young professionals, retirees or families. In addition, we promote our services on radio, in local newspapers and by door-to-door selling. In many of our systems, we offer discounts to customers who purchase multiple premium services such as Home Box Office or Showtime. We also have a coordinated strategy for retaining customers that includes televised retention advertising to reinforce the link between quality service and the Charter brand name and to encourage customers to purchase higher service levels. Successful implementation of these marketing

techniques has contributed to internal customer growth rates in excess of the cable industry average in each year from 1996 through 1999 for the systems we owned in each of those years.

INTEGRATE AND IMPROVE ACQUIRED CABLE SYSTEMS. We seek to rapidly integrate acquired cable systems and apply our core operating strategies to raise the financial and operating performance of these acquired systems. Our integration process occurs in three stages:

System Evaluation. We conduct an extensive evaluation of each system we acquire. This process begins prior to reaching an agreement to purchase the system and focuses on:

- the system's demographic profile of the market, the number of homes passed and the customers currently using the system;
- business plan;
- customer service standards;
- management capabilities; and
- technological capacity and compatibility.

We also evaluate opportunities to consolidate headends and billing and other administrative functions. Based upon this evaluation, we formulate plans for customer service centers, plant upgrades, market positioning, new product and service launches and human resource requirements.

Implementation of Our Core Operating Strategies. To achieve our high standards for customer satisfaction and financial and operating performance, we:

- attract and retain high quality local management;
- empower local managers with a high degree of day-to-day operational autonomy:
- set key financial and operating benchmarks for management to meet, such as revenue and cash flow per subscriber, subscriber growth, customer service and technical standards; and
- provide incentives to all employees through grants of cash bonuses and equity options.

Ongoing Support and Monitoring. We provide local managers with regional and corporate management guidance, marketing and other support for implementation of their business plans. We monitor performance of our acquired cable systems on a frequent basis to ensure that performance goals can be met.

The turn-around in our Fort Worth system, which our management team began to manage in October 1998, is an example of our success in integrating newly acquired cable systems into our operations. We introduced a customer care team that has worked closely with city governments to improve customer service and local government relations, and each of our customer service representatives attended a training program. We also conducted extensive training programs for our technical and engineering, dispatch, sales and support, and management personnel. We held a series of sales events and service demonstrations to increase customer awareness and enhance our community exposure and reputation. We reduced the new employee hiring process from two to three weeks to three to five days. As a result of these and other actions taken by the Charter management team, relations with local franchising authorities are greatly improved, customer service has been significantly enhanced, and the number of customers and operating cash flow have increased.

EMPHASIZE LOCAL MANAGEMENT AUTONOMY WHILE PROVIDING REGIONAL AND CORPORATE SUPPORT AND CENTRALIZED FINANCIAL CONTROLS. Our local cable systems are organized into twelve operating regions. A regional management team oversees multiple local system operations in each region. We believe that a strong management presence at the local system level:

- improves our customer service;

- increases our ability to respond to customer needs and programming preferences;
- reduces the need for a large centralized corporate staff;
- fosters good relations with local governmental authorities; and
- strengthens community relations.

Our regional management teams work closely with both local managers and senior management in our corporate office to develop budgets and coordinate marketing, programming, purchasing and engineering activities. Our centralized financial management enables us to set financial and operating benchmarks and monitor performance on an ongoing basis. In order to attract and retain high quality managers at the local and regional operating levels, we provide a high degree of operational autonomy and accountability along with cash and equity-based compensation. Under the 1999 Charter Communications Option Plan, directors, consultants and substantially all employees, including members of corporate management and key regional and system-level management personnel, receive options exercisable for Charter Communications Holding Company membership units that are automatically exchanged for shares of Charter Communications, Inc. Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis.

CONCENTRATE OUR SYSTEMS IN TIGHTER GEOGRAPHICAL CLUSTERS. To improve operating margins and increase operating efficiencies, we regularly seek to improve the geographic clustering of our cable systems by selectively swapping our cable systems for systems of other cable operators or acquiring systems in close proximity to our systems. We believe that by concentrating our systems in clusters, we will be able to generate higher growth in revenues and operating cash flow. Clustering enables us to consolidate headends and spread fixed costs over a larger subscriber base. We are negotiating with several other cable operators whose systems we consider to be potential acquisition candidates.

# CHARTER ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The following is a description of the entities in our organizational structure and how they relate to us. In our discussion of the following entities, we make the same assumption as on page 3 with respect to our organizational chart.

OWNERSHIP OF CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Mr. Allen owns approximately 3.8% of the outstanding capital stock of Charter Communications, Inc. and controls approximately 93.5% of the voting power of Charter Communications, Inc.'s capital stock. The remaining equity interests and voting power are held by the public. Mr. Allen's voting control arises from his ownership of Charter Communications, Inc.'s high vote Class B common stock, his Class A common stock and his ownership interests in Vulcan Cable III Inc. and Charter Investment, Inc., both of which own membership units in Charter Communications Holding Company that are exchangeable for shares of high vote Class B common stock of Charter Communications, Inc.

Charter Communications, Inc. is the issuer of the \$750.0 million aggregate principal amount of convertible senior notes issued in October and November  $2000\,$ 

VULCAN CABLE III INC. Mr. Allen owns 100% of the equity of Vulcan Cable III. Vulcan Cable III has a 18.6% equity interest and no voting rights in Charter Communications Holding Company. In August 1999, Mr. Allen, through Vulcan Cable III, contributed to Charter Communications Holding Company \$500 million in cash. In September 1999, he contributed an additional \$825.0 million to Charter Communications Holding Company through Vulcan Cable III, of which approximately \$644.3 million was in cash and approximately \$180.7 million was in the form of equity interests Vulcan Cable III acquired in connection with the Rifkin acquisition. Upon each of these contributions, Vulcan Cable III received Charter Communications Holding Company membership units at a price per membership unit of \$20.73. In addition, in November 1999, Mr. Allen, through Vulcan Cable III, made a \$750.0 million cash equity contribution to Charter

Communications Holding Company for which Vulcan Cable III received additional membership units at a price per membership unit of \$18.24.

CHARTER INVESTMENT, INC. Charter Investment, Inc. has a 38.0% equity interest and no voting rights in Charter Communications Holding Company. Mr. Allen owns approximately 96.8% of the outstanding stock of Charter Investment, Inc. The remaining 3.2% equity is beneficially owned by our founders, Jerald L. Kent, Howard L. Wood and Barry L. Babcock.

FORMER OWNERS OF BRESNAN. Under the terms of the Bresnan acquisition, some of the sellers received a portion of their purchase price in Charter Communications Holding Company common membership units rather than in cash. These common membership units are exchangeable for shares of Charter Communications, Inc. Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis. In addition, certain other sellers received a portion of the purchase price in preferred membership units in an indirect subsidiary of Charter Holdings. The preferred membership units are also exchangeable for shares of Charter Communications, Inc. Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis. If all of the Bresnan sellers exchanged their membership units in Charter Communications Holding Company or such indirect subsidiary, as applicable, these equity holders as a group would have a total 14.3% equity interest in Charter Communications, Inc.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDING COMPANY, LLC. Charter Communications Holding Company is our direct 100% parent. Charter Communications Holding Company is owned 40.8% by Charter Communications, Inc., 18.6% by Vulcan Cable III Inc., 38.0% by Charter Investment, Inc. and 2.6% by certain sellers in our Bresnan acquisition. Charter Communications, Inc. controls 100% of the voting power of Charter Communications Holding Company. All of the outstanding membership units in Charter Communications Holding Company held by Vulcan Cable III and Charter Investment are exchangeable for shares of Class B common stock of Charter Communications, Inc. on a one-for-one basis at any time which are in turn exchangeable for Class A common stock of Charter Communications, Inc. All of the outstanding membership units held by Bresnan sellers are exchangeable for shares of Class A common stock of Charter Communications, Inc. on a one-for-one basis at any time.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC. Charter Holdings is a co-issuer of the notes, \$3.575 billion aggregate principal amount of notes issued in March 1999 and \$1.532 billion aggregate principal amount of notes issued in January 2000. Charter Holdings owns 100% of Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation, the co-issuer of the notes and the March 1999 and January 2000 Charter Holdings notes. Charter Holdings also owns the various subsidiaries that conduct all of our cable operations, including the Charter, Falcon, Fanch, Avalon and Bresnan companies described below.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS CAPITAL CORPORATION. Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation is a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Holdings and a co-issuer of the notes and the Charter Holdings notes described in the preceding paragraph.

CHARTER COMPANIES. These companies are subsidiaries of Charter Holdings and own or operate all of the cable systems originally managed by Charter Investment, Inc., the cable systems obtained through the merger of Marcus Holdings with Charter Holdings and the cable systems we acquired in 1999 and 2000, other than the Falcon, Fanch, Avalon and Bresnan systems described below. Historical financial information is presented separately for these acquired entities. Charter Operating, a direct subsidiary of Charter Holdings, owns all of the Charter companies' operating subsidiaries and is the borrower under the Charter Operating credit facilities. The Charter companies also include the issuers of the outstanding publicly held notes of Renaissance.

FALCON COMPANIES. These companies are subsidiaries of Charter Holdings and own or operate all of the cable systems acquired in the Falcon acquisition and Falcon Cable Communications, which is the borrower under the Falcon credit facilities.

FANCH COMPANIES. These companies are subsidiaries of Charter Holdings and own or operate all of the cable systems acquired in the Fanch acquisition and CC VI Operating, LLC, which is the borrower under the Fanch credit facilities.

AVALON AND BRESNAN COMPANIES. These companies are subsidiaries of Charter Holdings and own or operate all of the cable systems acquired in the Avalon and Bresnan acquisitions, including CC VIII Operating, LLC, which is the borrower under the Bresnan credit facilities. CC V Holdings, LLC (formerly Avalon Cable LLC) and CC V Holdings Finance, Inc. (formerly Avalon Cable Finance Holdings, Inc.) are co-issuers of the outstanding publicly held Avalon notes. The Bresnan companies are subsidiaries of CC V Holdings.

### ACOUISITIONS

Our primary criterion in considering acquisition and swapping opportunities is the financial return that we expect to ultimately realize. We consider each acquisition in the context of our overall existing and planned operations, focusing particularly on the impact on our size and scope and the ability to reinforce our clustering strategy, either directly or through future swaps or acquisitions. Other specific factors we consider in acquiring a cable system

- the demographic profile of the market, the number of homes passed and the customers currently using the system;
- the per customer revenues, operating cash flow and opportunities to increase these financial benchmarks;
- the proximity to our existing cable systems or the potential for developing new clusters of systems;
- the technological state of such system; and
- the level of competition within the local market.

We believe that there are significant advantages in the increased size and scope of our operations, including:

- improved economies of scale in management, marketing, customer service, billing and other administrative functions;
- reduced costs for our cable plants and our infrastructure in general;
- increased leverage for negotiating programming contracts; and
- increased influence on the evolution of important new technologies affecting our business.

We believe that as a result of our acquisition strategy and our systems upgrade we are well positioned to have cable systems with economies of scale sufficient to allow us to execute our strategy to expand the array of products and services that we offer to our customers as we implement our Wired World vision. We will, however, continue to explore acquisitions and swaps of cable systems that would further complement our existing cable systems.

# ACQUISITIONS COMPLETED IN 1999

MERGER WITH MARCUS HOLDINGS. On April 23, 1998, Mr. Allen acquired approximately 99% of the non-voting economic interests in Marcus Cable Company, L.L.C., and agreed to acquire the remaining interests in Marcus Cable. The aggregate purchase price was approximately \$1.4 billion, excluding \$1.8 billion in assumed liabilities. On February 22, 1999, Marcus Holdings was formed, and all of Mr. Allen's interests in Marcus Cable were transferred to Marcus Holdings on March 15, 1999. On March 31, 1999, Mr. Allen completed the acquisition of all remaining interests of Marcus Cable.

On April 7, 1999, the holding company parent of the Marcus companies, Marcus Holdings, merged into Charter Holdings, which was the surviving entity of the merger. The subsidiaries of Marcus Holdings became subsidiaries of Charter Operating. In October 1998, during the period of obtaining the requisite regulatory approvals for the transaction, the Marcus systems came under common management with our subsidiaries, pursuant to the terms of a management agreement.

The cable systems we acquired in the merger with Marcus Holdings are located in Wisconsin, Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia, California, Alabama and Texas, have approximately 1,005,500 customers as of September 30, 2000 and are operated as part of our North Central, Southeast, Southern California, Gulf Coast and National regions. For the year ended December 31, 1999, the Marcus systems had revenues of approximately \$511.9 million. For the nine months ended September 30, 2000, the Marcus systems had revenues of approximately \$388.6 million.

RENAISSANCE. In April 1999, one of our subsidiaries purchased Renaissance Media Group LLC for approximately \$459 million, consisting of \$348 million in cash and \$111 million of assumed debt. Renaissance owns cable systems located in Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee, has approximately 135,100 customers as of September 30, 2000 and is operated as part of our Gulf Coast and Mid-South regions. For the year ended December 31, 1999, the Renaissance systems had revenues of approximately \$62.4 million. For the nine months ended September 30, 2000, the Renaissance systems had revenues of approximately \$50.8 million.

AMERICAN CABLE. In May 1999, one of our subsidiaries purchased American Cable Entertainment, LLC for approximately \$240 million. American Cable owns cable systems located in California serving approximately 68,700 customers as of September 30, 2000 and is operated as part of our Southern California region. For the year ended December 31, 1999, the American Cable systems had revenues of approximately \$37.2 million. For the nine months ended September 30, 2000, the American Cable systems had revenues of approximately \$31.0 million.

GREATER MEDIA SYSTEMS. In June 1999, one of our subsidiaries purchased certain cable systems of Greater Media Cablevision Inc. for approximately \$500 million. The Greater Media systems are located in Massachusetts, have approximately 176,800 customers as of September 30, 2000 and are operated as part of our Northeast Region. For the year ended December 31, 1999, the Greater Media systems had revenues of approximately \$85.9 million. For the nine months ended September 30, 2000, the Greater Media systems had revenues of approximately \$71.0 million.

HELICON. In July 1999, one of our subsidiaries acquired Helicon Partners I, L.P. and affiliates for approximately \$550 million, consisting of \$410 million in cash, \$115 million of assumed debt, and \$25 million in the form of preferred limited liability company interest of Charter-Helicon LLC, a direct wholly owned subsidiary. The Helicon systems are located in Alabama, Georgia, New Hampshire, North Carolina, West Virginia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Louisiana and Vermont, have approximately 173,200 customers as of September 30, 2000 and are operated as part of our Southeast, South-Atlantic, Mid-South, Northeast, Gulf Coast and Mid-Atlantic regions. For the year ended December 31, 1999, the Helicon systems had revenues of approximately \$85.2 million. For the nine months ended September 30, 2000, the Helicon systems had revenues of approximately \$66.8 million.

VISTA AND CABLE SATELLITE. One of our subsidiaries acquired Vista Broadband Communications, LLC in July 1999 and acquired a cable system of Cable Satellite of South Miami, Inc. in August 1999. These cable systems are located in Georgia and southern Florida and serve a total of approximately 34,700 customers as of September 30, 2000 and are operated as part of our South-Atlantic regions. The total purchase price for these acquisitions was approximately \$148 million in cash. For the year ended December 31, 1999, these systems had revenues of approximately \$19.0 million. For the nine months ended September 30, 2000, these systems had revenues of approximately \$14.1 million.

RIFKIN. In September 1999, one of our subsidiaries acquired Rifkin Acquisition Partners L.L.L.P. and InterLink Communications Partners, LLLP for a purchase price of approximately \$1.46 billion, consisting of \$1.2 billion in cash, \$133.3 million in equity in Charter Communications Holding Company and \$128.0 million in assumed debt. The Rifkin systems are located primarily in Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia, serving approximately 463,000 customers as of September 30, 2000 and are operated as part of our Central, South-Atlantic, Mid-South and Mid-Atlantic regions. For the year ended December 31, 1999, Rifkin had revenues of approximately \$219.9 million. For the nine months ended September 30, 2000, Rifkin had revenues of approximately \$175.5 million.

INTERMEDIA SYSTEMS. In October 1999, one of our subsidiaries purchased certain cable systems of InterMedia Capital Partners IV, L.P., InterMedia Partners and their affiliates in exchange for approximately \$873 million in cash and certain of our cable systems. The InterMedia systems serve approximately 415,300 customers as of September 30, 2000 in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee. As part of this transaction, we agreed to "swap" some of our non-strategic cable systems serving approximately 142,000 customers as of September 30, 2000 in Indiana, Montana, Utah and northern Kentucky.

At the closing, we retained a cable system located in Indiana serving approximately 30,000 customers for which we were unable to timely obtain the necessary regulatory approvals of the system transfer. Such approval was subsequently obtained and the Indiana system assets were transferred in March 2000. This transaction, including the transfer of the retained Indiana system, resulted in a net increase of 273,300 customers concentrated in our Southeast and Mid-South regions. For the year ended December 31, 1999, the InterMedia systems had revenues of approximately \$179.3 million (\$126.2 million, net of disposed systems). For the nine months ended September 30, 2000, the InterMedia systems had revenues of approximately \$169.9 million (\$166.5 million, net of disposed Indiana systems).

FANCH. In November 1999, Charter Communications Holding Company purchased the partnership interests of Fanch Cablevision of Indiana, L.P., specified assets of Cooney Cable Associates of Ohio, Limited Partnership, Fanch-JV2 Master Limited Partnership, Mark Twain Cablevision Limited Partnership, Fanch-Narragansett CSI Limited Partnership, North Texas Cablevision, Ltd., Post Cablevision of Texas, Limited Partnership and Spring Green Communications, L.P. and the stock of Tioga Cable Company, Inc., Cable Systems, Inc. and, indirectly, Hornell Television Service, Inc. for a total combined purchase price of approximately \$2.4 billion in cash.

Under the Fanch purchase agreement, immediately prior to the closing of the Fanch acquisition, certain assets of TWFanch-one Co. were distributed to Fanch Cablevision of Indiana and Hornell Television Service in exchange for all of their partnership interests in TWFanch-one. In addition, immediately prior to the closing of the Fanch acquisition, certain assets of TWFanch-two Co. were distributed to Fanch-JV2 Master and Cooney Cable in exchange for all of their partnership interests in TWFanch-two.

The cable systems acquired in this acquisition are primarily located in Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin, serve approximately 535,600 customers as of September 30, 2000 and are operated as part of our Central, North Central, Michigan, National, Mid-South, Gulf Coast and Mid-Atlantic regions. For the year ended December 31, 1999, these systems had revenues of approximately \$218.2 million. For the nine months ended September 30, 2000, these systems had revenues of approximately \$188.4 million.

FALCON. In November 1999, Charter Communications Holding Company purchased partnership interests in Falcon Communications, L.P. from Falcon Holding Group, L.P. and TCI Falcon Holdings, LLC, interests in a number of Falcon entities held by Falcon Cable Trust and Falcon Holding Group, Inc., specified interests in Enstar Communications Corporation and Enstar Finance

Company, LLC held by Falcon Holding Group, L.P., and specified interests in Adlink held by DHN Inc.

The purchase price for the acquisition was approximately \$3.5 billion, consisting of cash, \$550 million in common membership units in Charter Communications Holding Company issued to certain of the Falcon sellers and \$1.7 billion in assumed debt.

The Falcon cable systems are located in California and the Pacific Northwest, Missouri, North Carolina, Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Georgia, Texas and Utah, serve approximately 977,200 customers as of September 30, 2000 and are operated as part of our Central, Southern California, Northwest, Michigan, National, Southeast, South-Atlantic, Mid-South, Northeast, Gulf Coast and Mid-Atlantic regions. For the year ended December 31, 1999, these systems had revenues of approximately \$427.7 million. For the nine months ended September 30, 2000, these systems had revenues of approximately \$327.7 million.

AVALON. In November 1999, Charter Communications Holding Company purchased directly and indirectly all of the equity interests of Avalon Cable LLC from Avalon Cable Holdings LLC, Avalon Investors, L.L.C. and Avalon Cable of New England Holdings, Inc. for approximately \$832 million, consisting of \$558.2 million in cash and \$273.8 million in assumed notes.

The Avalon systems are located primarily in Michigan and New England, serve approximately 270,800 customers as of September 30, 2000 and are operated as part of our North Central, Michigan and Northeast regions. For the year ended December 31, 1999, Avalon had revenues of approximately \$108.3 million. For the nine months ended September 30, 2000, the Avalon systems had revenues of \$89.0 million.

# ACQUISITIONS COMPLETED IN 2000

BRESNAN. In February 2000, we purchased Bresnan Communications Company Limited Partnership for a total purchase price of approximately \$3.1 billion, consisting of approximately \$1.1 billion in cash, \$1.0 billion in membership units in Charter Communications Holding Company and an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications Holding Company and \$963.3 million in assumed debt.

The cable systems acquired in the Bresnan acquisition are primarily located in Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Nebraska, serve approximately 695,800 customers as of September 30, 2000 and are operated as part of our North Central, Michigan and National regions. For the year ended December 31, 1999, these systems and systems acquired by Bresnan have revenues of approximately \$290.7 million. For the nine months ended September 30, 2000, these systems had revenues of \$241.1 million.

INTERLAKE, CAPITAL CABLE AND FARMINGTON. In January 2000, one of our subsidiaries purchased a cable system of Interlake Cablevision Enterprises, LLC for \$13.0 million. In April 2000, one of our subsidiaries purchased a cable system of Falcon Capital Cable Partners, L.P. and another cable system of Farmington Cablevision Company for a total purchase price of \$75.0 million. The cable systems acquired in these transactions are primarily located in Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota and Missouri, serve approximately 35,000 customers and are operated as part of our North Central and Central regions. The aggregate purchase price for these acquisitions was approximately \$88.0 million and was paid in cash. For the year ended December 31, 1999, these systems had revenues of approximately \$15.3 million. For the nine months ended September 30, 2000, these systems had revenues of \$10.5 million.

KALAMAZOO. In September 2000, we completed a stock-for-stock merger with Cablevision of Michigan, Inc., the owner of a cable system in Kalamazoo, Michigan. In the merger, we acquired all of the outstanding stock of Cablevision of Michigan in exchange for 11,173,376 shares of our Class A common stock valued at approximately \$170.6 million. For financial reporting purposes, the

Kalamazoo acquisition was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. After the merger, Charter Communications, Inc. contributed 100% of the equity interests acquired to Charter Communications Holding Company in exchange for membership units. Charter Communications Holding Company in turn contributed these equity interests to Charter Holdings, which in turn contributed the equity interests to a subsidiary. The Kalamazoo system has approximately 50,700 customers and had revenues of approximately \$20.3 million for the year ended December 31, 1999. For the nine months ended September 30, 2000, the Kalamazoo system had revenues of \$15.6 million.

# PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

We offer our customers a full array of traditional cable television services and programming and we have begun to offer new and advanced high bandwidth services such as high-speed Internet access. We plan to continually enhance and upgrade these services, including adding new programming and other telecommunications services, and will continue to position cable television as an essential service.

TRADITIONAL CABLE TELEVISION SERVICES. As of September 30, 2000, approximately 84% of our customers subscribed to both "basic" and "expanded basic" service and generally receive a line-up of between 33 and 85 channels of television programming, depending on the bandwidth capacity of the system. Customers who pay additional amounts can also subscribe to additional channels, either individually or in packages of several channels, as add-ons to the basic channels. As of September 30, 2000, more than 30% of our customers subscribed to premium channels, with additional customers subscribing to other special add-on packages. We tailor both our basic channel line-up and our additional channel offerings to each system according to demographics, programming preferences, competition, price sensitivity and local regulation.

Our traditional cable television service offerings include the following:

- BASIC CABLE. All of our customers receive basic cable services, which generally consist of local broadcast television, local community programming, including governmental and public access, and limited satellite programming. For the year ended December 31, 1999, the average monthly fee was \$13.54 for our basic service. For the nine months ended September 30, 2000, the average monthly fee for basic services was \$13.47.
- EXPANDED BASIC CABLE. This expanded tier includes a group of satellite-delivered or non-broadcast channels, such as Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN), Cable News Network (CNN) and Lifetime Television, in addition to the basic channel line-up. For the year ended December 31, 1999, the average monthly fee was \$14.88 for our expanded basic service. For the nine months ended September 30, 2000, the average monthly fee for expanded tier services was \$17.61.
- PREMIUM CHANNELS. These channels provide unedited, commercial-free movies, sports and other special event entertainment programming. Home Box Office, Cinemax and Showtime are typical examples. We offer subscriptions to these channels either individually or in packages. For the year ended December 31, 1999, the average monthly fee was \$6.15 per premium subscription. For the nine months ended September 30, 2000, the average monthly fee was \$4.40 per premium subscription.
- PAY-PER-VIEW. These channels allow customers to pay to view a single showing of a recently released movie, a one-time special sporting event or music concert on an unedited, commercial-free basis. We currently charge a fee that ranges from \$2.95 to \$8.95 for movies. For special events, such as championship boxing matches, we have charged a fee of up to \$54.95.

We have employed a variety of targeted marketing techniques to attract new customers by focusing on delivering value, choice, convenience and quality. We employ direct mail and telemarketing, using demographic "cluster codes" to convey specific messages to target audiences. In many of our systems, we offer discounts to customers who purchase premium services on a limited trial basis in order to encourage a higher level of service subscription. We also have a coordinated strategy for retaining customers that includes televised retention advertising to reinforce the decision to subscribe and to encourage customers to purchase higher service levels.

NEW PRODUCTS AND SERVICES. A variety of emerging technologies and the rapid growth of Internet usage have presented us with substantial opportunities to provide new or expanded products and services to our customers and to expand our sources of revenue. The desire for such new technologies and the use of the Internet by businesses in particular have triggered a significant increase in our commercial market penetration. As a result, we are in the process of introducing a variety of new or expanded products and services, beyond the traditional offerings of analog television programming, for the benefit of both our residential and commercial customers. These new products and services include:

- digital television and its related enhancements;
- high-speed Internet access via cable modems installed in personal computers;
- WorldGate television-based Internet access, which allows customers to access the Internet through the use of our two-way capable cable plant without the need for a personal computer;
- interactive services, such as Wink, which adds interactivity and electronic commerce opportunities to traditional programming and advertising; and
- telephony and data transmission services, which are private network services interconnecting locations for a customer.

Cable's high bandwidth allows cable to be well positioned to deliver a multitude of channels and/or new and advanced products and services. We believe that this high bandwidth will be a key factor in the successful delivery of these products and services.

DIGITAL TELEVISION. As part of upgrading our systems, we are installing headend equipment capable of delivering digitally encoded cable transmissions to a two-way digital-capable set-top converter box in the customer's home. This digital connection offers significant advantages. For example, we can compress the digital signal to allow the transmission of up to twelve digital channels in the bandwidth normally used by one analog channel. This will allow us to increase both programming and service offerings, including video-on-demand for pay-per-view customers. We expect to increase the amount of these services purchased by our customers.

Digital service customers receive additional television programming, an interactive electronic programming guide, and up to 45 channels of digital music. We offer digital service to our customers in three different packages: Charter Digital Complete Basic(TM), Charter Digital Select(TM), and Charter Digital MVP(TM). All three packages include a digital set-top converter box, the interactive programming guide, digital music channels, pay-per-view channels, local broadcast channels, regular cable channels and digital basic channels. Customers who select the Charter Digital Select package also receive one premium channel of their choice with "multiplexes." Multiplexes give customers access to several different versions of the same premium channel that are varied as to time of broadcast or programming content theme. Customers who select the Charter Digital MVP package receive four premium channels with multiplexes: HBO, Showtime, Cinemax and The Movie Channel.

As part of our pricing strategy for digital services, we have established retail rates of \$34 to \$56 for the Charter Digital Complete Basic package, \$57 to \$69 for the Charter Digital Select package, and \$64 to \$76 for the Charter Digital MVP Package.

As of September 30, 2000, approximately 653,800 of our customers subscribed to the digital service offered in 222 markets. As of September 30, 2000, approximately 7.6 million of our homes passed were served by cable systems capable of delivering digital services. By year-end 2000, we anticipate that digital services will be available in approximately 8.3 million homes.

VIDEO-ON-DEMAND. We are beginning to offer video-on-demand (VOD) service to some of our customers. With VOD service, customers can access hundreds of movies and other programming at any time, with digital picture quality. VOD allows customers full VCR functionality, including the ability to pause, rewind and fast-forward programs. They can also stop a program and resume watching it several hours later during the rental period. VOD service requires the use of a digital set-top converter box and is offered as a standard feature of our digital service packages. Generally, customers pay for VOD on a per-selection basis.

We have signed an agreement to offer VOD to the Los Angeles and Atlanta areas and other future markets with DIVA Systems Corporation, a company providing interactive VOD products and services to the cable industry. DIVA will provide us with hardware, software, programming and operational support as part of this agreement. We have worked with DIVA for over a year on a VOD trial with more than 6,000 customers in our Gwinnett County, Georgia cable system. VOD has now been launched in this North Atlanta system, and every new digital customer there receives VOD service. During the fourth quarter of 2000, we made VOD service available to approximately 167,000 homes in Pasadena, California and an additional 275,000 homes in our greater Los Angeles franchise area. We plan on launching VOD service to additional markets in 2001.

- via cable modems attached to personal computers, either directly or through an outsourcing contract with an Internet service provider; and
- through television access, via a service such as WorldGate.

We also provide Internet access in some markets through traditional dial-up telephone modems, using a third party service provider.

The principal advantage of cable Internet connections is the high speed of data transfer over a cable system. We currently offer Internet access service to our residential customers over coaxial cable at speeds that can range up to approximately 50 times the speed of a conventional telephone modem. Furthermore, a two-way communication cable system using a hybrid fiber optic/coaxial structure can support the entire connection at cable modem speeds without the need for a separate telephone line. If the cable system only supports one-way signals from the headend to the customer, the customer must use a separate telephone line in order to send signals to the provider, although such customer still receives the benefit of high speed cable access when receiving information, which is the primary reason for using cable as an Internet connection. In addition to Internet access over our traditional coaxial system, we also provide our commercial customers fiber optic cable access.

In the past, cable Internet connections have provided customers with widely varying access speeds because each customer accessed the Internet by sending and receiving data through a node. Users connecting simultaneously through a single node share the bandwidth of that node, so that users' connection speeds may diminish as additional users connect through the same node. To induce users to switch to our Internet services, we guarantee our cable modem customers the minimum access speed selected from several speed options we offer. We also provide higher guaranteed access speeds for customers willing to pay an additional cost. In order to meet these guarantees, we are increasing the bandwidth of our systems and "splitting" nodes easily and cost-effectively to reduce the number of customers per node.

CABLE MODEM-BASED INTERNET ACCESS. We have deployed cable modem-based Internet access services in 119 markets including most of our significant operating clusters.

As of September 30, 2000, we provided Internet access service to approximately 184,600 residential customers. The following table indicates the projected availability of cable modem-based Internet access services in our systems, as of the dates indicated. Only a small percentage of our customers currently subscribe to these services.

# HOMES MADE AVAILABLE FOR

	ADVANCED DATA SERVICES		
	SEPTEMBER 30, 2000	DECEMBER 31, 2000	
HIGH-SPEED INTERNET ACCESS VIA CABLE MODEMS:			
High Speed Access Corp	1,777,200	2,500,000	
Excite@Home	1,150,900	1,270,000	
Earthlink/Charter Pipeline	955,500	1,000,000	
Convergence.com	175,300		
In-House/Other	521,100	560,000	
Total cable modems	4,580,000	5,330,000	
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Internet access via WorldGate	463,700	488,800	

We have agreements with High Speed Access to offer Internet access in some of our systems. High Speed Access also provides Internet access services to our customers under the Charter Pipeline brand name. Although the Internet access service is provided by High Speed Access, the Internet "domain name" of our customer's e-mail address and web site, if any, is "Charter.net," allowing the customer to switch or expand to our other Internet services without a change of e-mail address.

High Speed Access provides two different models of service to us. The network services agreement model is similar to our arrangements with EarthLink and Excite@Home described below. The full service model bears all capital, operating and marketing costs of providing the service, and seeks to build economies of scale in our smaller systems that we cannot efficiently build ourselves by simultaneously contracting to provide the same services to other small geographically contiguous systems. As of September 30, 2000, we have made cable modem-based Internet access available to approximately 1,777,200 of our homes passed, and approximately 48,400 customers signed up for the service. From October 1, 2000 through the end of 2000, we anticipate making available for service approximately 722,800 additional homes passed. See "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions -- Business Relationships."

We have a revenue sharing agreement with Excite@Home, under which Excite@Home provides Internet service to customers in our systems serving Fort Worth, University Park and Highland Park, Texas. The Excite@Home network provides high-speed, cable modem-based Internet access using our cable infrastructure. As of September 30, 2000, we have made Excite@Home available to approximately 1,150,900 of our homes passed and had approximately 47,000 customers who subscribed to this service.

We have an agreement with EarthLink Network, Inc., an independent Internet service provider, to provide service marketed and branded as Charter Pipeline(TM), which is a cable modem-based, high-speed Internet access service we offer. EarthLink and MindSpring Enterprises, Inc. merged in February 2000 creating the second-largest Internet service provider (ISP) in the United States. We currently charge a monthly usage fee of between \$24.95 and \$74.95. Our customers have the option to lease a cable modem for \$3.95 to \$15 a month or to purchase a modem for between \$200 and \$300. As of September 30, 2000, we made EarthLink Internet access available to approximately 955,500 homes passed and had approximately 25,000 customers who subscribed to this service.

We also have services agreements with Convergence.com under which Convergence.com provides Internet service to customers in systems acquired in the Rifkin acquisition. The Convergence.com network provides high-speed, cable modem-based Internet access using our cable infrastructure. As of September 30, 2000, we have made available Convergence.com service to approximately 175,300 homes passed and had approximately 8,500 customers. Both parties, Convergence.com and us, mutually agreed to terminate the existing agreements effective December 31, 2000 without financial compensation to be exchanged. Convergence.com's customers will be switched to High Speed Access' cable modem-based Internet access.

We actively market our cable modem service to businesses in each one of our systems where we have the capability to offer such service. Our marketing efforts are often door-to-door, and we have established a separate division whose function is to make businesses aware that this type of Internet access is available through us. We also provide several virtual local area networks for municipal and educational facilities in our Los Angeles cluster including California Institute of Technology located in Pasadena, the City of Pasadena and the City of West Covina.

TV-BASED INTERNET ACCESS. We have a non-exclusive agreement with WorldGate to provide its TV-based e-mail and Internet access to our cable customers. WorldGate's technology is only available to cable systems with two-way capability. WorldGate offers easy, low-cost Internet access to customers at connection speeds ranging up to 128 kilobits per second. For a monthly fee, we provide our customers with e-mail and Internet access that does not require the use of a PC, an existing or additional telephone line, or any additional equipment. Instead, the customer accesses the Internet through the set-top box, which the customer already has on his television set, and a wireless keyboard, that is provided with the service and which interfaces with the box. WorldGate works on advanced analog and digital converters and, therefore, can be installed utilizing advanced analog converters already deployed. In contrast, other converter-based, non-PC Internet access products require a digital platform and a digital converter prior to installation.

Customers who opt for television-based Internet access are generally first-time Internet users who prefer this more user-friendly interface. Although the WorldGate service bears the WorldGate brand name, the Internet domain name of the customers who use this service is "Charter.net." This allows customers to switch or expand to our other Internet services without a change of e-mail address

We first offered WorldGate to customers on the upgraded portion of our systems in St. Louis in April 1998. As of September 30, 2000, we provided WorldGate Internet service to approximately 10,100 customers in eight markets. In addition, we have launched this service in an additional market in the fourth quarter of 2000 and plan to introduce it in five additional markets in 2001.

INTERNET PORTAL SERVICES. On October 1, 1999, Charter Communications Holding Company, Vulcan Ventures, an entity controlled by Mr. Allen, and InfoSpace, Inc. (successor by merger to Go2Net, Inc.) entered into a joint venture to form Digeo Broadband, Inc. Digeo Broadband will provide access to the Internet through a "portal" to our customers on the digital service tier. A portal is an Internet web site that serves as a user's initial point of entry to the World Wide Web. By offering selected content, services and links to other web sites, a portal guides and directs users through the World Wide Web. In addition, the portal generates revenues from advertising on its own web pages and by sharing revenues generated by linked or featured web sites.

Revenue splits and other economic terms in this arrangement will be at least as favorable to us as terms between Digeo Broadband and any other parties. Charter Communications Holding Company has agreed to use Digeo Broadband's portal services exclusively for an initial six-year period that will begin when the portal services are launched, except that Charter Communications Holding Company's existing agreements with other Internet high-speed portal services and High Speed Access may run for their current term to the extent that such agreements do not allow for the carriage of content provided by Charter Communications Holding Company or Vulcan Ventures. The joint

venture is for an initial 25-year term, subject to successive five-year renewals by mutual consent. Vulcan Ventures will own 55.2%, Charter Communications Holding Company will own 24.9% and InfoSpace will own 19.9% of Digeo Broadband's equity interests and Vulcan Ventures will have voting control over the Digeo Broadband entity. Digeo Broadband's board of directors will consist of three directors designated by Vulcan Ventures and one by each of Charter Communications Holding Company and InfoSpace.

Each of Digeo Broadband's investors will be obligated to provide their pro rata share of funding for Digeo Broadband's operations and capital expenditures, except that Vulcan Ventures will fund our portion of Digeo Broadband's expenses for the first four years and will fund InfoSpace's portion of Digeo Broadband's expenses to the extent InfoSpace's portion exceeds budget for the first four years.

We believe that our participation in the Digeo Broadband joint venture will facilitate the delivery of a broad array of Internet products and services to our customers over the television through the use of an advanced digital set-top box or through the personal computer.

Our advanced technology team continues to work with Digeo Broadband to develop our portal service. We anticipate launching the service in St. Louis in the first half of 2001. We do not anticipate that our participation in the Digeo Broadband joint venture will have a material adverse impact on our financial condition or results of operations for the foreseeable future.

WINK-ENHANCED PROGRAMMING. We have formed a relationship with Wink, which sells technology to embed interactive features, such as additional information and statistics about a program or the option to order an advertised product, into programming and advertisements. A customer with a Wink-enabled set-top box and a Wink-enabled cable provider sees an icon flash on the screen when additional Wink features are available to enhance a program or advertisement. By pressing the select button on a standard remote control, a viewer of a Wink-enhanced program is able to access additional information regarding such program, including, for example, information on prior episodes or the program's characters. A viewer watching an advertisement would be able to access additional information regarding the advertised product and may also be able to utilize the two-way transmission features to order a product. We have bundled Wink's services with our traditional cable services in both our advanced analog and digital platforms. Wink's services are provided free of charge. A company controlled by Mr. Allen has a 4.0% equity interest in Wink.

Various programming networks, including CNN, NBC, ESPN, HBO, Showtime, Lifetime, VH1, the Weather Channel, and Nickelodeon, together currently produce over 1,000 hours of Wink-enhanced programming per week. Under certain revenue-sharing arrangements, we will modify our headend technology to allow Wink-enabled programming to be offered on our systems. We receive fees from Wink each time one of our customers uses Wink to request certain additional information or order an advertised product.

TELEPHONE SERVICES. We expect to be able to offer cable telephony services in the next twelve to eighteen months in selected markets using our systems' direct, two-way connections to homes and other buildings. We are exploring technologies using Internet protocol telephony, as well as traditional switching technologies that are currently available, to transmit digital voice signals over our systems. AT&T and other telephone companies have already begun to pursue strategic partnering and other programs which make it attractive for us to acquire and develop this alternative Internet protocol technology. For the last two years, we have sold telephony services as a competitive access provider in the state of Wisconsin through one of our subsidiaries and are currently looking to expand our services as a competitive access provider into other

JOINT VENTURE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL VIDEO RECORDER SET-TOP BOX. In September 2000, Charter Communications Ventures, LLC, a subsidiary of Charter Holdings, entered into a joint venture with General Instrument Corporation (doing business as the Broadband Communications

Sector of Motorola, Inc.), Replay TV, Inc. and Interval Research Corporation, an entity controlled by Mr. Allen, to develop and integrate digital video recording capabilities in advanced digital set-top boxes. The joint venture will focus on creating a set-top based digital video recording platform that will be designed for storing video, audio and Internet content.

JOINT VENTURE WITH RCN CORPORATION. On October 1, 1999, Charter Communications Holding Company and RCN Corporation, in which Vulcan Ventures, an entity controlled by Mr. Allen, owns a 28.0% equity interest, entered into a binding term sheet containing the principal terms of a non-exclusive joint venture to provide a broad range of telephony services to the customers in our Los Angeles franchise territory. RCN is engaged in the businesses of bundling residential voice, video and Internet access operations, cable operations and certain long distance telephony operations. RCN is developing advanced fiber optic networks to provide a wide range of telecommunications services, including long distance telephone, video programming and data services, such as high-speed Internet access.

Charter Communications Holding Company will provide access to our Los Angeles customer base and will provide the capital necessary to develop telephony capability in Los Angeles. In addition, Charter Communications Holding Company will provide the necessary personnel to oversee and manage the telephony services. RCN will provide the necessary personnel and support services to develop and implement telephony services to be provided by Charter Communications Holding Company. We will pay RCN's fees at rates consistent with industry market compensation. We will have all rights to the telephony business and assets and will receive all revenues derived from the telephony business unless the parties expand RCN's role by mutual agreement. We believe that our telephony joint venture, together with Mr. Allen's investment in RCN, may allow us to take advantage of RCN's telephony experience as we deliver telephone services to our customers, although we cannot assure you that we will realize anticipated advantages.

The term sheet contains only the principal terms of this joint venture and provides that the parties will enter into definitive agreements, which will contain, among other terms, details of the compensation to be received by RCN. To date, we have only had preliminary discussions with RCN regarding specific operational matters and have not determined a timetable for the commencement of services by the joint venture. We do not anticipate that this joint venture will have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations in the foreseeable future.

# OUR SYSTEMS

As of September 30, 2000, our cable systems consisted of approximately 184,100 route miles, including approximately 24,100 sheath miles of fiber optic cable, passing approximately 10.3 million households and serving approximately 6.3 million customers. Coaxial cable is a type of cable used for broadband data and cable systems. This type of cable has excellent broadband frequency characteristics, noise immunity and physical durability. The cable is connected from each node to individual homes or buildings. A node is a single connection to a cable system's main high-capacity fiber optic cable that is shared by a number of customers. A sheath mile is the actual length of cable in miles. Fiber optic cable is a communication medium that uses hair-thin glass fibers to transmit signals over long distances with minimum signal loss or distortion. As of September 30, 2000, approximately 60.1% of our customers were served by systems with at least 550 megahertz bandwidth capacity, approximately 46.7% had at least 750 megahertz bandwidth capacity and approximately 46.7% were served by systems capable of providing two-way interactive communication capability. Such two-way interactive communication capability includes two-way Internet connections, services provided by Wink and interactive program guides.

CORPORATE MANAGEMENT. Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company and Charter Investment, Inc. are parties to an amended and restated mutual services

agreement pursuant to which each entity provides rights and services to the others as may be reasonably requested in order to manage Charter Communications Holding Company and Charter Holdings and to manage and operate the cable systems owned by their subsidiaries. These rights and services are provided to Charter Communications, Inc., on a cost reimbursement basis. Management of Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Holding Company consists of approximately 350 people led by Charter Communications, Inc.'s Chief Executive Officer Jerald L. Kent. They are responsible for coordinating and overseeing our operations, including certain critical functions, such as marketing and engineering, that are conducted by personnel at the regional and local system level. The corporate office also performs certain financial control functions such as accounting, finance and acquisitions, payroll and benefit administration, internal audit, purchasing and programming contract administration on a centralized basis.

OPERATING REGIONS. To manage and operate our systems, we have established two divisions that contain a total of twelve operating regions. Each of the two divisions is managed by a Senior Vice President who reports to David G. Barford, Chief Operating Officer, and is responsible for overall supervision of the operating regions within the division. Mr. Barford reports directly to Mr. Kent. Each region is managed by a team consisting of a Senior Vice President or a Vice President, supported by operational, marketing and engineering personnel. Within each region, certain groups of cable systems are further organized into clusters. We believe that much of our success is attributable to our operating philosophy which emphasizes decentralized management, with decisions being made as close to the customer as possible.

The following table provides an overview of customer data for each of our operating regions as of the date indicated.

# CUSTOMER DATA AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2000

	CHARTER HOLDINGS	2000 ACQUISITIONS	TOTAL
	HOLDINGS	ACQUISTITUMS	TOTAL
WESTERN DIVISION			
Central	461,200	27,400	488,600
North Central	426,600	382,200	808,800
Southern California	638,300		638,300
Northwest	480,900		480,900
Michigan	312,000	309,900	621,900
National	390, 600	61,900	452,500
	2,709,600	781,400	3,491,000
EASTERN DIVISION			
Southeast	565,600		565,600
South-Atlantic	387,900		387,900
Mid-South	553,100		553, 100
Northeast	360,200		360,200
Gulf Coast	425,500		425,500
Mid-Atlantic	535,000		535,000
	2,827,300		2,827,300
Total	5,536,900	781,400	6,318,300
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The following discussion provides a description of our operating regions as of September 30, 2000.

CENTRAL REGION. The Central region consists of cable systems serving approximately 488,600 customers, of which approximately 245,000 customers reside in and around St. Louis County or in adjacent areas in Illinois. The remaining customers primarily reside in small to medium-sized communities in Missouri, Illinois and Indiana.

NORTH CENTRAL REGION. The North Central region consists of cable systems serving approximately 808,800 customers located throughout the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota. Approximately 580,000 and 229,000 customers reside in the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota, respectively. Within the state of Wisconsin, the two largest operating clusters are located in and around Madison, serving approximately 231,000 customers, and Fond du Lac, serving approximately 109,000 customers. Within the state of Minnesota, the two largest operating clusters are located in and around Rochester, serving approximately 149,000 customers, and St. Cloud, serving approximately 68,000 customers.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION. The Southern California region consists of cable systems serving approximately 638,300 customers located in California, with approximately 515,000 customers in the Los Angeles metropolitan area. These customers reside primarily in the communities of Pasadena, Alhambra, Glendale, Long Beach and Riverside. We also have approximately 123,000 customers in central California, principally located in the communities of San Luis Obispo and Turlock.

NORTHWEST REGION. The Northwest region was formed in connection with the Fanch and Falcon acquisitions. The Northwest region consists of cable systems serving approximately 480,900 customers in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California. The two largest operating clusters in the Northwest region are located in and around Kennewick, Washington, serving approximately 87,000 customers, and Medford, Oregon, serving approximately 74,000 customers.

MICHIGAN REGION. The Michigan region was formed in connection with the Fanch, Avalon, Falcon and Bresnan acquisitions. The Michigan region consists of cable systems serving approximately 621,900 customers. The largest operating cluster in the Michigan region is located in and around Bay City, Michigan, serving approximately 136,000 customers.

NATIONAL REGION. The National region consists of cable systems serving approximately 452,500 customers residing in small to medium-sized communities in Nebraska, Texas, New Mexico, North Dakota, Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Utah. Cable systems serving approximately 293,000 customers are located in Texas, of which approximately 194,000 are served by the Fort Worth, Texas operating cluster.

SOUTHEAST REGION. The Southeast region consists of cable systems serving approximately 565,600 customers residing primarily in small to medium-sized communities in North Carolina and South Carolina. There are significant clusters of cable systems in and around the cities and counties of Greenville/Spartanburg, South Carolina, serving approximately 328,000 customers, and Hickory, North Carolina, serving approximately 126,000 customers.

SOUTH-ATLANTIC REGION. The South-Atlantic region consists of cable systems serving approximately 387,900 customers residing primarily in small to medium-sized communities in Georgia and Florida. A significant cluster of cable systems is located in and around Atlanta, Georgia, serving approximately 211,000 customers.

MID-SOUTH REGION. The Mid-South region consists of cable systems serving approximately 553,100 customers in Tennessee, Kentucky and Georgia. The Mid-South region has a significant cluster of cable systems in and around Kingsport, Tennessee, serving approximately 125,000 customers.

NORTHEAST REGION. The Northeast region consists of cable systems serving approximately 360,200 customers residing in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Vermont. The Northeast region has a significant cluster of cable systems in and around Worcester, Massachusetts, and Willimantic, Connecticut, serving approximately 165,000 customers.

GULF COAST REGION. The Gulf Coast region was formed in connection with the Fanch and Falcon acquisitions. The Gulf Coast region consists of cable systems serving approximately 425,500 customers in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. Within Alabama, the two largest operating clusters are located in and around Birmingham, serving approximately 120,000 customers, and Montgomery, serving approximately 26,000 customers.

MID-ATLANTIC REGION. The Mid-Atlantic region consists of cable systems serving approximately 535,000 customers in Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and Maryland. The Mid-Atlantic region has significant clusters of cable systems in and around the cities of Charleston, West Virginia, serving approximately 198,000 customers, and Johnstown, Pennsylvania, serving approximately 78,000 customers.

PLANT AND TECHNOLOGY OVERVIEW. We have engaged in an aggressive program to upgrade our existing cable plant. For the period from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2002, we plan to spend approximately \$1.9 billion for capital expenditures to upgrade our systems to bandwidth capacity of 550 megahertz or greater, so that we may offer advanced services. We will spend additional capital on plant extensions, new services, purchases of converters and system maintenance.

The following table describes the current technological state of our systems and the anticipated progress of planned upgrades through 2003, based on the percentage of our customers who will have access to the bandwidths listed below and two-way capability.

	LESS THAN 550 MEGAHERTZ	550 MEGAHERTZ TO 660 MEGAHERTZ	750 MEGAHERTZ	870 MEGAHERTZ	TWO-WAY CAPABILITY
September 30, 2000	39.9%	13.4%	36.3%	10.4%	46.7%
December 31, 2000	31.8%	11.8%	40.3%	16.1%	56.4%
December 31, 2001	12.1%	7.8%	50.1%	30.0%	80.1%
December 31, 2002	1.5%	5.6%	57.0%	35.9%	92.9%
December 31, 2003	1.5%	5.6%	57.0%	35.9%	92.9%

We have adopted the hybrid fiber coaxial cable (HFC) architecture as the standard for our ongoing systems upgrades. HFC architecture combines the use of fiber optic cable, which can carry hundreds of video, data and voice channels over extended distances, with coaxial cable, which requires a more extensive signal amplification in order to obtain the desired transmission levels for delivering channels. In most systems, we deliver our signals via fiber optic cable to individual nodes serving a maximum of 500 homes or commercial buildings. Currently, our average node size is approximately 380 homes per node. Our HFC architecture consists of six strands of fiber to each node, with two strands activated and four strands reserved for future services. We believe that this network design provides high capacity and superior signal quality, and will enable us to provide the newest forms of telecommunications services to our customers. The primary advantages of HFC architecture over traditional coaxial cable networks include:

- increased channel capacity of cable systems;
- reduced number of amplifiers, which are devices to compensate for signal loss associated with coaxial cable, needed to deliver signals from the headend to the home, resulting in improved signal quality and reliability;

- reduced number of homes connected to an individual node, improving the capacity of the network to provide high-speed Internet access and reducing the number of households affected by disruptions in the network; and
- sufficient dedicated bandwidth for two-way services, which avoids reverse signal interference problems that can otherwise occur with two-way communication capability.

- additional channels and tiers;
- expanded pay-per-view options;
- high-speed Internet access;
- wide area networks, which permit a network of computers to be connected together beyond an area;
- point-to-point data services, which can switch data links from one point to another; and
- digital advertising insertion, which is the insertion of local, regional and national programming.

The upgrades will facilitate our new services in two primary ways:

- Greater bandwidth allows us to send more information through our systems. This provides us with the capacity to provide new services in addition to our current services. As a result, we will be able to roll out digital cable programming in addition to existing analog channels.
- Enhanced design configured for two-way communication with the customer allows us to provide cable Internet services without telephone support and other interactive services, such as an interactive program guide, impulse pay-per-view, video-on-demand and Wink, that cannot be offered without upgrading the bandwidth capacity of our systems.

This HFC architecture will also position us to offer cable telephony services in the future, using either Internet protocol technology or switch-based technology, another method of linking communications.

# CUSTOMER SERVICE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Providing a high level of service to our customers has been a central driver of our historical success. Our emphasis on system reliability, engineering support and superior customer satisfaction is key to our management philosophy. In support of our commitment to customer satisfaction, we operate a 24-hour customer service hotline for most systems and offer on-time installation and service guarantees. It is our policy that if an installer is late for a scheduled appointment the customer receives free installation, and if a service technician is late for a service call the customer receives a \$20 credit.

As of September 30, 2000, we maintained eighteen call centers located in our twelve regions, which are responsible for handling call volume for approximately 51% of our customers. They are staffed with dedicated personnel who provide service to our customers 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We believe operating regional call centers allows us to provide "localized" service, which also reduces overhead costs and improves customer service. We have invested significantly in both personnel and equipment to ensure that these call centers are professionally managed and employ state-of-the-art technology. As of September 30, 2000, we employed approximately 3,300 customer service representatives. Our customer service representatives receive extensive training to develop customer contact skills and product knowledge critical to successful sales and high rates of customer retention. As of September 30, 2000, we had approximately 5,900 technical employees who are

encouraged to enroll in courses and attend regularly scheduled on-site seminars conducted by equipment manufacturers to keep pace with the latest technological developments in the cable television industry. We utilize surveys, focus groups and other research tools as part of our efforts to determine and respond to customer needs. We believe that all of this improves the overall quality of our services and the reliability of our systems, resulting in fewer service calls from customers.

We are also committed to fostering strong community relations in the towns and cities our systems serve. We support many local charities and community causes in various ways, including marketing promotions to raise money and supplies for persons in need, and in-kind donations that include production services and free air-time on major cable networks. Recent charity affiliations include campaigns for "Toys for Tots," United Way, local theatre, children's museums, local food banks and volunteer fire and ambulance corps. We also participate in the "Cable in the Classroom" program, whereby cable television companies throughout the United States provide schools with free cable television service. In addition, we install and provide free basic cable service to public schools, government buildings and non-profit hospitals in many of the communities in which we operate. We also provide free cable modems and high-speed Internet access to schools and public libraries in our franchise areas. We place a special emphasis on education, and regularly award scholarships to employees who intend to pursue courses of study in the communications field.

# SALES AND MARKETING

PERSONNEL RESOURCES. We have a centralized team responsible for coordinating the marketing efforts of our individual systems. For most of our systems with over 30,000 customers we have a dedicated marketing manager, while smaller systems are handled regionally. We believe our success in marketing comes in large part from new and innovative ideas and from good interaction between our corporate office, which handles programs and administration, and our field offices, which implement the various programs. We are also continually monitoring the regulatory arena, customer perception, competition, pricing and product preferences to increase our responsiveness to our customer base. Our customer service representatives are given the incentive to use their daily contacts with customers as opportunities to market our new service offerings.

MARKETING STRATEGY. Our long-term marketing objective is to increase cash flow through deeper market penetration and growth in revenue per household. To achieve this objective and to position our service as an indispensable consumer service, we are pursuing the following strategies:

- increase the number of rooms per household with cable;
- introduce new cable products and services;
- design product offerings to enable greater opportunity for customer choices:
- utilize "tiered" packaging strategies to promote the sale of premium services and niche programming;
- offer our customers more value through discounted bundling of products;
- increase the number of residential consumers who use our digital set-top box, which enables them to obtain advanced digital services such as a greater number of television channels and interactive services;
- target households based on demographic data;
- develop specialized programs to attract former customers, households that have never subscribed and to convert unauthorized users of the service to paying customers; and
- employ Charter branding of products to promote customer awareness and loyalty.

We have innovative marketing programs which utilize market research on selected systems, compare the data to national research and tailor marketing programs for individual markets. We gather detailed customer information through our regional marketing representatives and use the Claritas geodemographic data program and consulting services to create unique packages of services and marketing programs. These marketing efforts and the follow-up analysis provide consumer information down to the city block or suburban subdivision level, which allows us to create very targeted marketing programs.

We seek to maximize our revenue per customer through the use of "tiered" packaging strategies to market premium services and to develop and promote niche programming services.

We regularly use targeted direct mail campaigns to sell these tiers and services to our existing customer base. We are developing an in-depth profile database that goes beyond existing and former customers to include all homes passed. This database information is expected to improve our targeted direct marketing efforts, bringing us closer toward our objective of increasing total customers as well as sales per customer for both new and existing customers. For example, using customer profile data currently available, we are able to identify customers who have children under a specified age and do not currently subscribe to The Disney Channel. We then target our marketing efforts with respect to The Disney Channel to those households. In 1998, we were chosen by Claritas Corporation, sponsor of a national marketing competition across all industries, as the first place winner in their media division, which includes cable systems operations, telecommunications and newspapers, for our national segmenting and targeted marketing program.

In 1998, we introduced a new package of premium services. Customers receive a substantial discount on bundled premium services of HBO, Showtime, Cinemax and The Movie Channel. We were able to negotiate favorable terms with premium networks, which allowed minimal impact on margins and provided substantial volume incentives to grow the premium category. The MVP package has increased our premium household penetration, premium revenue and cash flow. We are currently introducing this same premium strategy in the systems we have recently acquired.

We expect to continue to invest significant amounts of time, effort and financial resources in the marketing and promotion of new and existing services. To increase customer penetration and increase the level of services used by our customers, we use a coordinated array of marketing techniques, including door-to-door solicitation, telemarketing, media advertising and direct mail solicitation. We believe we have one of the cable industry's highest success rates in attracting and retaining customers who have never before subscribed to cable services. Historically, these "nevers" are the most difficult customers to attract and retain.

# PROGRAMMING

GENERAL. We believe that offering a wide variety of conveniently scheduled programming is an important factor influencing a customer's decision to subscribe to and retain our cable services. We devote considerable resources to obtaining access to a wide range of programming that we believe will appeal to both existing and potential basic and premium service customers. We rely on extensive market research, customer demographics and local programming preferences to determine channel offerings in each of our markets. We obtain basic and premium programming from a number of suppliers, usually pursuant to a written contract.

COSTS. Programming tends to be made available to us for a flat fee per customer. However, some channels are available without cost to us. In connection with the launch of a new channel, we may receive a distribution fee to support the channel launch.

Our programming contracts generally continue for a fixed period of time, usually from three to ten years, and are subject to negotiated renewal. Although longer contract terms are available, we prefer to limit contracts to three years so that we retain flexibility to change programming and

include new channels as they become available. Some program suppliers offer marketing support or volume discount pricing structures. Some of our programming agreements with premium service suppliers offer cost incentives under which premium service unit prices decline as certain premium service growth thresholds are met.

For home shopping channels, we receive a percentage of the amount spent in home shopping purchases by our customers on channels we carry. In 1998, cash receipts from such purchases totaled approximately \$220,000. In 1999, cash receipts totaled approximately \$5.0 million. For the nine months ended September 30, 2000, cash receipts totaled approximately \$6.4 million.

Our cable programming costs have increased in recent years and are expected to continue to increase due to factors including:

- system acquisitions;
- additional programming being provided to customers;
- increased cost to produce or purchase cable programming; and
- inflationary increases.

In every year we have operated, our costs to acquire programming have exceeded customary inflationary and cost-of-living type increases. Sports programming costs have increased significantly over the past several years. In addition, contracts to purchase sports programming sometimes contain built-in cost increases for programming added during the term of the contract which we may or may not have the option to add to our service offerings.

Under rate regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, cable operators may increase their rates to customers to cover increased costs for programming, subject to certain limitations. See "Regulation and Legislation." We believe we will, as a general matter, be able to pass increases in our programming costs to customers, although we cannot assure you that this will be possible.

## RATES

Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's rules, we have set rates for cable-related equipment, such as set-up boxes, remote control devices and installation services. These rates are based on actual costs plus an 11.25% rate of return. We have unbundled these charges from the charges for the provision of cable service.

Rates charged to our customers vary based on the market served and service selected, and are typically adjusted on an annual basis. As of September 30, 2000, the average monthly fee was \$13.47 for basic service and \$17.61 for expanded basic service tier. Regulation of the expanded basic service tier was eliminated by federal law as of March 31, 1999, and such rates are now based on market conditions. A one-time installation fee, which may be waived in part during certain promotional periods, is charged to new customers. We believe our rate practices are in accordance with Federal Communications Commission Guidelines and are consistent with those prevailing in the industry generally. See "Regulation and Legislation."

# THEFT PROTECTION

The unauthorized tapping of a cable plant and the unauthorized receipt of programming using cable converters purchased through unauthorized sources are problems which continue to challenge the entire cable industry. We have adopted specific measures to combat the unauthorized use of our plant to receive programming. For instance, in several of our regions, we have instituted a "perpetual audit" whereby each technician is required to check at least four other nearby residences during each service call to determine if there are any obvious signs of piracy, namely, a drop line leading from the main cable line into other homes. Addresses where the technician observes drop lines are then checked against our customer billing records. If the address is not found in the billing records, a sales

representative calls on the unauthorized user to correct the "billing discrepancy" and persuade the user to become a formal customer. In our experience, approximately 25% of unauthorized users who are solicited in this manner become customers. Billing records are then closely monitored to guard against these new customers reverting to their status as unauthorized users. Unauthorized users who do not convert are promptly disconnected and, in certain instances, flagrant violators are referred for prosecution. In addition, we have prosecuted individuals who have sold cable converters programmed to receive our signals without proper authorization.

## FRANCHISES

As of September 30, 2000, our systems operated pursuant to a total of approximately 4,600 franchises, permits and similar authorizations issued by local and state governmental authorities. Each franchise is awarded by a governmental authority and is usually not transferable unless the granting governmental authority consents. Most franchises are subject to termination proceedings in the event of a material breach. In addition, most franchises require us to pay the granting authority a franchise fee of up to 5.0% of gross revenues generated by cable services under the franchise, which is the maximum amount that may be charged under the Communications Act.

The terms of our franchises typically range from five to 30 years. Prior to the scheduled expiration of most franchises, we initiate renewal proceedings with the granting authorities. This process usually takes three years but can take a longer period of time and often involves substantial expense. The Communications Act provides for an orderly franchise renewal process in which granting authorities may not unreasonably withhold renewals. If a renewal is withheld and the granting authority takes over operation of the affected cable system or awards the cable franchise to another party, the granting authority must pay the existing cable operator the "fair market value" of the system. The Communications Act also established comprehensive renewal procedures requiring that an incumbent franchisee's renewal application be evaluated on its own merit and not as part of a comparative process with competing applications. In connection with the franchise renewal process, many governmental authorities require the cable operator to make certain commitments, such as technological upgrades to the system, which may require substantial capital expenditures. We cannot assure you that any particular franchise will be renewed or that it can be renewed on commercially favorable terms. Our failure to obtain renewals of our franchises, especially those in major metropolitan areas where we have the most customers, would have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

The following table summarizes our systems' franchises by year of expiration and approximate number of basic customers as of September 30, 2000:

YEAR OF FRANCHISE EXPIRATION	NUMBER OF FRANCHISES	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL FRANCHISES	TOTAL BASIC CUSTOMERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL CUSTOMERS
Prior to December 31, 2000	354	8%	415,600	6%
2001 to 2002	611	13%	1,018,300	16%
2003 to 2005	1,100	24%	1,419,000	22%
2006 or after	2,544	55%	3,605,800	56%
Total	4,609	100%	6,458,700	100%
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Under the 1996 Telecom Act, state and local authorities are prohibited from limiting, restricting or conditioning the provision of telecommunications services. They may, however, impose "competitively neutral" requirements and manage the public rights-of-way. Granting authorities may not require a cable operator to provide telecommunications services or facilities, other than institutional networks, as a condition of an initial franchise grant, a franchise renewal, or a franchise transfer. The

1996 Telecom Act also limits franchise fees to an operator's cable-related revenues and clarifies that they do not apply to revenues that a cable operator derives from providing new telecommunications services.

We believe our relations with the franchising authorities under which our systems are operated are generally good. Substantially all of the material franchises relating to our systems which are eligible for renewal have been renewed or extended at or prior to their stated expiration dates.

#### COMPETITION

We face competition in the areas of price, service offerings and service reliability. We compete with other providers of television signals and other sources of home entertainment. In addition, as we expand into additional services such as interactive services and telephony, we will face competition from other providers of each type of service. See "Risk Factors." We operate in a very competitive business environment which can adversely affect our business and operations.

To date, we believe that we have not lost a significant number of customers or a significant amount of revenue to our competitors' systems. However, competition from other providers of the technologies we expect to offer in the future may have a negative impact on our business in the future.

Through business developments such as the mergers of Tele-Communications, Inc. and AT&T and merger of America Online, Inc. (AOL) and Time Warner Inc., customers have come to expect a variety of services from a single provider. While these mergers have no direct or immediate impact on our business, they encourage providers of cable and telecommunications services to expand their service offerings. They also encourage consolidation in the cable industry as cable operators recognize the competitive benefits of a large customer base and expanded financial resources.

Key competitors today include:

BROADCAST TELEVISION. Cable television has long competed with broadcast television, which consists of television signals that the viewer is able to receive without charge using an "off-air" antenna. The extent of such competition is dependent upon the quality and quantity of broadcast signals available through "off-air" reception compared to the services provided by the local cable system. The recent licensing of digital spectrum by the Federal Communications Commission will provide incumbent television licenses with the ability to deliver high definition television pictures and multiple digital-quality program streams, as well as advanced digital services such as subscription video and data transmission.

DBS. Direct broadcast satellite, known as DBS, has emerged as significant competition to cable systems. The DBS industry has grown rapidly over the last several years, far exceeding the growth rate of the cable television industry, and now serves more than 14 million subscribers nationwide. DBS service allows the subscriber to receive video services directly via satellite using a relatively small dish antenna. Moreover, video compression technology allows DBS providers to offer more than 100 digital channels, thereby surpassing the typical analog cable system. DBS companies historically were prohibited from retransmitting popular local broadcast programming. However, a change to the copyright laws in November 1999 eliminated this legal impediment. As a result, DBS companies now need to secure retransmission consent from the popular broadcast stations they wish to carry, and they will face mandatory carriage obligations of less popular broadcast stations as of January 2002. In response to the legislation, DirecTV, Inc. and EchoStar Communications Corporation have begun carrying the major network stations in the nation's top television markets. DBS, however, is limited in the local programming it can provide because of the current capacity limitations of satellite technology. It is therefore, expected that DBS companies will offer local broadcast programming only in the larger U.S. markets in the foreseeable future. The DBS industry recently initiated a judicial

challenge to the 2002 requirement mandating carriage of less popular broadcast stations. This lawsuit alleges that the requirement (similar to the one applicable to cable systems) is unconstitutional. The same legislation providing for DBS carriage of local broadcast stations reduced the compulsory copyright fees paid by DBS companies and allows them to continue offering distant network signals to rural customers. EchoStar began providing high-speed Internet access in late 2000, and DirecTV, who has partnered with AOL, reports that it will begin providing its own version of high-speed Internet access shortly.

DSL. The deployment of digital subscriber line technology, known as DSL, allows Internet access to subscribers at data transmission speeds greater than those of modems over conventional telephone lines. DSL service, therefore is competitive with high-speed Internet access over cable systems. Several telephone companies and other companies offer DSL service. The Federal Communications Commission has a policy of encouraging the deployment of DSL and similar technologies, both by incumbent telephone companies and newer, competing telephone companies. The Federal Communication Commission's decisions and policies in this area are subject to change. We cannot predict the likelihood of success of the Internet access services offered by our competitors, or the impact on our business and operations of these competitive ventures.

TRADITIONAL OVERBUILDS. Cable television systems are operated under non-exclusive franchises granted by local authorities. More than one cable system may legally be built in the same area. It is possible that a franchising authority might grant a second franchise to another cable operator and that such a franchise might contain terms and conditions more favorable than those afforded us. In addition, entities willing to establish an open video system, under which they offer unaffiliated programmers non-discriminatory access to a portion of the system's cable system may be able to avoid local franchising requirements. Well financed businesses from outside the cable industry, such as public utilities that already possess fiber optic and other transmission lines in the areas they serve may over time become competitors. There has been a recent increase in the number of cities that have constructed their own cable systems, in a manner similar to city-provided utility services. There has been an increased interest in traditional overbuilds by private companies. Constructing a competing cable system is a capital intensive process which involves a high degree of risk. We believe that in order to be successful, a competitor's overbuild would need to be able to serve the homes and businesses in the overbuilt area on a more cost-effective basis than us. Any such overbuild operation would require either significant access to capital or access to facilities already in place that are capable of delivering cable television programming.

As of September 30, 2000, we are aware of overbuild situations in some of our cable systems. Approximately 149,900 basic customers, or approximately 2.4% of our total basic customers, are passed by these overbuilds. Additionally, we have been notified that franchises have been awarded, and present potential overbuild situations, in other of our systems. Approximately 249,400 or 3.9% of our total customers are located in areas with potential overbuilds. In response to such overbuilds, these systems have been designated priorities for the upgrade of cable plant and the launch of new and enhanced services. We have upgraded many of these systems to at least 750 megahertz two-way HFC architecture, and anticipate upgrading the other systems to at least 750 megahertz by December 31, 2001.

TELEPHONE COMPANIES AND UTILITIES. The competitive environment has been significantly affected by technological developments and regulatory changes enacted under The Telecommunications Act of 1996, which was designed to enhance competition in the cable television and local telephone markets. Federal cross-ownership restrictions historically limited entry by local telephone companies into the cable business. The 1996 Telecom Act modified this cross-ownership restriction, making it possible for local exchange carriers, who have considerable resources, to provide a wide variety of video services competitive with services offered by cable systems.

Several telephone companies have obtained or are seeking cable franchises from local governmental authorities and are constructing cable systems. Cross-subsidization by local exchange carriers of video and telephony services poses a strategic advantage over cable operators seeking to compete with local exchange carriers that provide video services. Some local exchange carriers may choose to make broadband services available under the open video regulatory framework of the Federal Communications Commission or through wireless technology. In addition, local exchange carriers provide facilities for the transmission and distribution of voice and data services, including Internet services, in competition with our existing or potential interactive services ventures and businesses, including Internet service, as well as data and other non-video services. We cannot predict the likelihood of success of the broadband services offered by our competitors or the impact on us of such competitive ventures. Although enthusiasm on the part of local exchange carriers appears to have waned in recent months, the entry of telephone companies as direct competitors in the video marketplace may become more widespread and could adversely affect the profitability and valuation of established cable systems.

As we expand our offerings to include Internet and other telecommunications services, we will be subject to competition from other telecommunications providers. The telecommunications industry is highly competitive and includes competitors with greater financial and personnel resources, who have brand name recognition and long-standing relationships with regulatory authorities. Moreover, mergers, joint ventures and alliances among franchise, wireless or private cable operators, local exchange carriers and others may result in providers capable of offering cable television, Internet, and telecommunications services in direct competition with us.

Additionally, we are subject to competition from utilities which possess fiber optic transmission lines capable of transmitting signals with minimal signal distortion.

PRIVATE CABLE. Additional competition is posed by satellite master antenna television systems known as "SMATV systems" serving multiple dwelling units, referred to in the cable industry as "MDU's", such as condominiums, apartment complexes, and private residential communities. These private cable systems may enter into exclusive agreements with such MDUs, which may preclude operators of franchise systems from serving residents of such private complexes. Such private cable systems can offer both improved reception of local television stations and many of the same satellite-delivered program services which are offered by cable systems. SMATV systems currently benefit from operating advantages not available to franchised cable systems, including fewer regulatory burdens and no requirement to service low density or economically depressed communities. Exemption from regulation may provide a competitive advantage to certain of our current and potential competitors. The Federal Communications Commission ruled in 1998 that private cable operators can lease video distribution capacity from local telephone companies and distribute cable programming services over public rights-of-way without obtaining a cable franchise. In 1999, both the Fifth and Seventh Circuit Courts of Appeals upheld this Federal Communications Commission policy.

WIRELESS DISTRIBUTION. Cable television systems also compete with wireless program distribution services such as multi-channel multipoint distribution systems or "wireless cable," known as MMDS. MMDS uses low-power microwave frequencies to transmit television programming over-the-air to paying customers. Wireless distribution services generally provide many of the programming services provided by cable systems, and digital compression technology is likely to increase significantly the channel capacity of their systems. Both analog and digital MMDS services require unobstructed "line of sight" transmission paths. Analog MMDS has impacted our customer growth in Riverside and Sacramento, California and Missoula, Montana. Digital MMDS is a more significant competitor, presenting potential challenges to us in Los Angeles, California and Atlanta, Georgia.

#### **PROPERTIES**

Our principal physical assets consist of a cable television distribution plant and equipment, including signal receiving, encoding and decoding devices, headend reception facilities, distribution systems and customer drop equipment for each of our cable television systems.

Our cable television plant and related equipment are generally attached to utility poles under pole rental agreements with local public utilities and telephone companies, and in certain locations are buried in underground ducts or trenches. We own or lease real property for signal reception sites and business offices in many of the communities served by our systems and for our principal executive offices. We own most of our service vehicles.

Our subsidiaries own the real property housing a regional data center in Town & Country, Missouri, as well as the regional office for the Northeast Region in Newtown, Connecticut and additional real estate located in Hickory, North Carolina; Hammond, Louisiana; and West Sacramento and San Luis Obispo, California. Our subsidiaries lease space for our regional data center located in Dallas, Texas and additional locations for business offices throughout our operating regions and generally own the towers on which our equipment is located. Our headend locations are generally located on owned or leased parcels of land, and we generally own the towers on which our equipment is located.

We believe that our properties are in good operating condition and are suitable for our business operations.

## **EMPLOYEES**

During 2000, pursuant to a mutual services agreement between Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Investment, Inc., Charter Investment leased the necessary personnel and provided services to Charter Communications, Inc. to manage Charter Communications Holding Company and its subsidiaries. Effective January 1, 2001, the mutual services agreement was amended to add Charter Communications Holding Company as a party and provide that both Charter Investment and Charter Communications Holding Company will provide services to Charter Communications, Inc. on a cost reimbursement basis. See "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions."

As of September 30, 2000, our subsidiaries had approximately 13,200 full-time equivalent employees of which approximately 310 were represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. We believe we have a good relationship with our employees and have never experienced a work stoppage.

## **INSURANCE**

We have insurance to cover risks incurred in the ordinary course of business, including general liability, property coverage, business interruption and workers' compensation insurance in amounts typical of similar operators in the cable industry and with reputable insurance providers. As is typical in the cable industry, we do not insure our underground plant. We believe our insurance coverage is adequate.

# LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are involved from time to time in routine legal matters incidental to our business. We believe that the resolution of such matters will not have a material adverse impact on our financial position or results of operations.

#### REGULATION AND LEGISLATION

The following summary addresses the key regulatory developments and legislation affecting the cable industry.

The operation of a cable system is extensively regulated by the Federal Communications Commission, some state governments and most local governments. The Federal Communications Commission has the authority to enforce its regulations through the imposition of substantial fines, the issuance of cease and desist orders and/or the imposition of other administrative sanctions, such as the revocation of Federal Communications Commission licenses needed to operate certain transmission facilities used in connection with cable operations. The 1996 Telecom Act has altered the regulatory structure governing the nation's communications providers. It removed barriers to competition in both the cable television market and the local telephone market. Among other things, it also reduced the scope of cable rate regulation and encourages additional competition in the video programming industry by allowing local telephone companies to provide video programming in their own telephone service areas.

The 1996 Telecom Act required the Federal Communications Commission to undertake a host of implementing rulemakings. Moreover, Congress and the Federal Communications Commission have frequently revisited the subject of cable regulation. Future legislative and regulatory changes could adversely affect our operations, and there have been calls in Congress and at the Federal Communications Commission to maintain or even tighten cable regulation in the absence of widespread effective competition.

CABLE RATE REGULATION. The 1992 Cable Act imposed an extensive rate regulation regime on the cable television industry, which limited the ability of cable companies to increase subscriber fees. Under that regime, all cable systems were subjected to rate regulation, unless they faced "effective competition" in their local franchise area. Federal law defines "effective competition" on a community-specific basis as requiring satisfaction of conditions rarely satisfied in the current marketplace.

Although the Federal Communications Commission established the underlying regulatory scheme, local government units, commonly referred to as local franchising authorities, are primarily responsible for administering the regulation of the lowest level of cable service--the basic service tier, which typically contains local broadcast stations and public, educational, and government access channels. Before a local franchising authority begins basic service rate regulation, it must certify to the Federal Communications Commission that it will follow applicable federal rules. Many local franchising authorities have voluntarily declined to exercise their authority to regulate basic service rates. Local franchising authorities also have primary responsibility for regulating cable equipment rates. Under federal law, charges for various types of cable equipment must be unbundled from each other and from monthly charges for programming services.

As of September 30, 2000, approximately 17% of our local franchising authorities were certified to regulate basic tier rates. The 1992 Cable Act permits communities to certify and regulate rates at any time, so that it is possible that additional localities served by the systems may choose to certify and regulate basic rates in the future.

The Federal Communications Commission historically administered rate regulation of cable programming service tiers, which are the expanded basic programming packages that offer services other than basic programming and which typically contain satellite-delivered programming. As of September 30, 2000, we had cable programming service tier rate complaints relating to approximately 411,000 customers pending at the Federal Communications Commission. Under the 1996 Telecom Act, however, the Federal Communications Commission's authority to regulate cable programming service tier rates sunset on March 31, 1999. The Federal Communications Commission has taken the

position that it will still adjudicate pending cable programming service tier complaints but will strictly limit its review, and possible refund orders, to the time period predating the sunset date. We do not believe any adjudications regarding these pre-sunset complaints will have a material adverse effect on our business. The elimination of cable programming service tier regulation affords us substantially greater pricing flexibility.

Under the rate regulations of the Federal Communication Commission, most cable systems were required to reduce their basic service tier and cable programming service tier rates in 1993 and 1994, and have since had their rate increases governed by a complicated price cap scheme that allows for the recovery of inflation and certain increased costs, as well as providing some incentive for expanding channel carriage. The Federal Communications Commission has modified its rate adjustment regulations to allow for annual rate increases and to minimize previous problems associated with regulatory lag. Operators also have the opportunity to bypass this "benchmark" regulatory scheme in favor of traditional "cost-of-service" regulation in cases where the latter methodology appears favorable. Cost of service regulation is a traditional form of rate regulation, under which a utility is allowed to recover its costs of providing the regulated service, plus a reasonable profit. The Federal Communications Commission and Congress have provided various forms of rate relief for smaller cable systems owned by smaller operators. Premium cable services offered on a per-channel or per-program basis remain unregulated. However, federal law requires that the basic service tier be offered to all cable subscribers and limits the ability of operators to require purchase of any cable programming service tier if a customer seeks to purchase premium services offered on a per-channel or per-program basis, subject to a technology exception which sunsets in 2002.

As noted above, Federal Communications Commission regulation of cable programming service tier rates for all systems, regardless of size, sunset pursuant to the 1996 Telecom Act on March 31, 1999. As a result, the regulatory regime just discussed is now essentially applicable only to the basic service tier and cable equipment. The 1996 Telecom Act also relaxes existing "uniform rate" requirements by specifying that uniform rate requirements do not apply where the operator faces "effective competition," and by exempting bulk discounts to multiple dwelling units, although complaints about predatory pricing still may be made to the Federal Communications Commission.

CABLE ENTRY INTO TELECOMMUNICATIONS. The 1996 Telecom Act creates a more favorable environment for us to provide telecommunications services beyond traditional video delivery. It provides that no state or local laws or regulations may prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting any entity from providing any interstate or intrastate telecommunications service. A cable operator is authorized under the 1996 Telecom Act to provide telecommunications services without obtaining a separate local franchise. States are authorized, however, to impose "competitively neutral" requirements regarding universal service, public safety and welfare, service quality, and consumer protection. State and local governments also retain their authority to manage the public rights-of-way and may require reasonable, competitively neutral compensation for management of the public rights-of-way when cable operators provide telecommunications service. The favorable pole attachment rates afforded cable operators under federal law can be gradually increased by utility companies owning the poles, beginning in 2001, if the operator provides telecommunications service, as well as cable service, over its plant. The Federal Communications Commission clarified that a cable operator's favorable pole rates are not endangered by the provision of Internet access, but a recent decision by the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals disagreed and suggested that Internet traffic is neither cable service nor telecommunications service and might leave cable attachments that carry Internet traffic ineligible for Pole Attachment Act protections. This decision could lead to substantial increases in pole attachment rates. The cable industry sought review by the United States Supreme Court, which is now reviewing the decision, and the Eleventh Circuit mandate has been stayed pending Supreme Court action.

Cable entry into telecommunications will be affected by the rulings and regulations implementing the 1996 Telecom Act, including the rules governing interconnection. A cable operator offering telecommunications generally needs efficient interconnection with other telephone companies to provide a viable service. A number of details designed to facilitate interconnection are subject to ongoing regulatory and judicial review, but the basic obligation of incumbent telephone companies to interconnect with competitors, such as cable companies offering telephone service, is well established. Even so, the economic viability of different interconnection arrangements can be greatly affected by regulatory changes. Consequently, we cannot predict whether reasonable interconnection terms will be available in any particular market we may choose to enter.

INTERNET SERVICE. Although there is at present no significant federal regulation of cable system delivery of Internet services, and the Federal Communications Commission has issued several reports finding no immediate need to impose such regulation, this situation may change as cable systems expand their broadband delivery of Internet services. In particular, proposals have been advanced at the Federal Communications Commission and Congress that would require cable operators to provide access to unaffiliated Internet service providers and online service providers. The Federal Communications Commission recently rejected a petition by certain Internet service providers attempting to use existing modes of access that are commercially leased to gain access to cable system delivery. Some states and local franchising authorities are considering the imposition of mandatory Internet access requirements as part of cable franchise renewals or transfers and a few local jurisdictions have adopted these requirements. The Federal Trade Commission and the Federal Communications Commission recently imposed certain "open-access" requirements on Time Warner and AOL in connection with their merger, but those requirements are not applicable to other cable operators.

In June 2000, the Federal Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit rejected an attempt by the City of Portland, Oregon to impose mandatory Internet access requirements on the local cable operator. In reversing a contrary ruling by the lower court, the Ninth Circuit court held that Internet service was not a cable service, and therefore could not be subject to local cable franchising. At the same time, the Court suggested that at least the transport component of broadband Internet service could be subject to regulation as a "telecommunications" service. Although regulation of this form of telecommunications service would presumably be reserved for the Federal Communications Commission (which has so far resisted requests for active regulation), some states may argue that they are entitled to impose "open-access" requirements pursuant to their authority over intrastate telecommunications. In addition, some local governments may argue that a cable operator must secure a local telecommunications franchise before providing Internet service.

In response to the Ninth Circuit decision, the Federal Communications Commission has initiated a new proceeding to categorize cable-delivered Internet service and perhaps establish an appropriate regulatory scheme. The Ninth Circuit decision is the leading case on cable-delivered Internet service at this point, but the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia reached a similar deregulatory result in a May 2000 ruling, albeit using a different legal analysis. It concluded that broadband Internet service was a cable service, but that multiple provisions of the Telecommunications Act preempted local regulation. A Federal district court in Florida recently addressed a similar "open-access" requirement in a local franchise and struck down the requirement as unconstitutional. There are other instances where "open-access" requirements have been imposed and judicial challenges are pending. If regulators are allowed to impose Internet access requirements on cable operators, it could burden the capacity of cable systems and complicate our own plans for providing Internet service.

TELEPHONE COMPANY ENTRY INTO CABLE TELEVISION. The 1996 Telecom Act allows telephone companies to compete directly with cable operators by repealing the historic telephone

company/cable cross-ownership ban. Local exchange carriers, including the regional telephone companies, can now compete with cable operators both inside and outside their telephone service areas with certain regulatory safeguards. Because of their resources, local exchange carriers could be formidable competitors to traditional cable operators. Various local exchange carriers already are providing video programming services within their telephone service areas through a variety of distribution methods, including both the deployment of broadband wire facilities and the use of wireless transmission.

Under the 1996 Telecom Act, local exchange carriers or any other cable competitor providing video programming to subscribers through broadband wire should be regulated as a traditional cable operator, subject to local franchising and federal regulatory requirements, unless the local exchange carrier or other cable competitor elects to deploy its broadband plant as an open video system. To qualify for favorable open video system status, the competitor must reserve two-thirds of the system's activated channels for unaffiliated entities. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed certain of the Federal Communications Commission's open video system rules, including its preemption of local franchising. The Federal Communications Commission subsequently revised its OVS rules to eliminate this general preemption, thereby leaving franchising discretion to state and local authorities. It is unclear what effect this ruling will have on the entities pursuing open video system operation.

Although local exchange carriers and cable operators can now expand their offerings across traditional service boundaries, the general prohibition remains on local exchange carrier buyouts of co-located cable systems. Co-located cable systems are cable systems serving an overlapping territory. Cable operator buyouts of co-located local exchange carrier systems, and joint ventures between cable operators and local exchange carriers in the same market are also prohibited. The 1996 Telecom Act provides a few limited exceptions to this buyout prohibition, including a carefully circumscribed "rural exemption." The 1996 Telecom Act also provides the Federal Communications Commission with the limited authority to grant waivers of the buyout prohibition.

ELECTRIC UTILITY ENTRY INTO TELECOMMUNICATIONS/CABLE TELEVISION. The 1996 Telecom Act provides that registered utility holding companies and subsidiaries may provide telecommunications services, including cable television, notwithstanding the Public Utility Holding Company Act. Electric utilities must establish separate subsidiaries, known as "exempt telecommunications companies" and must apply to the Federal Communications Commission for operating authority. Like telephone companies, electric utilities have substantial resources at their disposal, and could be formidable competitors to traditional cable systems. Several such utilities have been granted broad authority by the Federal Communications Commission to engage in activities which could include the provision of video programming.

ADDITIONAL OWNERSHIP RESTRICTIONS. The 1996 Telecom Act eliminates statutory restrictions on broadcast/cable cross-ownership, including broadcast network/cable restrictions, but leaves in place existing Federal Communications Commission regulations prohibiting local cross-ownership between co-located television stations and cable systems.

Pursuant to the 1992 Cable Act, the Federal Communications Commission adopted rules precluding a cable system from devoting more than 40% of its activated channel capacity to the carriage of affiliated national video program services. Also pursuant to the 1992 Cable Act, the Federal Communications Commission has adopted rules that preclude any cable operator from serving more than 30% of all U.S. domestic multichannel video subscribers, including cable and direct broadcast satellite subscribers. The D.C. District Court of Appeals upheld this statutory restriction, and the Federal Communications Commission has now ruled that AT&T must divest certain properties to come into compliance. The Federal Communications Commission's implementation of ownership restrictions is currently subject to judicial review.

MUST CARRY/RETRANSMISSION CONSENT. The 1992 Cable Act contains broadcast signal carriage requirements. Broadcast signal carriage is the transmission of broadcast television signals over a cable system to cable customers. These requirements, among other things, allow local commercial television broadcast stations to elect once every three years between "must carry" status or "retransmission consent" status. Less popular stations typically elect must carry, which is the broadcast signal carriage requirement that allows local commercial television broadcast stations to require a cable system to carry the station. More popular stations, such as those affiliated with a national network, typically elect retransmission consent which is the broadcast signal carriage requirement that allows local commercial television broadcast stations to negotiate for payments for granting permission to the cable operator to carry the stations. Must carry requests can dilute the appeal of a cable system's programming offerings because a cable system with limited channel capacity may be required to forego carriage of popular channels in favor of less popular broadcast stations electing must carry. Retransmission consent demands may require substantial payments or other concessions. Either option has a potentially adverse effect on our business. The burden associated with must carry may increase substantially if broadcasters proceed with planned conversion to digital transmission and the Federal Communications Commission determines that cable systems must carry all analog and digital broadcasts in their entirety. This burden would reduce capacity available for more popular video programming and new internet and telecommunications offerings. The Federal Communications Commission tentatively decided against imposition of dual digital and analog must carry in a January 2001 ruling. At the same time, however, it initiated further fact-gathering which ultimately could lead to a reconsideration of the tentative conclusion.

ACCESS CHANNELS. Local franchising authorities can include franchise provisions requiring cable operators to set aside certain channels for public, educational and governmental access programming. Federal law also requires cable systems to designate a portion of their channel capacity, up to 15% in some cases, for commercial leased access by unaffiliated third parties. The Federal Communications Commission has adopted rules regulating the terms, conditions and maximum rates a cable operator may charge for commercial leased access use. We believe that requests for commercial leased access carriages have been relatively limited. The Federal Communications Commission recently rejected a request that unaffiliated Internet service providers be found eligible for commercial leased access.

ACCESS TO PROGRAMMING. To spur the development of independent cable programmers and competition to incumbent cable operators, the 1992 Cable Act imposed restrictions on the dealings between cable operators and cable programmers. Of special significance from a competitive business posture, the 1992 Cable Act precludes video programmers affiliated with cable companies from favoring their cable operators over new competitors and requires such programmers to sell their programming to other multichannel video distributors. This provision limits the ability of vertically integrated cable programmers to offer exclusive programming arrangements to cable companies. This prohibition is scheduled to expire in October 2002, unless the Federal Communications Commission determines that an extension is necessary to protect competition and diversity. There also has been interest expressed in further restricting the marketing practices of cable programmers, including subjecting programmers who are not affiliated with cable operators to all of the existing program access requirements, and subjecting terrestrially delivered programming to the program access requirements. Terrestrially delivered programming is programming delivered other than by satellite. These changes should not have a dramatic impact on us, but would limit potential competitive advantages we now enjoy. Pursuant to the Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act, the Federal Communications Commission has adopted regulations governing retransmission consent negotiations between broadcasters and all multichannel video programming distributors, including cable and DBS.

INSIDE WIRING; SUBSCRIBER ACCESS. In an order issued in 1997, the Federal Communications Commission established rules that require an incumbent cable operator upon expiration of a multiple dwelling unit service contract to sell, abandon, or remove "home run" wiring that was installed by the

cable operator in a multiple dwelling unit building. These inside wiring rules are expected to assist building owners in their attempts to replace existing cable operators with new programming providers who are willing to pay the building owner a higher fee, where such a fee is permissible. The Federal Communications Commission has also proposed abrogating all exclusive multiple dwelling unit service agreements held by incumbent operators, but allowing such contracts when held by new entrants. In another proceeding, the Federal Communications Commission has preempted restrictions on the deployment of private antenna on rental property within the exclusive use of a tenant, such as balconies and patios. This Federal Communications Commission ruling may limit the extent to which we along with multiple dwelling unit owners may enforce certain aspects of multiple dwelling unit agreements which otherwise prohibit, for example, placement of digital broadcast satellite receiver antennae in multiple dwelling unit areas under the exclusive occupancy of a renter. These developments may make it even more difficult for us to provide service in multiple dwelling unit complexes.

OTHER REGULATIONS OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION. In addition to the Federal Communications Commission regulations noted above, there are other regulations of the Federal Communications Commission covering such areas as:

- equal employment opportunity,
- subscriber privacy,
- programming practices, including, among other things,
  - (1) syndicated program exclusivity, which is a Federal Communications Commission rule which requires a cable system to delete particular programming offered by a distant broadcast signal carried on the system which duplicates the programming for which a local broadcast station has secured exclusive distribution rights,
  - (2) network program nonduplication,
  - (3) local sports blackouts,
  - (4) indecent programming,
  - (5) lottery programming,
  - (6) political programming,
  - (7) sponsorship identification.
  - (8) children's programming advertisements, and
  - (9) closed captioning,
- registration of cable systems and facilities licensing,
- maintenance of various records and public inspection files,
- aeronautical frequency usage,
- lockbox availability,
- antenna structure notification,
- tower marking and lighting,
- consumer protection and customer service standards,
- technical standards,
- consumer electronics equipment compatibility, and

- emergency alert systems.

The Federal Communications Commission recently ruled that cable customers must be allowed to purchase cable converters from third parties and established a multi-year phase-in during which security functions, which would remain in the operator's exclusive control, would be unbundled from basic converter functions, which could then be satisfied by third party vendors. The first phase implementation date was July 1, 2000. Compliance was technically and operationally difficult in some locations, so we and several other cable operators filed a request at the Federal Communications Commission that the requirement be waived in those systems. The request resulted in a temporary deferral of the compliance deadline for those systems.

The Federal Communications Commission recently initiated an inquiry to determine whether the cable industry's future provision of interactive services should be subject to regulations ensuring equal access and competition among service vendors. The inquiry, which grew out of the Commission's review of the AOL-Time Warner merger, is in its earliest stages, but is yet another expression of regulatory concern regarding control over cable capacity.

COPYRIGHT. Cable television systems are subject to federal copyright licensing covering carriage of television and radio broadcast signals. In exchange for filing certain reports and contributing a percentage of their revenues to a federal copyright royalty pool, that varies depending on the size of the system, the number of distant broadcast television signals carried, and the location of the cable system, cable operators can obtain blanket permission to retransmit copyrighted material included in broadcast signals. The U.S. copyright office recently adopted an industry agreement providing for a modest increase in the copyright royalty rates. The possible modification or elimination of this compulsory copyright license is the subject of continuing legislative review and could adversely affect our ability to obtain desired broadcast programming. We cannot predict the outcome of this legislative activity. Copyright clearances for nonbroadcast programming services are arranged through private negotiations.

Cable operators distribute locally originated programming and advertising that use music controlled by the two principal major music performing rights organizations, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and Broadcast Music, Inc. The cable industry has had a long series of negotiations and adjudications with both organizations. A prior voluntarily negotiated agreement with Broadcast Music has now expired, and is subject to further proceedings. The governing rate court recently set retroactive and prospective cable industry rates for American Society of Composers music based on the previously negotiated Broadcast Music rate. Although we cannot predict the ultimate outcome of these industry proceedings or the amount of any license fees we may be required to pay for past and future use of association-controlled music, we do not believe such license fees will be significant to our business and operations.

STATE AND LOCAL REGULATION. Cable systems generally are operated pursuant to nonexclusive franchises granted by a municipality or other state or local government entity in order to cross public rights-of-way. Federal law now prohibits local franchising authorities from granting exclusive franchises or from unreasonably refusing to award additional franchises. Cable franchises generally are granted for fixed terms and in many cases include monetary penalties for non-compliance and may be terminable if the franchisee fails to comply with material provisions.

The specific terms and conditions of franchises vary materially between jurisdictions. Each franchise generally contains provisions governing cable operations, service rates, franchising fees, system construction and maintenance obligations, system channel capacity, design and technical performance, customer service standards, and indemnification protections. A number of states, including Connecticut, subject cable systems to the jurisdiction of centralized state governmental agencies, some of which impose regulation of a character similar to that of a public utility. Although

local franchising authorities have considerable discretion in establishing franchise terms, there are certain federal limitations. For example, local franchising authorities cannot insist on franchise fees exceeding 5% of the system's gross cable-related revenues, cannot dictate the particular technology used by the system, and cannot specify video programming other than identifying broad categories of programming. Certain states are considering the imposition of new broadly applied telecommunications taxes.

Federal law contains renewal procedures designed to protect incumbent franchisees against arbitrary denials of renewal. Even if a franchise is renewed, the local franchising authority may seek to impose new and more onerous requirements such as significant upgrades in facilities and service or increased franchise fees as a condition of renewal. Similarly, if a local franchising authority's consent is required for the purchase or sale of a cable system or franchise, such local franchising authority may attempt to impose more burdensome or onerous franchise requirements in connection with a request for consent. Historically, most franchises have been renewed for and consents granted to cable operators that have provided satisfactory services and have complied with the terms of their franchise.

Under the 1996 Telecom Act, states and local franchising authorities are prohibited from limiting, restricting, or conditioning the provision of competitive telecommunications services, except for certain "competitively neutral" requirements and as necessary to manage the public rights-of-way. This law should facilitate entry into competitive telecommunications services, although certain jurisdictions still may attempt to impose rigorous entry requirements. In addition, local franchising authorities may not require a cable operator to provide any telecommunications service or facilities, other than institutional networks under certain circumstances, as a condition of an initial franchise grant, a franchise renewal, or a franchise transfer. The 1996 Telecom Act also provides that franchising fees are limited to an operator's cable-related revenues and do not apply to revenues that a cable operator derives from providing new telecommunications services.

#### MANAGEMENT

## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Charter Holdings is a holding company with no operations. Charter Capital is a direct wholly owned finance subsidiary of Charter Holdings that exists solely for the purpose of serving as co-obligor of the notes and the March 1999 Charter Holdings notes and has no operations. Neither Charter Holdings nor Charter Capital has any employees. We and our direct and indirect subsidiaries are managed by Charter Communications, Inc. See "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions."

The persons listed below are directors of Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company, Charter Holdings or Charter Capital, as indicated. Each of the directors is elected annually.

DIRECTORS	AGE	POSITION
Paul G. Allen	48	Chairman of the Board of Directors of Charter Communications, Inc. and Director of Charter Communications Holding Company
Jerald L. Kent	44	Director of Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company, Charter Holdings and Charter Holdings Capital Corporation
Marc B. Nathanson	55	Director of Charter Communications, Inc.
Ronald L. Nelson	48	Director of Charter Communications, Inc.
Nancy B. Peretsman	46	Director of Charter Communications, Inc.
William D. Savoy	36	Director of Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company and Charter Holdings
Howard L. Wood	61	Director of Charter Communications, Inc.

The following sets forth certain biographical information with respect to the directors listed above.

PAUL G. ALLEN has been Chairman of the board of directors of Charter Communications, Inc. since July 1999, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Charter Investment since December 1998. Mr. Allen, a co-founder of Microsoft Corporation, is and has been a private investor for more than five years, with economic interests in over 140 companies, each contributing to a Wired World vision. These companies include Vulcan Ventures Inc., USA Networks, Inc., Dreamworks SKG, Vulcan Programming, Inc., and Vulcan Cable III Inc. He is a director of USA Networks, Inc. and various private corporations.

JERALD L. KENT has been the President, Chief Executive Officer and a director of Charter Communications, Inc. since July 1999 and of Charter Investment since April 1995. He previously held the position of Chief Financial Officer of Charter Investment. Prior to co-founding Charter Investment in 1993, Mr. Kent was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Cencom Cable Associates, Inc. Before that, he held other executive positions at Cencom. Earlier, he was with Arthur Andersen LLP, where he attained the position of tax manager. Mr. Kent is a member of the board of directors of High Speed Access Corp., Cable Television Laboratories, Inc., Com21 Inc. and C-SPAN. He is also a member of the executive committee and the board of directors of NCTA. Mr. Kent, a certified public accountant, received his undergraduate and M.B.A. degrees from Washington University.

MARC B. NATHANSON has been a director of Charter Communications, Inc. since January 2000. Mr. Nathanson is the Chairman of Mapleton Investments LLC, an investment vehicle formed in 1999. He also founded and served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Falcon Holding Group, Inc., a cable operator, and its predecessors since 1975. He served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Enstar Communications Corporation, a cable operator, from 1988 until November 1999. Prior to 1975, Mr. Nathanson held executive positions with Teleprompter Corporation, Warner Cable, and Cypress Communications Corporation. In 1999, he was appointed by the President of the United States, and currently serves as, Chairman of The Broadcasting Board of Governors.

RONALD L. NELSON has been a director of Charter Communications, Inc. since November 1999. Mr. Nelson is a founding member of Dream Works LLC, a multi-media entertainment company, where he has served in executive management since 1994. Prior to that time, during his 15 years at Paramount Communications Inc., he served in a variety of operating and executive positions and as a member of its board of directors. He currently serves as a member of the board of directors of Advanced Tissue Sciences, Inc. and Centre Pacific L.L.C. Mr. Nelson has a B.S. degree from the University of California at Berkeley and an M.B.A. degree from the University of California at Los Angeles.

NANCY B. PERETSMAN has been a director of Charter Communications, Inc. since November 1999. Ms. Peretsman has been a Managing Director and Executive Vice President of Allen & Company Incorporated, an investment bank unrelated to Mr. Allen, since 1995. From 1983 to 1995, she was an investment banker at Salomon Brothers Inc., where she was a Managing Director since 1990. She is a director of Priceline.com Incorporated and several privately held companies. She received a B.A. degree from Princeton University and an M.P.P.M. degree from Yale University.

WILLIAM D. SAVOY has been a director of Charter Communications, Inc. since July 1999 and a director of Charter Investment since December 1998. Since 1990, Mr. Savoy has been an officer and a director of many affiliates of Mr. Allen, including President and a director of Vulcan Ventures Inc., Vulcan Programming, Inc. and Vulcan Cable III Inc. Mr. Savoy also serves as a director of drugstore.com, inc., InfoSpace, Inc., High Speed Access Corp., Metricom, Inc., Peregrine Systems, Inc., RCN Corporation, Telescan, Inc., Ticketmaster Online--CitySearch, Inc., USA Networks, Inc., and Value America, Inc. Mr. Savoy holds a B.S. degree in computer science, accounting and finance from Atlantic Union College.

HOWARD L. WOOD has been a director of Charter Communications, Inc. since January 2000. Mr. Wood co-founded Charter Investment in 1993 and served in various executive capacities there until November 1999, when he became a consultant to Charter Communications, Inc. Prior to 1993, Mr. Wood was Chief Executive Officer of Cencom Cable Associates, Inc., where he also served in various other executive positions. Earlier he was Partner-in-Charge of the St. Louis Tax Division of Arthur Andersen LLP. He is a director of First State Community Bank, Gaylord Entertainment Company and Data Research, Inc. Mr. Wood, a certified public accountant, graduated from Washington University (St. Louis) School of Business.

COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

An Audit Committee was formed by the board of directors of Charter Communications, Inc. in November 1999 to review and oversee Charter Communications, Inc.'s internal accounting and auditing procedures, to review audit and examination results and procedures with independent accountants, to oversee reporting of financial information, to review related party transactions, and to make recommendations to the board as to the appointment of independent accountants. The Audit Committee consists of directors Nancy Peretsman, Ronald Nelson and Howard Wood.

An Executive Committee was formed by the board in November 1999, to act in place of the full board and to exercise all powers of the full board which may lawfully be delegated when the full board of directors is not in session. The Executive Committee consists of directors Paul Allen, Jerald Kent and William Savov.

A Compensation Committee was formed by the board in February 2000 for the purpose of reviewing and approving compensation and benefits programs, and approving compensation for senior management of Charter Communications, Inc. and its affiliates and subsidiaries. The members of the Compensation Committee are Paul Allen, Marc Nathanson, William Savoy and Howard Wood.

An Option Plan Committee was formed by the board in March 2000 for the purpose of administering the 1999 Charter Communications Option Plan. The members of the committee are Nancy Peretsman and Ronald Nelson.

## DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

The employee directors of Charter Communications, Inc. do not receive any additional compensation for serving as a director, nor are they paid any fees for attendance at any meeting of the board of directors. Each non-employee director of Charter Communications, Inc., other than Mr. Allen, has been issued 40,000 fully vested options in consideration for agreeing to join the board of directors and may receive additional compensation to be determined. Directors may also be reimbursed for the actual reasonable costs incurred in connection with attendance at board meetings.

Mr. Kent is a party to an employment agreement with Charter Communications, Inc. Mr. Nathanson is party to a letter agreement with Charter Communications, Inc. These agreements are summarized in this prospectus in the section entitled "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions."

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

The following persons are executive officers of each of Charter Communications, Inc. and the Issuers:

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS	AGE	POSITION
Jerald L. Kent	44 52	President and Chief Executive Officer Senior Vice President Communications
David G. Barford	42	Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Mary Pat Blake	45	Senior Vice PresidentMarketing and Programming
Eric A. Freesmeier	47	Senior Vice PresidentAdministration
Thomas R. Jokerst	51	Senior Vice PresidentAdvanced Technology Development
Kent D. Kalkwarf	41	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Ralph G. Kelly	43	Senior Vice PresidentTreasurer
David L. McCall	45	Senior Vice President of OperationsEastern Division
John C. Pietri	51	Senior Vice PresidentEngineering
Michael E. Riddle	41	Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer
Steven A. Schumm	48	Executive Vice President, Assistant to the President
Curtis S. Shaw	52	Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
Stephen E. Silva	41	Senior Vice PresidentCorporate Development and Technology
James (Trey) H. Smith, III	52	Senior Vice President of OperationsWestern Division

Information regarding our executive officers is set forth below.

Our executive officers, except for Mr. Andersen, Mr. Riddle and Mr. Smith, were appointed to their positions following our formation in February 1999, and became employees of Charter Communications, Inc. in November 1999. Prior to that time, they were employees of Charter Investment. All of our executive officers simultaneously serve in the same capacity with Charter Investment. The executive officers are elected by the board of directors annually following the annual meeting of shareholders, and each officer holds his or her office until his or her successor is elected and qualified or until his or her earlier resignation or removal.

JERALD L. KENT, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Charter Communications, Inc. Mr. Kent has held these positions with Charter Communications, Inc. since July 1999 and with Charter Investment since April 1995. He previously held the position of Chief Financial Officer of Charter Investment. Prior to co-founding Charter Investment in 1993, Mr. Kent was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Cencom Cable Associates, Inc. Before that, he held other executive positions at Cencom. Earlier he was with Arthur Andersen LLP, where he attained the position of tax manager. Mr. Kent is a member of the board of directors of High Speed Access Corp., Cable Television Laboratories, Inc., Com21 Inc. and C-SPAN. He is also a member of the executive committee and the board of directors of NCTA. Mr. Kent, a certified public accountant, received his undergraduate and M.B.A. degrees from Washington University (St. Louis).

DAVID C. ANDERSEN, Senior Vice President -- Communications. Prior to joining Charter Communications, Inc. in May 2000, Mr. Andersen served as Vice President of Communications for CNBC. Prior to CNBC, the worldwide cable and satellite business news network subsidiary of NBC. Before that, starting in 1982 when he established their public relations department, Mr. Andersen served in various management positions at Cox Communications, Inc., most recently as Vice President of Public Affairs. Mr. Andersen serves on the Board of KIDSNET, and is a former Chairman of the National Captioning Institute's Cable Advisory Board. He received a B.S. degree in Journalism from the University of Kansas.

DAVID G. BARFORD, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Barford was promoted to his current position in July 2000, previously serving as Senior Vice President of Operations -- Western Division. Prior to joining Charter Investment in 1995, Mr. Barford held various senior marketing and operating roles during nine years at Comcast Cable Communications, Inc. He received a B.A. degree from California State University, Fullerton, and an M.B.A. degree from National University.

MARY PAT BLAKE, Senior Vice President -- Marketing and Programming. Prior to joining Charter Investment in 1995, Ms. Blake was active in the emerging business sector and formed Blake Investments, Inc. in 1993. She has 18 years of experience with senior management responsibilities in marketing, sales, finance, systems, and general management. Ms. Blake received a B.S. degree from the University of Minnesota and an M.B.A. degree from the Harvard Business School.

ERIC A. FREESMEIER, Senior Vice President -- Administration. From 1986 until joining Charter Investment in 1998, Mr. Freesmeier served in various executive management positions at Edison Brothers Stores, Inc. Earlier he held management and executive positions at Montgomery Ward. Mr. Freesmeier holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa and a master's degree from Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management.

THOMAS R. JOKERST, Senior Vice President -- Advanced Technology Development. Mr. Jokerst joined Charter Investment in 1994. Previously he served as a vice president of Cable Television Laboratories and as a regional director of engineering for Continental Cablevision. He is a graduate of Ranken Technical Institute and of Southern Illinois University.

KENT D. KALKWARF, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Kalkwarf was promoted to the position of Executive Vice President in July 2000, previously serving as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Prior to joining Charter Investment in 1995, Mr. Kalkwarf was

employed for 13 years by Arthur Andersen LLP, where he attained the position of senior tax manager. He has extensive experience in cable, real estate, and international tax issues. Mr. Kalkwarf has a B.S. degree from Illinois Wesleyan University and is a certified public accountant.

RALPH G. KELLY, Senior Vice President --Treasurer. Prior to joining Charter Investment in 1993, Mr. Kelly was controller and then treasurer of Cencom Cable Associates. He left Charter in 1994, to become Chief Financial Officer of CableMaxx, Inc., and returned in 1996. Mr. Kelly received his bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Missouri -- Columbia and his M.B.A. degree from Saint Louis University.

DAVID L. MCCALL, Senior Vice President of Operations -- Eastern Division. Prior to joining Charter Investment in 1995, Mr. McCall was associated with Crown Cable and its predecessor, Cencom Cable Associates, Inc., from 1983 to 1994. Mr. McCall has served as a director of the South Carolina Cable Television Association for ten years and is a member of the Southern Cable Association's Tower Club.

JOHN C. PIETRI, Senior Vice President -- Engineering. Prior to joining Charter Investment in 1998, Mr. Pietri was with Marcus Cable for nine years, most recently serving as Senior Vice President and Chief Technical Officer. Earlier he was in operations with West Marc Communications and Minnesota Utility Contracting. Mr. Pietri attended the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

MICHAEL E. RIDDLE, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer. Prior to joining Charter Communications, Inc. in December 1999, Mr. Riddle was Director of Applied Technologies of Cox Communications for four years. Prior to that, he held technical and management positions during 17 years at Southwestern Bell and its subsidiaries. Mr. Riddle attended Fort Hays State University.

STEVEN A. SCHUMM, Executive Vice President, Assistant to the President. Prior to joining Charter Investment in 1998, Mr. Schumm was Managing Partner of the St. Louis office of Ernst & Young LLP, where he was a partner for 14 of 24 years. He served as one of 10 members of the firm's National Tax Committee. Mr. Schumm earned a B.S. degree from Saint Louis University.

CURTIS S. SHAW, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary. From 1988 until he joined Charter Investment in 1997, Mr. Shaw served as corporate counsel to NYNEX. He has over 26 years of experience as a corporate lawyer, specializing in mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, public offerings, financings, and federal securities and antitrust law. Mr. Shaw received a B.A. degree from Trinity College and a J.D. degree from Columbia University School of Law.

STEPHEN E. SILVA, Senior Vice President -- Corporate Development and Technology. From 1983 until joining Charter Investment in 1995, Mr. Silva served in various management positions at U.S. Computer Services, Inc. He is a member of the board of directors of High Speed Access Corp.

JAMES (TREY) H. SMITH, III, Senior Vice President of Operations -- Western Division. Mr. Smith was appointed to his current position in September 2000, previously serving as a Division President of AT&T Broadband. Before that, he was President and CEO of Rogers Cablesystems Ltd., Senior Vice President of the Western Region for MediaOne/Continental Cable and Executive Vice President of Operations of Times Mirror Cable TV, Inc. He received B.B.A. and M.B.A. degrees from Georgia State University and is a certified public accountant.

## COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION

Most executive officer compensation determinations have been made based upon the recommendations of Mr. Kent. Prior to November 1999, these determinations were made by the board of directors of Charter Investment, with option grant determinations being made in conjunction with the board of directors of Charter Communications Holding Company. During this period, the board of

Charter Investment included Messrs. Allen, Savoy and Kent, and the board of Charter Communications Holding Company included Messrs. Savoy and Kent. Commencing in November 1999, when Charter Communications, Inc. became the successor employer of the executive officers, the board of directors of Charter Communications, Inc. took over the role of the Charter Investment board in the decision-making process. In November 1999, the board of directors of Charter Communications, Inc. was comprised of Messrs. Allen, Savoy, Kent and Nelson, and Ms. Peretsman. Commencing in February 2000, when the Charter Communications, Inc. board of directors appointed a compensation committee comprised of Messrs. Allen, Savoy, Nathanson and Wood, executive officer compensation matters were delegated to the committee. No Charter Communications, Inc. executive officer currently serves on a compensation committee or any similar committee of any other public company.

## EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The following table sets forth information regarding the compensation paid to executive officers of Charter Communications, Inc., during the fiscal years ended December 31, 1999 and 1998, including the Chief Executive Officer, each of the other four most highly compensated executive officers as of December 31, 1999, and two other highly compensated executive officers who resigned during 1999. Through the beginning of November 1999, such executive officers had received their compensation from Charter Investment. Effective in November 1999, such officers began receiving their compensation from Charter Communications, Inc. Pursuant to a mutual services agreement between Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Investment, each of those entities leases the necessary personnel and provides services to each other, including the knowledge and expertise of their respective officers. See "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions."

COMPENSATION ANNUAL COMPENSATION AWARD -----SECURITIES YEAR OTHER **ENDED** UNDERLYING ALL OTHER ANNUAL BONUS(\$) COMPENSATION(\$) NAME AND PRINCIPAL POSITION OPTIONS(#) COMPENSATION(\$) DEC. 31 SALARY(\$) --------------------1,250,000 80,799(1) 1999 625,000 Jerald L. Kent..... 7,044,127 President and Chief Executive 641,353 1998 790,481 - -Officer Steven A. Schumm(2)..... 400,000 60,000 782,681 1999 - -- -12,307 235,000 12,300 Executive Vice President 1998 - -80,000 1999 - -200,000 225,000(4) 8,390,888(5) 1998 220,000 Operations--Western Division Curtis S. Shaw...... Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary 80,000 1999 200,000 200,000 8,178,967(5) 1998 190,000 80,000 - -John C. Pietri(6)...... 200,000 1999 70,000 - -165,000 Senior Vice President--1998 Engineering Barry L. Babcock(7)..... Former Vice Chairman 1999 623,000 65,000 385,093(8) 575,000 311,300 1998 925,000(9) - -- -Howard L. Wood(10)..... 1999 145,000 575,000(11) 675,000(12) Former Vice Chairman 1998

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- (1) Includes \$55,719 paid for club membership and dues and \$20,351 attributed to personal use of Charter Investment's airplane.
- (2) Mr. Schumm became affiliated with Charter Investment on December 16, 1998.
- (3) Mr. Barford was appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer in July 2000.
- (4) Includes \$150,000 received as a one-time bonus.
- (5) Received in March 1999, in connection with a one-time change of control payment under the terms of a previous equity appreciation rights plan. This payment was triggered by the acquisition of us by Mr. Allen on December 23, 1998, but was income for 1999.
- (6) Mr. Pietri became employed by Charter Investment on January 1, 1999.
- (7) Mr. Babcock resigned as an executive officer, terminated his employment and was a consultant to Charter Communications, Inc. from October 1999 through March 2000.
- (8) Includes a bonus of \$312,500 and accrued vacation of \$48,077 paid in connection with termination of Mr. Babcock's employment agreement, plus \$24,516 as consulting fees.
- (9) Includes \$500,000 earned as a one-time bonus upon signing of an employment agreement.
- (10) Mr. Wood resigned as an executive officer, terminated his employment and became a consultant in November 1999.
- (11) Includes a bonus of \$468,750 and accrued vacation of \$24,038 paid in connection with termination of Mr. Wood's employment agreement, plus \$8,166 in consulting fees.
- (12) Includes \$250,000 earned as a one-time bonus upon signing of an employment agreement.

#### 1999 AGGREGATED OPTION EXERCISES AND OPTION VALUE TABLE

The following table sets forth for certain executive officers information concerning options exercised from January 1, 1999, including the value realized upon exercise, the number of securities for which options were held at December 31, 1999, the value of unexercised "in-the-money" options (i.e., the positive spread between the exercise price of outstanding options and the market value of Charter Communications, Inc.'s Class A common stock on December 31, 1999), the options granted through December 31, 1999 and the value of unexercised options as of December 31, 1999.

	SECURITIES ACOUIRED VALUE		NUMBER OF SECURITIES UNDERLYING UNEXERCISED OPTIONS AT DECEMBER 31, 1999		VALUE OF UNEXERCISED IN-THE-MONEY OPTIONS AT DECEMBER 31, 1999(1)	
	ON EXERCISE	REALIZED	EXERCISABLE	UNEXERCISABLE	EXERCISABLE	UNEXERCISABLE
Jerald L. Kent			1,761,032	5,283,095	\$3,301,935	\$9,905,803
Steven A. Schumm				782,681		1,467,527
David G. Barford				200,000		375,000
Curtis S. Shaw				200,000		375,000
John C. Pietri				165,000		309, 375
Barry L. Babcock			65,000	·	121,875	·
Howard L. Wood			145,000		351,875	

<sup>(1)</sup> Based upon the last reported sale price on the Nasdaq National Market on December 31, 1999 of \$21.875.

## 1999 OPTION GRANTS

The following table shows individual grants of options made to certain named executive officers during 1999. All such grants were made under the 1999 Charter Communications Option Plan.

						REALIZABLE
					VALUE A	T ASSUMED
	NUMBER OF				ANNUAL I	RATES OF
	MEMBERSHIP	% OF TOTAL			MEMBERSHIP	UNIT PRICE
	UNITS	OPTIONS			APPRECIATION	N FOR OPTION
	UNDERLYING	GRANTED TO			TER	M(1)
	OPTIONS	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	EXERCISE	EXPIRATION		
NAME	GRANTED	IN 1999	PRICE	DATE	5%	10%
lorald L Kont						
Jerald L. Kent						
Steven A. Schumm	782,681	5.7%	\$20.00	2/8/09	\$9,844,478	\$24,947,839
David G. Barford	200,000	1.5%	20.00	2/8/09	2,515,579	6,374,970
Curtis S. Shaw	200,000	1.5%	20.00	2/8/09	2,515,579	6,374,970
John C. Pietri	165,000	1.2%	20.00	2/8/09	2,075,352	5,259,350
Barry L. Babcock	65,000	0.5%	20.00	2/8/09	817,563	2,071,865
Howard L. Wood	65,000	1.1%	20.00	2/8/09	817,563	2,071,865
	80,000		19.00	11/8/09	955, 920	2,422,488

<sup>(1)</sup> This column shows the hypothetical gains on the options granted based on assumed annual compound price appreciation of 5% and 10% over the full ten-year term of the options. The assumed rates of appreciation are mandated by the SEC and do not represent our estimate or projection of future prices.

## OPTION PLAN

The 1999 Charter Communications Option Plan was adopted in February 1999. This plan provides for the grant of options to purchase up to 25,009,798 membership units in Charter Communications Holding Company. Under the terms of the plan, each membership unit acquired as a result of the exercise of options will be exchanged automatically for shares of Class A common stock of Charter Communications, Inc. on a one-for-one basis. The plan provides for grants of options

to current and prospective employees and consultants of Charter Communications Holding Company and its affiliates and current and prospective non-employee directors of Charter Communications, Inc. The plan is intended to promote the long-term financial interest of Charter Communications Holding Company and its affiliates by encouraging eligible individuals to acquire an ownership position in Charter Communications Holding Company and its affiliates and providing incentives for performance. The options expire after ten years from the date of grant. Under the plan, the plan administrator has the discretion to accelerate the vesting of any options.

The following table shows options outstanding under the 1999 Charter Communications Option Plan as of December 31, 2000:

OUTSTANDING OPTIONS	EXERCISE PRICE	VESTED AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2000
8,000,127 323,703	\$20.00 20.73	3,172,373(1) 108,424(2)
, ,		240,000(3) (4)
1,343,400	15.03	(4) (5)
1,322,000	14.31	(6)
1,525,200	19.25	(7)
21,438,230 ======		3,520,797 ======
	8,000,127 323,703 3,982,600 4,941,200 1,343,400 1,322,000 1,525,200	8,000,127 \$20.00 323,703 20.73 3,982,600 19.00 4,941,200 19.47 1,343,400 15.03 1,322,000 14.31 1,525,200 19.25

- (1) On the 3rd day of each month, 1/45 of the remaining options vest.
- (2) One-fourth of the options granted on April 5, 1999 vested on July 5, 2000, the 15-month anniversary of April 5, 1999, with the remainder vesting 1/45 on each monthly anniversary for 45 months following July 5, 2000.
- (3) One-fourth of the options granted on November 8, 1999 will vest on February 8, 2001, the 15-month anniversary of November 8, 1999, with the remainder vesting 1/45 on each monthly anniversary for 45 months following February 8, 2001.
- (4) One-fourth of the options granted on February 15, 2000 will vest on May 15, 2001, the 15-month anniversary of February 15, 2000, with the remainder vesting 1/45 on each monthly anniversary for 45 months following May 15, 2001.
- (5) One-fourth of the options granted on May 1, 2000 vest on August 1, 2001, the 15-month anniversary of May 1, 2000, with the remainder vesting 1/45 on each monthly anniversary for 45 months following August 1, 2001.
- (6) One-fourth of the options granted on July 26, 2000 vest on October 26, 2001, the 15-month anniversary of July 26, 2000, with the remainder vesting 1/45 on each monthly anniversary for 45 months following October 26, 2000.
- (7) One-fourth of the options granted on October 24, 2000 vest on January 24, 2002, the 15-month anniversary of October 24, 2000, with the remainder vesting 1/45 on each monthly anniversary for 45 months following October 24, 2000.

Any unvested options issued under the plan vest immediately upon a change of control of Charter Communications Holding Company. Options will not vest upon a change of control, however, to the extent that any such acceleration of vesting would result in the disallowance of specified tax deductions that would otherwise be available to Charter Communications Holding Company or any of its affiliates or to the extent that any optionee would be liable for any excise tax under a specified section of the U.S. federal tax code. In the plan, a change of control includes:

- (1) a sale of more than 49.9% of the outstanding membership units in Charter Communications Holding Company, except where Mr. Allen and his affiliates retain effective voting control of Charter Communications Holding Company;
- (2) a merger or consolidation of Charter Communications Holding Company with or into any other corporation or entity, except where Mr. Allen and his affiliates retain effective voting control of Charter Communications Holding Company; or
- (3) any other transaction or event, including a sale of the assets of Charter Communications Holding Company, that results in Mr. Allen holding less than 50.1% of the voting power of

the surviving entity, except where Mr. Allen and his affiliates retain effective voting control of Charter Communications Holding Company.

If an optionee's employment with or service to Charter Communications Holding Company or its affiliates is terminated other than for cause, the optionee has the right to exercise any vested options within sixty days of the termination of employment. After this sixty-day period, all vested and unvested options held by the optionee are automatically canceled. If an optionee's employment or service is terminated for cause, any unexercised options are automatically canceled. In this case, Mr. Allen, or, at his option, Charter Communications Holding Company will have the right for ninety days after termination to purchase all membership units held by the optionee for a purchase price equal to the exercise price at which the optionee acquired the membership units, or the optionee's purchase price for the membership units if they were not acquired on the exercise of an option.

In the event of an optionee's death or disability, all vested options may be exercised until the earlier of their expiration and one year after the date of the optionee's death or disability. Any options not so exercised will automatically be canceled. Upon termination for any other reason, all unvested options will immediately be canceled and the optionee will not be entitled to any payment. All vested options will be automatically canceled if not exercised within ninety days after termination.

LIMITATION OF DIRECTORS' LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION MATTERS. Charter Communications, Inc.'s restated certificate of incorporation limits the liability of directors to the maximum extent permitted by Delaware law. The Delaware General Corporation Law provides that a corporation may eliminate or limit the personal liability of a director for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability for:

- (1) any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation and its shareholders;
- (2) acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- (3) unlawful payments of dividends or unlawful stock purchases or redemptions; or
- (4) any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

Charter Communications, Inc.'s bylaws provide that we will indemnify all persons whom we may indemnify pursuant thereto to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling Charter Communications, Inc. pursuant to the foregoing provisions, we have been informed that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

#### PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS

Charter Holdings is a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Communications Holding Company. Charter Communications, Inc. holds an approximate 40.8% economic interest and 100% of the voting interest in Charter Communications Holding Company. Charter Investment, Inc. and Vulcan Cable III hold approximately a 38.0% and 18.6% economic interest, respectively, in Charter Communications Holding Company.

The following table sets forth certain information regarding beneficial ownership of Charter Communications, Inc. common stock and Charter Communications Holding Company common membership units as of December 31, 2000 by:

- the directors of Charter Communications, Inc.;
- each of the executive officers of Charter Communications, Inc. named in the summary compensation table;
- all current directors and executive officers as a group; and
- each person known by us to own beneficially 5% or more of the outstanding shares of Charter Communications, Inc. common stock and shares of common stock issuable upon exchange of Charter Communications Holding Company membership units that are issuable upon exercise of options that are vested or will vest within 60 days or upon exchange of membership units held in a subsidiary of Charter Holdings.

With respect to the percentage of voting power of Charter Communications, Inc. set forth in the following table:

- each holder of Class A common stock is entitled to one vote per share; and

each holder of Class B common stock is entitled to a number of votes based on the number of outstanding Class B common stock and outstanding membership units exchangeable for Class B common stock. For example, Mr. Allen is entitled to ten votes for each share of Class B common stock held by him or his affiliates and ten votes for each membership unit held by him or his affiliates.

	NUMBER OF		
NAME AND ADDRESS OF	CLASS A SHARES BENEFICIALLY	PERCENTAGE OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY	PERCENTAGE OF
BENEFICIAL OWNER	OWNED(1)	OWNED(2)	VOTING POWER(3)
Paul G. Allen(4)(5)(7)	333,225,717	59.7%	93.5%
Charter Investment, Inc.(6)	217,585,246	48.2%	*
Vulcan Cable III Inc.(4)(7)	106,715,233	31.3%	*
Jerald L. Kent(8)	3,984,321	1.7%	*
Howard L. Wood(9)	145,000	*	*
Marc B. Nathanson(10)	9,829,806	4.2%	*
Ronald L. Nelson(11)	57,500	*	*
Nancy B. Peretsman(12)	50,000	*	*
William D. Savoy(13)	710,262	*	*
Steven A. Schumm(14)	329,816	*	*
David G. Barford(15)	85,833	*	*
Curtis S. Shaw(15)	88,333	*	*
John C. Pietri(16)	73,750	*	*
Barry L. Babcock(17)	65,000	*	*
All current directors and executive			
officers as a group (21			
persons)(18)	348,583,200	61.9%	94.0%
Janus Capital Corporation(19)	15,958,030	6.8%	*
TCID of Michigan, Inc.(20)	15,117,743	6.1%	*

- \* Less than 1%.
- (1) Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with Rule 13d-3. The named holders of Charter Communications, Inc. Class B common stock and of Charter Communications Holding Company membership units are deemed to be beneficial owners of an equal number of shares of Charter Communications, Inc. Class A common stock because such holdings are either convertible for (in the case of Class B shares) or exchangeable into (in the case of the membership units) shares of Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis. Unless otherwise noted, the named holders have sole investment and voting power with respect to the shares listed as beneficially owned.
- (2) The calculation of this percentage assumes for each person that: the 50,000 shares of Class B common stock held by Mr. Allen have been converted into shares of Class A common stock; all shares of Class A common stock that such person has the right to acquire upon exchange of Charter Communications Holding Company membership units upon exercise of options that have vested or will vest within 60 days have been acquired; and that none of the other listed persons or entities has received any shares of common stock that are issuable to him or her pursuant to the exercise of options or otherwise.
- (3) The calculation of this percentage assumes that Mr. Allen's equity interests are retained in the form that maximizes voting power (i.e., the 50,000 shares of Class B common stock held by Mr. Allen have not been converted into shares of Class A common stock; that the membership units of Charter Communications Holding Company owned by Vulcan Cable III have not been exchanged for shares of Class A common stock; and that the membership units of Charter Communications Holding Company owned by Charter Investment have not been exchanged for shares of Class A common stock).
- (4) The address of these persons is 110 110th Street, NE, Suite 550, Bellevue, WA 98004.
- (5) The total listed is comprised of 217,585,246 membership units held by Charter Investment, Inc.; 106,715,233 membership units held by Vulcan Cable III; 8,875,238 shares of Class A common stock held directly by Mr. Allen; and 50,000 shares of Class B common stock held directly by Mr. Allen (100% of the Class B common stock issued and outstanding).
- (6) The address of this person is Charter Communications, Inc., 12444 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 100, St. Louis, MO 63131.
- (7) Of the total number of membership units in Charter Communications Holding Company held by Vulcan Cable III, 670,262 membership units are subject to options granted by Vulcan Cable III to Mr. Savoy that have vested or will vest within 60 days.
- (8) The total listed is comprised of 3,962,321 shares of Class A common stock issuable upon the exchange of membership units that are issuable upon the exercise of options that have vested or will vest within 60 days, and 22,000 shares of Class A common stock held directly by Mr. Kent.
- (9) Represents 145,000 shares of Class A common stock issuable upon exchange of membership units that are issuable upon exercise of options that have vested.
- (10) The total listed includes 40,000 shares of Class A common stock issuable upon exchange of membership units that are issuable upon exercise of options that have vested. Also includes 9,789,806 shares of Class A common stock as follows: 3,951,636 shares for which Mr. Nathanson has sole investment and voting power, 5,444,861 shares for which he has shared voting and investment power; and 393,309 shares for which he has sole investment power and shared voting power. The address of this person is c/o Falcon Holding Group, Inc. and Affiliates, 10900 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90024.
- (11) The total listed includes 40,000 shares of Class A common stock issuable upon the exchange of membership units that are issuable upon exercise of options that have vested, and 2,500 shares held as custodian for a minor as to which Mr. Nelson disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (12) The total listed includes 40,000 shares of Class A common stock issuable upon the exchange of membership units that are issuable upon exercise of options that have vested.
- (13) The total listed is comprised of 40,000 shares of Class A common stock issuable upon the exchange of membership units that are issuable upon exercise of options that have vested and 670,262 shares of Class A common stock that Mr. Savoy would receive upon exercise of options from Vulcan Cable III to purchase such shares that have vested or will vest within 60 days.
- (14) The total listed includes 326,116 shares of Class A common stock issuable upon the exchange of membership units that would be issued upon exercise of options that have vested or will vest within 60 days and 3,700 shares for which Mr. Schumm has shared investment and voting power.
- (15) The total listed includes 83,333 shares of Class A common stock issuable upon the exchange of membership units that are issuable upon exercise of options that have vested or will vest within 60 days.
- (16) The total listed includes 68,750 shares of Class A common stock issuable upon exchange of membership units that are issuable upon exchange of

- (17) Represents 65,000 shares of Class A common stock issuable upon exchange of membership units that would be issued upon exercise of options that have
- (18) The total listed is comprised of 50,000 shares of Class B common stock convertible into shares of Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis; 18,837,619 shares of Class A common stock; 324,300,479 shares of Class A common stock issuable upon the exchange of Class B common stock from outstanding Charter Communications Holding Company membership units; and 5,395,102 shares of Class A common stock issuable upon exchange of Class B common stock from membership units that are issuable upon exercise of options that have vested or will vest within 60 days.
- (19) As reported in Schedule 13G provided to Charter Communications, Inc. on February 16, 2000, Janus Capital Corporation is a registered investment advisor that provides investment advice to investment companies and other clients. As a result of being an investment advisor, Janus Capital may be deemed to beneficially own shares held by its clients. As indicated in the Schedule 13G, Mr. Thomas Bailey, President, Chairman of the Board and 12.2% shareholder of Janus Capital disclaims beneficial ownership with respect to such shares. The address of these persons is 100 Fillmore St., Denver, Colorado 80206-4923.
- (20) Represents shares of Class A common stock issuable upon exchange of preferred membership units held in an indirect subsidiary of Charter Holdings.

#### CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

The following sets forth certain transactions in which we and our directors, executive officers and affiliates and the directors and executive officers of Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company, Charter Holdings and Charter Investment are involved. We believe that each of the transactions described below was on terms no less favorable to us than could have been obtained from independent third parties.

## TRANSACTIONS WITH MANAGEMENT AND OTHERS

## MERGER WITH MARCUS

On April 23, 1998, Mr. Allen acquired approximately 99% of the non-voting economic interests in Marcus Cable, and agreed to acquire the remaining interests in Marcus Cable. The aggregate purchase price was approximately \$1.4 billion, excluding \$1.8 billion in assumed liabilities. On February 22, 1999, Marcus Holdings was formed, and all of Mr. Allen's interests in Marcus Cable were transferred to Marcus Holdings on March 15, 1999. On March 31, 1999, Mr. Allen completed the acquisition of all remaining interests in Marcus Cable.

On December 23, 1998, Mr. Allen acquired approximately 94% of the equity of Charter Investment for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$2.2 billion, excluding \$2.0 billion in debt assumed. On February 9, 1999, Charter Holdings was formed as a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Investment. On February 10, 1999, Charter Operating was formed as a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Holdings. In April 1999, Mr. Allen merged Marcus Holdings into Charter Holdings, and the operating subsidiaries of Marcus Holdings and all of the cable systems they owned came under the ownership of Charter Holdings, and, in turn, Charter Operating. On May 25, 1999, Charter Communications Holding Company was formed as a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Investment. All of Charter Investment's equity interests in Charter Holdings were transferred to Charter Communications Holding Company.

In March 1999, we paid \$20 million to Vulcan Northwest, an affiliate of Mr. Allen, for reimbursement of direct costs incurred in connection with Mr. Allen's acquisition of Marcus Cable. Such costs were principally comprised of financial, advisory, legal and accounting fees.

At the time Charter Holdings issued \$3.6 billion in principal amount of notes in March 1999, this merger had not yet occurred. Consequently, Marcus Holdings was a party to the indentures governing the March 1999 Charter Holdings notes as a quarantor of Charter Holdings' obligations. Charter Holdings loaned some of the proceeds from the sale of the March 1999 Charter Holdings notes to Marcus Holdings, which amounts were used to complete the cash tender offers for then-outstanding notes of subsidiaries of Marcus Holdings. Marcus Holdings issued a promissory note in favor of Charter Holdings. The promissory note was in the amount of \$1.7 billion, with an interest rate of 9.92% and a maturity date of April 1, 2007. Marcus Holdings guaranteed its obligations under the promissory note by entering into a pledge agreement in favor of Charter Holdings pursuant to which Marcus Holdings pledged all of its equity interests in Marcus Cable as collateral for the payment and performance of the promissory note. Charter Holdings pledged this promissory note to the trustee under the indentures governing the March 1999 Charter Holdings notes as collateral for the equal and ratable benefit of the holders of the March 1999 Charter Holdings notes. Upon the closing of the merger, and in accordance with the terms of the March 1999 Charter Holdings notes and the indentures governing the March 1999 Charter Holdings notes:

- the guarantee issued by Marcus Holdings was automatically terminated;
- the promissory note issued by Marcus Holdings was automatically extinguished, with no interest having accrued or being paid; and

 the pledge in favor of Charter Holdings of the equity interests in Marcus Cable as collateral under the promissory note and the pledge in favor of the trustee of the promissory note as collateral for the March 1999 Charter Holdings notes were automatically released.

MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

PREVIOUS MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS. Prior to March 18, 1999, pursuant to a series of management agreements with certain of our subsidiaries, Charter Investment provided management and consulting services to those subsidiaries. In exchange for these services, Charter Investment was entitled to receive management fees of 3% to 5% of the gross revenues of all of our systems plus reimbursement of expenses. However, our previous credit facilities limited such management fees to 3% of gross revenues. The balance of management fees payable under the previous management agreements was accrued. Payment is at the discretion of Charter Investment. Certain deferred portions of management fees bore interest at the rate of 8% per annum. Following the closing of Charter Operating's current credit facilities, the previous management agreements were replaced by a revised management agreement. The material terms of our previous management agreements are substantially similar to the material terms of the revised management agreement.

PREVIOUS MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH MARCUS. On October 6, 1998, Marcus Cable entered into a management consulting agreement with Charter Investment pursuant to which Charter Investment agreed to provide certain management and consulting services to Marcus Cable and its subsidiaries, in exchange for a fee equal to 3% of the gross revenues of Marcus Cable's systems plus reimbursement of expenses. Management fees expensed by Marcus Cable during the period from October 1998 to December 31, 1998 were approximately \$3.3 million. Upon Charter Holdings' merger with Marcus Holdings and the closing of Charter Operating's current credit facilities, this agreement was terminated and the subsidiaries of Marcus Cable began to receive management and consulting services from Charter Investment under the revised management agreement described below.

THE REVISED MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT. On February 23, 1999, Charter Investment entered into a revised management agreement with Charter Operating, which was amended and restated as of March 17, 1999. Upon the closing of Charter Operating's credit facilities on March 18, 1999, our previous management agreements and the management consulting agreement with Marcus Cable terminated and the revised management agreement became operative. Under the revised management agreement, Charter Investment agreed to manage the operations of the cable television systems owned by Charter Operating's subsidiaries, as well as any cable television systems Charter Operating subsequently acquires. The term of the revised management agreement is ten years.

The revised management agreement provided that Charter Operating would pay Charter Investment a management fee equal to its actual costs to provide these services and a management fee of 3.5% of gross revenues. Gross revenues include all revenues from the operation of Charter Operating's cable systems, including, without limitation, subscriber payments, advertising revenues, and revenues from other services provided by Charter Operating's cable systems. Gross revenues do not include interest income or income from investments unrelated to our cable systems.

Payment of the management fee to Charter Investment is permitted under Charter Operating's current credit facilities, but ranks below Charter Operating's payment obligations under its credit facilities. In the event any portion of the management fee due and payable is not paid by Charter Operating, it is deferred and accrued as a liability. Any deferred amount of the management fee will bear interest at the rate of 10% per annum, compounded annually, from the date it was due and payable until the date it is paid. As of December 31, 1999, no interest had accrued.

Pursuant to the terms of the revised management agreement, Charter Operating agreed to indemnify and hold harmless Charter Investment and its shareholders, directors, officers and

employees. This indemnity extends to any and all claims or expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by them in connection with any action not constituting gross negligence or willful misconduct taken by them in good faith in the discharge of their duties to Charter Operating.

The total management fees, including expenses, earned by Charter Investment under all management agreements were as follows:

	FEES PAID	TOTAL FEES EARNED
	(IN THO	USANDS)
Nine months ended September 30, 2000	\$47,209	\$41,570
Year Ended December 31, 1999	48,528	54,330
Year Ended December 31, 1998	17,073	27,500
Year Ended December 31, 1997	14,772	20,290
Year Ended December 31, 1996	11.792	15.443

As of September 30, 2000, approximately \$19.8 million remains unpaid under all management agreements.

ASSIGNMENT AND AMENDMENT OF REVISED CHARTER OPERATING MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT. On November 12, 1999, Charter Investment assigned to Charter Communications, Inc. all of its rights and obligations under the revised Charter Operating management agreement. In connection with the assignment, the revised Charter Operating management agreement was amended to eliminate the 3.5% management fee. Under the amended agreement, Charter Communications, Inc. is entitled to reimbursement from Charter Operating for all of its expenses, costs, losses, liabilities and damages paid or incurred by it in connection with the performance of its services under the amended agreement, with no cap on the amount of reimbursement.

MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDING COMPANY. On November 12, 1999, Charter Communications, Inc. entered into a management agreement with Charter Communications Holding Company. Under this agreement, Charter Communications manages and operates the cable television systems owned or to be acquired by Charter Communications Holding Company and its subsidiaries, to the extent such cable systems are not subject to management agreements between Charter Communications, Inc. and specific subsidiaries of Charter Communications Holding Company.

The terms of this management agreement are substantially similar to the terms of the Charter Operating management agreement. Charter Communications, Inc. is entitled to reimbursement from Charter Communications Holding Company for all expenses, costs, losses, liabilities and damages paid or incurred by Charter Communications, Inc. in connection with the performance of its services, which expenses will include any fees Charter Communications, Inc. is obligated to pay under the mutual services agreement described below. There is no cap on the amount of reimbursement to which Charter Communications, Inc. is entitled.

MUTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CHARTER INVESTMENT, INC. Charter Communications, Inc. has only fifteen employees. Effective January 1, 2001, Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company and Charter Investment entered into an amended and restated mutual services agreement pursuant to which each entity provides rights and services to the others as may be reasonably requested in order to manage Charter Communications Holding Company and Charter Holdings and to manage and operate the cable systems owned by their subsidiaries. The officers and employees of each entity are available to the others to provide the rights and services described above. All expenses and costs incurred with respect to the services provided are paid by Charter Communications, Inc. Each of the parties will indemnify and hold harmless the other parties and their directors, officers and employees from and against any and all claims that may be made

against any of them in connection with the mutual services agreement except due to its or their gross negligence or willful misconduct. The mutual services agreement expires on November 12, 2009, and the agreement may be terminated at any time by any party upon thirty days' written notice to the others.

FALCON MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT. On November 12, 1999, Falcon Cable Communications, a parent company of the Falcon operating companies, entered into a management consulting agreement with Charter Communications, Inc. pursuant to which Charter Communications, Inc. agreed to provide certain management and consulting services to Falcon and its subsidiaries. The term of the management agreement is ten years. The management agreement provides that Falcon will pay Charter Communications, Inc. a management fee equal to its actual costs to provide these services but limited to 5% of gross revenues.

Gross revenues include all revenues from the operation of Falcon's cable systems, including, without limitation, subscriber payments, advertising revenues, and revenues from other services provided by Falcon's cable systems. Gross revenues do not include interest income or income from investments unrelated to cable systems.

Payment of the management fee is subject to certain restrictions under the Falcon credit facilities. In the event any portion of the management fee due and payable is not paid by Falcon, it is deferred and accrued as a liability. Any deferred amount of the management fee will bear interest at the rate of 10% per annum, compounded annually, from the date it was due and payable until the date it is paid.

FANCH MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT. On November 12, 1999, CC VI Operating Company, LLC, the parent company of the Fanch operating companies, entered into a management consulting agreement with Charter Communications, Inc. pursuant to which Charter Communications, Inc. agreed to provide certain management and consulting services to Fanch and its subsidiaries. The term of the management agreement is ten years. The management agreement provides that Fanch will pay Charter Communications, Inc. a management fee equal to its actual costs to provide these services but limited to 5% of gross revenues.

Gross revenues include all revenues from the operation of Fanch's cable systems, including, without limitation, subscriber payments, advertising revenues, and revenues from other services provided by Fanch's cable systems. Gross revenues do not include interest income or income from investments unrelated to cable systems.

Payment of the management fee is subject to certain restrictions under the Fanch credit facilities. In the event any portion of the management fee due and payable is not paid by Fanch, it is deferred and accrued as a liability. Any deferred amount of the management fee will bear interest at the rate of 10% per annum, compounded annually, from the date it was due and payable until the date it is paid.

AVALON AND BRESNAN MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS. Prior to the Bresnan/Avalon combination, Charter Communications, Inc. provided management and consulting services to CC New England and CC Michigan and their subsidiaries through such entities' limited liability company agreements. CC VIII Operating and certain of its subsidiaries were party to a management agreement with Charter Communications, Inc. under which Charter Communications, Inc. provided certain management and consulting services to the Bresnan companies. Upon consummation of the Bresnan/Avalon combination, the limited liability company agreement of CC VIII Operating will be amended and restated to provide that Charter Communications, Inc. will provide certain management and consulting services to CC VIII Operating and its subsidiaries which will include CC New England and CC Michigan and their subsidiaries. Under this agreement, Charter Communications, Inc. will receive a management fee equal to its actual costs to provide these services. Gross revenues include

all revenues from the operation of the cable systems of CC VIII Operating's subsidiaries including, without limitation, subscriber payments, advertising revenues and revenues from other services provided by such cable systems. Gross revenues do not include interest income or income from investments unrelated to cable systems.

Payment of the management fee is subject to certain restrictions under the Bresnan credit facilities and ranks below the senior debt of such companies and shall not be paid except to the extent allowed under such credit facilities. In the event that any portion of the management fee due and payable is not paid by Bresnan, it is deferred and accrued as a liability. Any deferred amount of the management fee will bear interest at the rate of 10% per annum, compounded annually, from the date it was due and payable until the date it is paid.

#### CONSULTING AGREEMENT

Charter Communications Holding Company is a party to a consulting agreement with Vulcan Ventures Incorporated and Charter Communications, Inc. pursuant to which Vulcan provides advisory, financial and other consulting services with respect to acquisitions of the business, assets or stock of other companies by Charter Communications Holding Company or any of its affiliates. Such services include participation in the evaluation, negotiation and implementation of these acquisitions.

The consulting agreement expires on December 31, 2001, and automatically renews for successive one-year terms unless otherwise terminated. All reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Vulcan Northwest are Charter Communications Holding Company's responsibility and must be reimbursed. Charter Communications Holding Company must also pay Vulcan a fee for services rendered for each acquisition made by Charter Communications Holding Company or any of its affiliates. This fee equals 1% of the aggregate value of such acquisition. Charter Communications Holding Company will also indemnify and hold harmless Vulcan, and its officers, directors, shareholders, agents, employees and affiliates, for all claims, actions, demands and expenses that arise out of the consulting agreement and the services they provide to Charter Communications Holding Company. For the period from March 1999 until December 31, 1999, there was a similar consulting agreement in effect among an affiliate of each of the parties. Under that agreement, no fee was paid or received and no fee will be paid or received in connection with the American Cable, Renaissance, Greater Media, Helicon, Vista, Cable Satellite, InterMedia, Rifkin, Avalon, Falcon, Fanch, Bresnan, Interlake, Farmington, Capital Cable and Kalamazoo acquisitions.

Mr. Allen owns 100% of Vulcan Northwest and is the Chairman of the board. William D. Savoy, another of Charter Communications, Inc.'s directors, is the President and a director of Vulcan Northwest.

## TRANSACTIONS WITH MR. ALLEN

On December 21, 1998, Mr. Allen contributed approximately \$431.0 million to Charter Investment and received non-voting common stock of Charter Investment. Such non-voting common stock was converted to voting common stock on December 23, 1998. The \$431.0 million contribution was used to redeem stock of certain shareholders in Charter Investment.

On December 23, 1998, Mr. Allen contributed approximately \$1.3 billion to Charter Investment and received voting common stock of Charter Investment. Additionally, Charter Investment borrowed approximately \$6.2 million in the form of a bridge loan from Mr. Allen. This bridge loan was contributed by Mr. Allen to Charter Investment in March 1999. No interest on such bridge loan was accrued or paid by Charter Investment. On the same date, Mr. Allen also contributed approximately \$223.5 million to Vulcan Cable II, Inc., a company owned by Mr. Allen. Vulcan II was merged with and into Charter Investment. The \$1.3 billion and \$223.5 million contributions by Mr. Allen were

used by Charter Investment to purchase the remaining interest in CCA Group and CharterComm Holdings.

On January 5, 1999, Charter Investment borrowed approximately \$132.2 million in the form of a bridge loan from Mr. Allen. This bridge loan was contributed by Mr. Allen to Charter Investment in March 1999. No interest on such bridge loan was accrued or paid by Charter Investment. On the same date, Mr. Allen also acquired additional voting common stock of Charter Investment from Jerald L. Kent, Howard L. Wood and Barry L. Babcock for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$176.7 million.

On January 11, 1999, Charter Investment borrowed \$25.0 million in the form of a bridge loan from Mr. Allen. This bridge loan was contributed by Mr. Allen to Charter Investment in March 1999. No interest on such bridge loan was accrued or paid by Charter Investment.

On March 16, 1999, Mr. Allen contributed approximately \$124.8 million in cash to Charter Investment. In connection with this contribution and the contribution of the three bridge loans described above, Mr. Allen received 11,316 shares of common stock of Charter Investment.

All other contributions to Charter Investment by Mr. Allen were used in operations of Charter Investment and were not contributed to Charter Holdings.

On August 10, 1999, Vulcan Cable III Inc. purchased 24.1 million Charter Communications Holding Company membership units for \$500 million. On September 22, 1999, Mr. Allen, through Vulcan Cable III Inc., contributed an additional \$825 million, consisting of approximately \$644.3 million in cash and approximately \$180.7 million in equity interests in Rifkin that Vulcan Cable III Inc. had acquired in the Rifkin acquisition in exchange for 39.8 million Charter Communications Holding Company membership units. Charter Communications Holding Company in turn contributed the cash and equity interests to Charter Holdings.

As part of the membership interests purchase agreement, Vulcan Ventures Incorporated, Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Investment and Charter Communications Holding Company entered into an agreement on September 21, 1999 regarding the right of Vulcan Ventures to use up to eight of our digital cable channels. Specifically, we will provide Vulcan Ventures with exclusive rights for carriage of up to eight digital cable television programming services or channels on each of the digital cable television systems with local control of the digital product now or hereafter owned, operated, controlled or managed by us of 550 megahertz or more. If the system offers digital services but has less than 550 megahertz of capacity, then the programming services will be equitably reduced. Upon request of Vulcan Ventures, we will attempt to reach a comprehensive programming agreement pursuant to which we will pay the programmer, if possible, a fee per digital subscriber. If such fee arrangement is not achieved, then we and the programmer shall enter into a standard programming agreement. We believe that this transaction is on terms at least as favorable to us as Mr. Allen would negotiate with other cable operators.

In November 1999, in connection with Charter Communications, Inc.'s initial public offering, Mr. Allen, through Vulcan Cable III Inc., purchased \$750 million of membership units of Charter Communications Holding Company at a per membership unit price equal to the net initial public offering price.

During the second and third quarters of 1999, one of our subsidiaries sold interests in several airplanes to Mr. Allen for approximately \$8 million. We believe that the purchase price paid by Mr. Allen for these interests was the fair market price.

#### ALLOCATION OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES WITH MR. ALLEN

As described under "-- Business Relationships," Mr. Allen and a number of his affiliates have interests in various entities that provide services or programming to a number of our subsidiaries. Given the diverse nature of Mr. Allen's investment activities and interests, and to avoid the possibility of future disputes as to potential business, Charter Communications Holding Company and Charter Communications, Inc., under the terms of their respective organizational documents, may not, and may not allow their subsidiaries to, engage in any business transaction outside the cable transmission business except for the Digeo Broadband, Inc. joint venture; the joint venture to develop a digital video recorder set-top box; the purchase of preferred stock of High Speed Access Corp.; the investment in Cable Sports Southeast, LLC, a provider of regional sports programming; as an owner and operator of the business of Chat TV; and incidental businesses engaged in as of the closing of the initial public offering of Charter Communications, Inc. This restriction will remain in effect until all of the shares of Charter Communications, Inc.'s high-vote Class B common stock have been converted into shares of Class A common stock due to Mr. Allen's equity ownership falling below specified threshholds.

Should Charter Communications, Inc. or Charter Communications Holding Company wish to pursue, or allow their subsidiaries to pursue, a business transaction outside of this scope, it must first offer Mr. Allen the opportunity to pursue the particular business transaction. If he decides not to do so and consents to Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company or any of their subsidiaries engaging in the business transaction, it will be able to do so. In any such case, the respective restated certificate of incorporation and the amended and restated limited liability company agreement of Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Holding Company would be amended accordingly to appropriately modify the current restrictions on their ability to engage in any business other than the cable transmission business. The cable transmission business means the business of transmitting video, audio, including telephony, and data over cable television systems owned, operated or managed by Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company or any of their subsidiaries from time to time. The businesses of RCN Corporation, a company in which Mr. Allen has made a significant investment, are not considered cable transmission businesses under these provisions. See "-- Business Relationships--RCN Corporation."

Under Delaware corporate law, each director of Charter Communications, Inc., including Mr. Allen, is generally required to present to Charter Communications, Inc. any opportunity he or she may have to acquire any cable transmission business or any company whose principal business is the ownership, operation or management of cable transmission businesses, so that we may determine whether we wish to pursue such opportunities. However, Mr. Allen and the other directors generally will not have an obligation to present to Charter Communications, Inc. other business opportunities and they may exploit such opportunities for their own account.

# ASSIGNMENTS OF ACQUISITIONS

On January 1, 1999, Charter Investment entered into a membership purchase agreement with ACEC Holding Company, LLC for the acquisition of American Cable. On February 23, 1999, Charter Investment assigned its rights and obligations under this agreement to one of our subsidiaries, Charter Communications Entertainment II, LLC, effective as of March 8, 1999, or such earlier date as mutually agreed to by the parties. The acquisition of American Cable was completed in May 1999.

On February 17, 1999, Charter Investment entered into an asset purchase agreement with Greater Media, Inc. and Greater Media Cablevision, Inc. for the acquisition of the Greater Media systems. On February 23, 1999, Charter Investment assigned its rights and obligations under this agreement to one of our subsidiaries, Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC. The acquisition of the Greater Media systems was completed in June 1999.

On April 26, 1999, Charter Investment entered into a purchase and sale agreement with InterLink Communications Partners, LLLP and the other sellers listed on the signature pages of the agreement. On June 30, 1999, Charter Investment assigned its rights and obligations under this agreement to Charter Operating. The acquisition contemplated by these agreements was completed in September 1999.

On April 26, 1999, Charter Investment entered into a purchase and sale agreement with Rifkin Acquisition Partners L.L.L.P and the other sellers listed on the signature pages of the agreement. On June 30, 1999, Charter Investment assigned its rights and obligations under this agreement to Charter Operating. The acquisition contemplated by these agreements was completed in September 1999.

On April 26, 1999, Charter Investment entered into the RAP indemnity agreement with InterLink Communications Partners, LLLP and the other sellers and InterLink partners listed on the signature pages of the agreement. On June 30, 1999, Charter Investment assigned its rights and obligations under this agreement to Charter Operating.

In May 1999, Charter Investment entered into the Falcon purchase agreement. As of June 22, 1999, pursuant to the first amendment to the Falcon purchase agreement, Charter Investment assigned its rights under the Falcon purchase agreement to Charter Communications Holding Company.

In May 1999, Charter Investment entered into the Fanch purchase agreement. On September 21, 1999, Charter Investment assigned its rights and obligations to purchase stock interests under this agreement to Charter Communications Holding Company and its rights and obligations to purchase partnership interests and assets under this agreement to Charter Communications VI, LLC, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Communications Holding Company.

In June 1999, Charter Communications Holding Company entered into the Bresnan purchase agreement. In February 2000, Charter Communications Holding Company assigned its rights under the Bresnan purchase agreement to purchase certain assets to Charter Holdings and Charter Holdings accepted such assignment and assumed all obligations of Charter Communications Holding Company under the Bresnan purchase agreement with respect to those assets.

## INTERCOMPANY LOANS

In March 2000, Charter Holdings loaned to its indirect subsidiary CC VIII, LLC \$369.7 million of the proceeds from the January 2000 Charter Holdings notes due February 14, 2009, with an annual interest rate of LIBOR plus a margin of up to 1.75%. The interest rate was 8.41% and \$369.7 million was outstanding at September 30, 2000.

In August 2000, Charter Holdings loaned to Charter Operating \$962.5 million of the proceeds from borrowings under the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility, with an annual interest rate of LIBOR plus 1.75% and a due date of August 14, 2009. In September 2000, \$627.5 million of the repaid amount was contributed by Charter Holdings to Charter Operating. In October 2000, Charter Operating repaid \$245.0 million and Charter Holdings contributed that amount to the borrower under the Falcon credit facilities. There remains a balance of approximately \$76.8 million outstanding under this note with an interest rate of 8.43%.

In November 1999, Charter Communications Holding Company loaned \$856.0 million to Charter Operating. In January 2000, Charter Communications Holding Company loaned an additional \$66.0 million to Charter Operating. In February and March 2000, Charter Operating repaid \$890.0 million. The remaining balance of \$32.0 million was repaid in May 2000.

In November 1999, Charter Communications Holding Company loaned \$21.0 million to CC VI Operating Company, LLC, maturing November 30, 2009. The funds were used by

CC VI Operating Company to pay down a portion of amounts outstanding under the Fanch credit facilities. Effective December 31, 1999, Charter Communications Holding Company forgave the amounts outstanding, including accrued and unpaid interest of approximately \$314,000, and contributed such amounts to CC VI Holdings, LLC, the parent company of the Fanch companies.

In November 1999, Charter Communications Holding Company loaned \$173.0 million to Falcon Cable Communications, LLC. In January 2000, Charter Communications Holding Company loaned an additional \$373.0 million to Falcon Cable Communications with an interest rate of 7.54%. In February 2000, Falcon Cable Communications repaid all outstanding balances.

In November and December 1999, Charter Communications Holding Company loaned \$12.0 million to Charter Operating. As of June 30, 2000, \$5.0 million with an interest rate of 7.830% remained outstanding. In July 2000, \$1.0 million was repaid, and the remaining \$4.0 million was repaid in August 2000.

#### EMPLOYMENT AND CONSULTING AGREEMENTS

Effective as of December 23, 1998, Jerald L. Kent entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Allen for a three-year term with automatic one-year renewals. Mr. Allen assigned the employment agreement to Charter Investment as of December 23, 1998. Charter Investment subsequently assigned Mr. Kent's employment agreement to Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications, Inc. has assumed all rights and obligations of Charter Investment under the agreement, except with respect to the grant of options which were granted by Charter Communications Holding Company.

Under this agreement, Mr. Kent has agreed to serve as President and Chief Executive Officer of Charter Communications, Inc., with responsibility for the nationwide general management, administration and operation of all present and future business of Charter Communications, Inc. and its subsidiaries. During the initial term of the agreement, Mr. Kent receives an annual base salary of \$1,250,000, or such higher rate as may from time to time be determined by Charter Communications, Inc.'s board of directors in its discretion. In addition, Mr. Kent is eligible to receive an annual bonus in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$625,000, to be determined by the board based on an assessment of the performance of Mr. Kent as well as the achievement of certain financial targets.

Under the agreement, Mr. Kent is entitled to participate in any disability insurance, pension, or other benefit plan afforded to employees generally or executives of Charter Communications, Inc. Mr. Kent will be reimbursed by Charter Communications, Inc. for life insurance premiums up to \$30,000 per year, and is granted personal use of the corporate airplane. Mr. Kent also is entitled to the use of a car valued at up to \$100,000 and the fees and dues for his membership in a country club of his choice. Mr. Kent did not avail himself of the use of a car, nor was he reimbursed for life insurance premiums, in 1999.

Also under this agreement and a related agreement with Charter Communications Holding Company, Mr. Kent received options to purchase 7,044,127 Charter Communications Holding Company membership units with an exercise price of \$20.00. The options have a term of ten years and vested 25% on December 23, 1998. The remaining 75% vest 1/36 on the first day of each of the 36 months commencing January 1, 2000. The terms of these options provide that immediately following the issuance of membership units received upon exercise of such options, these units will be automatically exchanged for shares of Charter Communications, Inc. Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis.

The agreement further provides that Charter Communications, Inc. will indemnify and hold harmless Mr. Kent to the maximum extent permitted by law from and against any claims, damages,

liabilities, losses, costs or expenses in connection with or arising out of the performance by Mr. Kent of his duties.

If the agreement expires because Charter Communications, Inc. gives Mr. Kent notice of its intention not to extend the initial term, or if the agreement is terminated by Mr. Kent for good reason or by Charter Communications, Inc. without cause:

- Charter Communications, Inc. will pay to Mr. Kent an amount equal to the aggregate base salary due to Mr. Kent for the remaining term and the board of directors will consider additional amounts, if any, to be paid to Mr. Kent; and
- any unvested options of Mr. Kent shall immediately vest.

Effective as of November 12, 1999, Charter Communications, Inc. entered into a consulting agreement with Howard L. Wood. In connection with this agreement, Mr. Wood received options to purchase 40,000 membership units of Charter Communications Holding Company, which vested immediately and have an exercise price of \$19.00. Upon exercise of such options, the membership units received are immediately exchanged for shares of Charter Communications, Inc. Class A common stock on one-for-one basis. The consulting agreement has a one-year term with automatic one-year renewals. Under this agreement, Mr. Wood provides consulting services to Charter Communications, Inc. and will also be responsible for such other duties as the Chief Executive Officer determines. During the term of this agreement, Mr. Wood will receive annual cash compensation initially at a rate of \$60,000. In addition, Mr. Wood is entitled to receive health benefits as well as use of an office and a full-time secretary. Charter Communications, Inc. will indemnify and hold harmless Mr. Wood to the maximum extent permitted by law from and against any claims, damages, liabilities, losses, costs or expenses incurred in connection with or arising out of the performance by him of his duties.

Effective as of December 23, 1998, Howard L. Wood entered into an employment agreement with Charter Investment for a one-year term with automatic one-year renewals. Under this agreement, Mr. Wood agreed to serve as an officer of Charter Investment. During the initial term of the agreement, Mr. Wood was entitled to receive a base salary for the remaining month of the term of \$312,500, or such higher rate as determined by the Chief Executive Officer in his discretion. In addition, Mr. Wood was eligible to receive an annual bonus to be determined by the board of directors in its discretion. Mr. Wood received a one-time payment as part of his employment agreement of \$250,000. Under the agreement, Mr. Wood was entitled to participate in any disability insurance, pension or other benefit plan afforded to employees generally or executives of Charter Investment. Charter Investment agreed to indemnify and hold harmless Mr. Wood to the maximum extent permitted by law from and against any claims, damages, liabilities, losses, costs or expenses incurred in connection with or arising out of the performance by Mr. Wood of his duties. Effective on November 12, 1999, this employment agreement ceased to be effective. Mr. Wood received an amount equal to his base salary for the remaining month of the term plus a bonus of \$312,500. In addition, the options then held by Mr. Wood vested in full.

A company controlled by Mr. Wood occasionally leases an airplane to Charter Communications, Inc. and its subsidiaries and affiliates for business travel. Charter Communications, Inc. or its subsidiaries or affiliates, as applicable, in turn, pays to such company market rates for such use. Mr. Wood reimburses Charter Communications, Inc. for the full annual cost of two individuals qualified to operate the plane and who are otherwise available to Charter in connection with its own flight operations.

In addition, Mr. Wood's daughter, a Vice President of Charter Investment, received a bonus in the form of a three-year promissory note bearing interest at 7% per year. One-third of the original outstanding principal amount of the note and interest are forgiven as long as she remains employed

by Charter Investment at the end of each of the first three anniversaries of the issue date in February 1999. The outstanding balance on the note as of September 30, 2000 was \$150.000.

Effective as of May 25, 1999, Marc B. Nathanson entered into a letter agreement with Charter Communications, Inc. for a three-year term. Under this agreement, Mr. Nathanson agreed to serve as Vice-Chairman and as a director of Charter Communications, Inc. During the term of this agreement, Mr. Nathanson in his capacity as Vice-Chairman is entitled to receive a benefit equal to approximately \$200,000. Such amount is being paid to a company controlled by Mr. Nathanson. In addition, Mr. Nathanson is entitled to the rights and benefits provided to other directors of Charter Communications, Inc. Charter Communications, Inc. will indemnify and hold harmless Mr. Nathanson to the maximum extent permitted by law from and against any claims, damages, liabilities, losses, costs or expenses incurred in connection with or arising out of the performance by Mr. Nathanson of his duties.

Effective as of December 23, 1998, Barry L. Babcock entered into an employment agreement with Charter Investment for a one-year term with automatic one-year renewals. Under this agreement, Mr. Babcock agreed to serve as Vice Chairman of Charter Investment with responsibilities including the government and public relations of Charter Investment. During the initial term of the agreement, Mr. Babcock was entitled to receive a base salary of \$623,000, or such higher rate as may have been determined by the Chief Executive Officer in his discretion. This employment agreement was terminated in October 1999. Pursuant to the termination agreement, Mr. Babcock received an amount equal to his base salary for the remaining month of the term plus a \$312,500 bonus. In addition, the options held by Mr. Babcock vested in full.

Effective as of November 12, 1999, Charter Communications, Inc. entered into a consulting agreement with Mr. Babcock which expired in March 2000. During the term of this agreement, Mr. Babcock received monthly cash compensation at a rate of \$10,000 per month, disability and health benefits and the use of an office and secretarial services, upon request. Charter Communications, Inc. agreed to indemnify and hold harmless Mr. Babcock to the maximum extent permitted by law from and against any claims, damages, liabilities, losses, costs or expenses incurred in connection with or arising out of the performance by Mr. Babcock of his duties.

## OTHER RELATIONSHIPS

David L. McCall, Senior Vice President of Operations--Eastern Division of Charter Communications, Inc., is a partner in a partnership that leases office space to us. The partnership has received approximately \$197,000 and \$177,500 pursuant to such lease and related agreements for the nine months ended September 30, 2000 and the year ended December 31, 1999, respectively. In addition, approximately \$371,400 and \$646,000 was paid for the nine months ended September 30, 2000 and the year ended December 31, 1999, respectively, to a construction company controlled by Mr. McCall's brother, Marvin A. McCall, for construction services.

In January 1999, Charter Investment issued bonuses to executive officers in the form of three-year promissory notes. One-third of the original outstanding principal amount of each of these notes and interest is forgiven, as long as the employee is still employed by Charter Investment or any of its affiliates, at the end of each of the first three anniversaries of the issue date. The promissory notes bear interest at 7% per year.

In April 2000, upon commencement of employment with Charter Communications, Inc., David C. Andersen, Senior Vice President--Communications, received a bonus of \$150,000 in the form of a three-year promissory note. One-third of the original outstanding principal amount and interest are forgiven, as long as Mr. Andersen is still employed by Charter Communications, Inc. or

any of its affiliates at the end of each of the first three anniversaries of the issue date in April 2000. The promissory note bears interest at 7% per year.

The outstanding principal amounts of such notes as of September 30, 2000 are as follows:

	INDIVIDUAL	AMOUNT
David C. Andersen		\$150,000
David G. Barford		\$300,000
Mary Pat Blake		\$300,000
Eric A. Freesmeier.		\$300,000
Thomas R. Jokerst		\$300,000
Kent D. Kalkwarf		\$300,000
Ralph G. Kelly		\$300,000
David L. McCall		\$300,000
John C. Pietri		\$150,000
Steven A. Schumm		\$600,000
Curtis S. Shaw		\$300,000
Stephen E. Silva		\$200,000

In September 2000, upon commencement of employment with Charter Communications, Inc. James (Trey) H. Smith, III, Senior Vice President of Operations -- Western Division, received a bonus of \$200,000 in the form of a three-year promissory note. One-third of the original outstanding principal amount and interest are forgiven, as long as Mr. Smith is still employed by Charter Communications, Inc. or any of its affiliates at the end of each of the first three anniversaries of the issue date in September 2000. The promissory note bears interest at 7% per year.

Marc B. Nathanson was the Chairman of the board of directors of Falcon Holding Group, Inc., which was the general partner of Falcon Holding Group, L.P. from whom the Falcon cable systems were acquired.

# **BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS**

Mr. Allen or certain affiliates of Mr. Allen, including Vulcan Ventures, Inc., own equity interests or warrants to purchase equity interests in various entities, which provide a number of our affiliates with services or programming. Among these entities are High Speed Access Corp., WorldGate Communications, Inc., Wink Communications, Inc., ZDTV, L.L.C. operating as techtv, USA Networks, Oxygen Media, Inc., Digeo Broadband, Inc., InfoSpace, Inc., RCN Corporation, Vulcan Ventures and Internal Research Company. Mr. Allen owns 100% of the equity of Vulcan Ventures, and is its Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Savoy is also a Vice President and a director of Vulcan Ventures. The various cable, Internet and telephony companies that Mr. Allen has invested in may mutually benefit one another. The Digeo Broadband Internet portal joint venture announced in the fourth quarter of 1999 is an example of a cooperative business relationship among his affiliated companies. We can give no assurance, nor should you expect, that this joint venture will be successful, that we will realize any benefits from this or other relationships with Mr. Allen's affiliated companies or that we will enter into any joint ventures or business relationships in the future with Mr. Allen's affiliated companies.

Mr. Allen and his affiliates have made, and in the future likely will make, numerous investments outside of us and our business. We cannot assure you that, in the event that we or any of our subsidiaries enter into transactions in the future with any affiliate of Mr. Allen, such transactions will be on terms as favorable to us as terms we might have obtained from an unrelated third party. Also, conflicts could arise with respect to the allocation of corporate opportunities between us and

Mr. Allen and his affiliates. We have not instituted any formal plan or arrangement to address potential conflicts of interest.

HIGH SPEED ACCESS. High Speed Access is a provider of high-speed Internet access over cable modems. In November 1998, Charter Investment entered into a systems access and investment agreement with Vulcan Ventures and High Speed Access and a related network services agreement with High Speed Access. Additionally, Vulcan Ventures and High Speed Access entered into a programming content agreement. Charter Investment's rights and obligations under these agreements were assigned by Charter Investment to Charter Communications Holding Company upon closing of Charter Communications, Inc.'s initial public offering. These agreements provided High Speed Access with exclusive access to at least 750,000 of our homes either that have an installed cable drop from our cable system or that are eligible for a cable drop by virtue of our cable system passing the home. The term of the systems access and investment agreement continues until the earlier of termination of the network services agreement or midnight of the day High Speed Access ceases to provide High Speed Access services to cable subscribers in a geographic area or region. The term of the network services agreement is, as to a particular cable system, five years from the date revenue billing commences for that cable system. Following the five-year initial term, the network services agreement automatically renews on a year-to-year basis unless Charter Communications Holding Company provides notice of termination prior to the end of the five-year term in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Additionally, Charter Communications Holding Company can terminate High Speed Access' exclusivity rights, on a system-by-system basis, if High Speed Access fails to meet performance benchmarks or otherwise breaches the agreements including a commitment to provide content designated by Vulcan Ventures. The programming content agreement is effective until terminated for any breach and will automatically terminate upon the expiration of the systems access and investment agreement. Under the terms of the network services agreement, we split revenue with High Speed Access based on set percentages of gross revenues in each category of service. The programming content agreement provides each of Vulcan Ventures and High Speed Access with a license to use certain content and materials of the other on a non-exclusive, royalty-free basis. Operations began in the first quarter of 1999. For the nine months ended September 30, 2000, we paid High Speed Access \$269,400. Net receipts from High Speed Access for the year ended December 31, 1999 were approximately \$461,000. Net receipts from High Speed Access for the nine months ended September 30, 2000 were approximately \$1,643,000.

Concurrently with entering into these agreements, High Speed Access issued 8 million shares of series B convertible preferred stock to Vulcan Ventures at a purchase price of \$2.50 per share. Vulcan Ventures also subscribed to purchase 2.5 million shares of series C convertible preferred stock, at a purchase price of \$5.00 per share on or before November 25, 2000, and received an option to purchase an additional 2.5 million shares of series C convertible preferred stock at a purchase price of \$5.00 per share. In April 1999, Vulcan Ventures purchased the entire 5 million shares of series C convertible preferred stock for \$25 million in cash. The shares of series B and series C convertible preferred stock issued to Vulcan Ventures automatically converted at a price of \$3.23 per share into 22,224,688 million shares of common stock upon completion of High Speed Access' initial public offering in June 1999.

Additionally, High Speed Access granted Vulcan Ventures warrants to purchase up to 5,006,500 shares of common stock at a purchase price of \$5.00 per share. These warrants were converted to warrants to purchase up to 7,750,000 shares of common stock at a purchase price of \$3.23 per share upon completion of High Speed Access' initial public offering. The warrants were subsequently assigned to Charter Communications Holding Company. On May 12, 2000, the warrants were amended and restated. The amended and restated warrant gives Charter Communications, Inc. the right to purchase up to 12,000,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$3.23 per share. A portion of the amended and restated warrant relates to warrants that may be earned under the

agreements described above, and the other portion relates to warrants that may be earned under an agreement entered into with High Speed Access on May 12, 2000. described below.

Warrants earned under the agreements described above become vested at the time systems are committed by us and are based upon the number of homes passed. Warrants under these agreements can only be earned until July 31, 2003, and are earned at the rate of 1.55 shares of common stock for each home passed in excess of 750,000. Warrants earned under the agreements described above are exercisable until May 25, 2006. Such warrants may be forfeited in certain circumstances, generally if we withdraw a committed system.

As of September 30, 2000, Charter Communications, Inc. has earned 1,409,736 warrants under the agreements described above.

On May 12, 2000, Charter Communications, Inc. entered into a separate agreement with High Speed Access. Charter Communications, Inc.'s rights and obligations under this agreement were assigned by Charter Communications, Inc. to Charter Communications Holding Company on August 1, 2000. Under the agreement, we agreed to commit homes passed by our cable television systems to High Speed Access for which High Speed Access will provide residential Tier 2 and above technical support and network operations center support. Such systems will be in locations where we have formally launched or intend to launch cable modem-based Internet access to residential customers. Tier 2 support is customer service support beyond the initial screening of a problem.

We have agreed to commit an aggregate of 5,000,000 homes passed, including all homes passed in systems previously committed by us to High Speed Access (other than full turnkey systems), on or prior to May 12, 2003. We may also commit additional homes passed in excess of the initial 5,000,000. With respect to each system launched or intended to be launched, we will pay a per customer fee to High Speed Access according to agreed pricing terms. In addition, we will also compensate High Speed Access for services that exceed certain minimum thresholds.

Warrants that may be earned under the new agreement become vested at the time an authorization to proceed is delivered to High Speed Access with respect to a system, and will be based upon the number of homes passed in such system. With respect to the initial aggregate 5,000,000 homes passed, the warrant provides that Charter Communications Holding Company will have the right to purchase 0.775 shares of common stock for every home passed. With respect to any additional homes passed in excess of 5,000,000, the warrant provides that Charter Communications Holding Company will have the right to purchase 1.55 shares of common stock for every home passed. Warrants earned under the new agreement are exercisable until 7 1/2 years from the date they are earned. Such warrants are generally not subject to forfeiture, even if the new agreement is terminated.

The new agreement governing the services to be provided by High Speed Access has a term of five years. Charter Communications Holding Company has the option to renew the agreement for additional successive 5-year terms on similar terms. On each renewal date, High Speed Access will issue Charter Communications Holding Company an additional warrant for each renewal term. These renewal warrants will grant Charter Communications Holding Company the right to purchase additional shares of common stock at a price of \$10.00 per share. The number of shares of common stock subject to a renewal warrant will be determined based upon 0.50 shares of common stock for every home passed in each system committed to High Speed Access during the initial 5-year term and each 5-year renewal term.

Either party may terminate the new agreement, in whole or in part, if the other party defaults. Either party may also terminate the new agreement if the other party becomes insolvent or files for bankruptcy. Charter Communications Holding Company may terminate the new agreement if High Speed Access merges with another party or experiences a change of control. If Charter

Communications Holding Company terminates the new agreement, it may, in certain circumstances, be required to pay a termination fee.

High Speed Access has agreed to increase the number of shares of common stock subject to the amended and restated warrant, upon Charter Communications Holding Company's request, if the number of warrants earned exceeds 11,500,000. High Speed Access also granted Charter Communications Holding Company certain registration rights with respect to shares of common stock held by Charter Communications Holding Company and its direct and indirect subsidiaries, including shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the amended and restated warrant.

Vulcan Ventures owns 47.4% of the outstanding stock of High Speed Access. Jerald L. Kent, our President and Chief Executive Officer and a director of Charter Communications Holding Company and Charter Communications, Inc., Stephen E. Silva, Senior Vice President--Corporate Development and Technology of Charter Communications, Inc., and Mr. Savoy, a member of the boards of directors of Charter Holdings, Charter Communications Holding Company and Charter Communications, Inc., are all members of the board of directors of High Speed Access.

Additionally, in December 2000, Vulcan Ventures and Charter Communications Ventures purchased 38,000 shares and 37,000 shares, respectively, of senior convertible preferred stock of High Speed Access for \$38.0 million and \$37.0 million, respectively. The preferred stock has a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share. The preferred stock generally shares in dividends on High Speed Access common stock on an "as converted to common stock" basis and is convertible into common stock of High Speed Access at a conversion rate of \$5.01875 per share of High Speed Access common stock, subject to certain adjustments. Vulcan Ventures and Charter Communications Ventures were granted certain preemptive, first refusal, registration and significant board representation rights as part of the transaction.

WORLDGATE. WorldGate is a provider of Internet access through cable systems. On November 7, 1997, Charter Investment signed an affiliation agreement with WorldGate pursuant to which WorldGate's services will be offered to some of our customers. This agreement was assigned by Charter Investment to Charter Communications Holding Company upon the closing of Charter Communications, Inc.'s initial public offering. The term of the agreement is five years unless terminated by either party for failure of the other party to perform any of its obligations or undertakings required under the agreement. The agreement automatically renews for additional successive two-year periods upon expiration of the initial five-year term. Pursuant to the agreement, we have agreed to use our reasonable best efforts to deploy the WorldGate Internet access service within a portion of our cable systems and to install the appropriate headend equipment in all of our major markets in those systems. Major markets for purposes of this agreement include those in which we have more than 25,000 customers. We incur the cost for the installation of headend equipment. In addition, we have agreed to use our reasonable best efforts to deploy such service in all non-major markets that are technically capable of providing interactive pay-per-view service, to the extent we determine that it is economically practical. When WorldGate has a telephone return path service available, we will, if economically practical, use all reasonable efforts to install the appropriate headend equipment and deploy the WorldGate service in our remaining markets. Telephone return path service is the usage of telephone lines to connect to the Internet to transmit data or receive data. We have also agreed to market the WorldGate service within our market areas. We pay a monthly subscriber access fee to WorldGate based on the number of subscribers to the WorldGate service. We have the discretion to determine what fees, if any, we will charge our subscribers for access to the WorldGate service. We started offering WorldGate service in 1998. For the nine months ended September 30, 2000, we paid WorldGate approximately \$2,539,000, consisting of \$2,463,000 for equipment purchases and \$76,000 in subscriber access fees. For the year ended December 31, 1999, we paid to WorldGate approximately \$844,400, primarily pertaining to the purchase of equipment. For the year ended December 31, 1998, we paid to WorldGate approximately \$276,000. We charged

our subscribers approximately \$298,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, \$263,000 for the year ended December 31, 1999 and approximately \$22,000 for the year ended December 31, 1998.

On November 24, 1997, Charter Investment acquired 70,423 shares of WorldGate's series B preferred stock at a purchase price of \$7.10 per share and was issued warrants exercisable for 394,880 shares of WorldGate series B preferred stock at a price of \$7.10 per share. These shares of WorldGate's series B preferred stock and warrants to purchase WorldGate series B preferred stock were assigned to Charter Communications Holding Company upon the closing of Charter Communications, Inc.'s initial public offering. On February 3, 1999, a subsidiary of Charter Holdings acquired 90,909 shares of series C preferred stock at a purchase price of \$11.00 per share. As a result of a stock split and WorldGate's initial public offering, each share of series B preferred stock converted into two-thirds of a share of WorldGate's common stock, and each share of series C preferred stock converted into two-thirds of a share of WorldGate's common stock.

On July 25, 2000, Charter Communications Holding Company entered into a joint venture, named TV Gateway LLC, with WorldGate and several other cable operators to develop and deploy a server-based interactive program guide. Charter Communications Holding Company invested \$850,000, providing it a 16.25% ownership in the joint venture. For the first four years after the formation of TV Gateway, Charter Communications Holding Company will earn additional ownership units up to a maximum of 750,000 ownership units as the interactive program guide is deployed to our customers. In connection with the formation of the joint venture, on August 15, 2000, Charter Communications Holding Company purchased 31,211 shares of common stock of WorldGate at \$16.02 per share for an aggregate purchase price of \$500,000. As a result of this purchase, we received a \$125,000 credit from WorldGate against future equipment purchases relating to the deployment of its service. Additionally, WorldGate granted Charter Communications Holding Company warrants to purchase up to 500,000 shares of WorldGate common stock for a period of seven years at a purchase price of \$24.78. For a period of three years from the date of closing, Charter Communications Holding Company will also be issued warrants to purchase common stock of WorldGate based on the number of two-way digital homes passed in the systems in which Charter Communications Holding Company has deployed WorldGate service.

WINK. Wink offers an enhanced broadcasting system that adds interactivity and electronic commerce opportunities to traditional programming and advertising. Viewers can, among other things, find news, weather and sports information on-demand and order products through use of a remote control. On October 8, 1997, Charter Investment signed a cable affiliation agreement with Wink to deploy this enhanced broadcasting technology in our systems.

This agreement was assigned by Charter Investment to Charter Communications Holding Company upon the closing of Charter Communications, Inc.'s initial public offering. The term of the agreement is three years. Either party has the right to terminate the agreement for the other party's failure to comply with any of its respective material obligations under the agreement. Pursuant to the agreement, Wink granted us the non-exclusive license to use their software to deliver the enhanced broadcasting to all of our cable systems. We pay a fixed monthly license fee to Wink. We also supply all server hardware required for deployment of Wink services. In addition, we agreed to promote and market the Wink service to our customers within the area of each system in which such service is being provided. We share in the revenue Wink generates from all fees collected by Wink for transactions generated by our customers. The amount of revenue shared is based on the number of transactions per month. For the nine months ended, September 30, 2000, minimal revenue and expenses have been recognized as a result of this agreement.

On November 30, 1998, Vulcan Ventures acquired 1,162,500 shares of Wink's series C preferred stock for approximately \$9.3 million. In connection with such acquisition, Wink issued to Vulcan

Ventures warrants to purchase shares of common stock. Additionally, Microsoft Corporation, of which Mr. Allen is a director, owns an equity interest in Wink.

TECHTV. techtv operates a cable television channel which broadcasts shows about technology and the Internet. Pursuant to a carriage agreement which Charter Communications Holding Company intends to enter into with techty, techty has currently agreed to provide us with programming for broadcast via our cable television systems at no cost until December 31, 2000. Effective January 1, 2001, we will pay a monthly per customer fee to techtv for cable systems that distribute techtv on a level of service received by fewer than 80% of the total system's customers. Effective January 1, 2004, we will also pay a monthly per customer fee to techty for cable systems that distribute techty on a level of service received by 80% or more of the total system's customers. Additionally, we agreed to use commercially reasonable efforts to publicize the programming schedule of techtv in each of our cable systems that offers or will offer techtv. Upon reaching a specified threshold number of techtv customers, then, in the event techtv inserts any infomercials, advertorials and/or home shopping into the techtv programming, we will receive from techtv a percentage of net product revenues resulting from our distribution of these services. techtv may not offer its services to any other cable operator which serves the same or fewer number of customers at a more favorable rate or on more favorable carriage terms. The term of the proposed carriage agreement, with respect to each of our cable systems, is from the date of launch of techtv on that cable system until April 30, 2008. The carriage agreement grants us a limited non-exclusive right to receive and to distribute techty to our customers in analog or digital format. The carriage agreement does not grant us the right to distribute techtv over the Internet.

On February 5, 1999, Vulcan Programming, which is 100% owned by Mr. Allen, acquired an approximate one-third interest in techtv. Mr. Savoy is the president and director of Vulcan Programming. In January 2000, Vulcan Ventures acquired an additional 64% in techtv for \$204.8 million bringing its interest in techtv to 97%. The remaining 3% of techtv is owned by its management and employees. Mr. Allen and Mr. Savoy are each directors of techtv and Mr. Savoy is Vice President of techtv.

USA NETWORKS. USA Networks operates USA Network and The Sci-Fi Channel, which are cable television networks. USA Networks also operates Home Shopping Network, which is a retail sales program available via cable television systems. On May 1, 1994, we signed an affiliation agreement with USA Networks.

This agreement was assigned by Charter Investment to Charter Communications Holding Company upon the closing of Charter Communications, Inc.'s initial public offering. Pursuant to this affiliation agreement, USA Networks has agreed to provide their programming for broadcast via our cable television systems. The term of the affiliation agreement was until December 30, 1999. Pursuant to an amendment to the existing affiliation agreement, the term of the agreement has been extended to December 31, 2005 and the parties thereto have agreed to a series of rate increases through 2005 and to negotiate in good faith a long-form affiliation agreement containing more specific terms. The affiliation agreement grants us the nonexclusive right to cablecast the USA Network programming service. We pay USA Networks a monthly fee for the USA Network programming service based on the number of subscribers in each of our systems and the number and percentage of such subscribers receiving the USA Network programming service. Additionally, we agreed to use best efforts to publicize the schedule of the USA Network programming service in the television listings and program guides which we distribute. We have paid to USA Networks for programming approximately \$18,367,600 for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, \$16,740,000 for the year ended December 31, 1999, approximately \$556,000 for the year ended December 31, 1998, and approximately \$204,000 for the year ended December 31, 1997. In addition, we received commissions from Home Shopping Network for sales generated by our customers totaling approximately \$2,150,633 for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, \$1,826,000 for the year ended

December 31, 1999, approximately \$121,000 for the year ended December 31, 1998 and approximately \$62,000 for the year ended December 31, 1997.

Mr. Allen and Mr. Savoy are also directors of USA Networks. As of April 2000, Mr. Allen owned approximately 8.8% and Mr. Savoy owned less than 1% of the capital stock of USA Networks.

OXYGEN MEDIA, LLC. Oxygen Media provides programming content aimed at the female audience for distribution over the Internet and cable television systems. Vulcan Ventures invested \$100.0 million in 1999 and an additional \$50.0 million in February 2000 in Oxygen Media. Vulcan Ventures has announced an intention to invest an additional \$100.0 million in Oxygen Media. In addition, we expect to enter into a carriage agreement with Oxygen Media in the first quarter of 2001 pursuant to which we will carry Oxygen Media programming content on certain of our cable systems. Mr. Savoy, a director of Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Holding Company, serves on the board of directors of Oxygen Media. Mr. Allen owns an approximate 11% interest in Oxygen Media.

PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS. On October 7, 1996, the former owner of our Falcon cable systems entered into a letter agreement and a cable television agreement with Trail Blazers Inc. for the cable broadcast in the metropolitan area surrounding Portland, Oregon of pre-season, regular season and playoff basketball games of the Portland Trail Blazers, a National Basketball Association basketball team. Mr. Allen is the 100% owner of the Portland Trail Blazers and Trail Blazers Inc. We continue to operate under the terms of these agreements since our acquisition of the Falcon cable systems in November 1999. Under the letter agreement, Trail Blazers Inc. is paid a fixed fee for each subscriber in areas directly served by the Falcon cable systems. Under the cable television agreement, we share subscription revenues with Trail Blazers Inc. Trail Blazers Inc. provides technical facilities and services in connection with the cable broadcast of the Portland Trail Blazers basketball games. The letter agreement and the cable television agreement will terminate on September 30, 2001. We expensed approximately \$241,000 for the year ended December 31, 1999 and approximately \$727,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2000 in connection with the cable broadcast of Portland Trail Blazers basketball games under the cable television agreement.

DIGEO BROADBAND, INC. Charter Communications Holding Company has entered into a joint venture known as Digeo Broadband, Inc. with Vulcan Ventures and InfoSpace, Inc. to provide broadband portal services. See "Business--Products and Services." Mr. Allen owns in the aggregate, directly and through Vulcan Ventures, Inc. approximately 9% of the outstanding equity of InfoSpace, Inc. Mr. Savoy, a director of Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Holding Company, is also a director of InfoSpace, Inc.

RCN CORPORATION. On February 28, 2000, Vulcan Ventures purchased shares of convertible preferred stock of RCN Corporation for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$1.65 billion. Vulcan Ventures owns a 28.0% equity interest in RCN Corporation as of September 30, 2000. None of Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company, Charter Holdings or their respective shareholders, members or subsidiaries, other than Vulcan Ventures, has any interest in the RCN investment and none of them is expected to have any interest in any subsequent investment in RCN that Vulcan Ventures may make. Charter Communications, Inc.'s certificate of incorporation and Charter Communications Holding Company's limited liability company agreement provide that the businesses of RCN are not deemed to be "cable transmission businesses." Mr. Savoy, a director of Charter Communications, Inc. is also a director of RCN.

JOINT VENTURE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL VIDEO RECORDER SET-TOP BOX. In September 2000, Charter Communications Ventures entered into a joint venture with General Instrument Corporation (doing business as the Broadband Communications Sector of Motorola, Inc.), Replay TV, Inc. and Interval Research Corporation, an entity controlled by Mr. Allen, to develop and integrate digital video recording capabilities in digital set-top boxes. The joint venture will focus on creating a set-top based digital video recording platform that will be designed for storing video, audio and Internet content.

### DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN INDEBTEDNESS

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## EXISTING CREDIT FACILITIES

CHARTER OPERATING CREDIT FACILITIES. On March 18, 1999, Charter Operating entered into senior secured credit facilities arranged by Chase Securities Inc., NationsBanc Montgomery Securities LLC and TD Securities (USA) Inc. Obligations under the Charter Operating credit facilities are guaranteed by Charter Operating's parent, Charter Holdings, and by Charter Operating's subsidiaries. The obligations under the Charter Operating credit facilities are secured by pledges by Charter Operating of intercompany obligations and the ownership interests of Charter Operating and its subsidiaries, but are not secured by the other assets of Charter Operating or its subsidiaries. The obligations under the Charter Operating credit facilities are also secured by pledges of intercompany obligations and the ownership interests of Charter Holdings in Charter Operating, but are not secured by the other assets of Charter Holdings or Charter Operating.

The Charter Operating credit facilities provide for borrowings of up to \$4.7 billion consisting of:

- an eight and one-half year reducing revolving loan in the amount of 1.25 billion;
- an eight and one-half year Tranche A term loan in the amount of \$1.0 billion; and
- a nine-year Tranche B term loan in the amount of \$2.45 billion.

The Charter Operating credit facilities provide for the amortization of the principal amount of the Tranche A term loan facility and the reduction of the revolving loan facility beginning on June 30, 2002 with respect to the Tranche A term loan and on March 31, 2004 with respect to the revolving credit facility, with a final maturity date, in each case, of September 18, 2007. The amortization of the principal amount of the Tranche B term loan facility is substantially "back-ended," with more than 90% of the principal balance due in the year of maturity. The final maturity date of the Tranche B term loan facility is March 18, 2008. The Charter Operating credit facilities also provide for an incremental term facility of up to \$1.0 billion conditioned upon receipt of additional new commitments from lenders. Up to 50% of the borrowings under it may be repaid on terms substantially similar to that of the Tranche A term loan and the remaining portion on terms substantially similar to that of the Tranche B term loan. In March 2000, \$600.0 million of the incremental term facility was drawn down, thereby increasing the Tranche B term loan. The maturity date for this term loan is September 18, 2008.

The Charter Operating credit facilities also contain provisions requiring mandatory loan prepayments under some circumstances, such as when significant amounts of assets are sold and the proceeds are not promptly reinvested in assets useful in the business of Charter Operating. In the event that any existing March 1999 8.250% Charter Holdings notes remain outstanding on the date which is six months prior to the scheduled final maturity, the term loans under the Charter Operating credit facility will mature and the revolving credit facility will terminate on such date.

The Charter Operating credit facilities provide Charter Operating with two interest rate options, to which a margin is added: a base rate option, generally the "prime rate" of interest; and an interest rate option based on the interbank eurodollar rate. Interest rate margins for the Charter Operating credit facilities depend upon performance measured by a leverage ratio, which is the ratio of indebtedness to annualized operating cash flow. This leverage ratio is based on the debt of Charter Operating and its subsidiaries, exclusive of outstanding notes and other debt for money borrowed,

including guarantees by Charter Operating and by Charter Holdings. The interest rate margins for the Charter Operating credit facilities are as follows:

- with respect to the revolving loan and the Tranche A term loan, the margin ranges from 1.5% to 2.25% for eurodollar loans and from 0.5% to 1.25% for base rate loans; and
- with respect to the Tranche B term loan, the margin ranges from 2.25% to 2.75% for eurodollar loans and from 1.25% to 1.75% for base rate loans.

The Charter Operating credit facilities contain representations and warranties, affirmative and negative covenants, information requirements, events of default and financial covenants. The events of default include a cross-default provision that is triggered by the failure of Charter Operating, Charter Holdings or Charter Operating's subsidiaries to make payment on debt with an outstanding total principal amount exceeding \$50.0 million, the acceleration of debt of this amount prior to its maturity or the failure to comply with specified covenants. The financial covenants, which are generally tested on a quarterly basis, measure performance against standards set for leverage, debt service coverage, and operating cash flow coverage of cash interest expense.

The Charter Operating credit facilities also contain a change of control provision, making it an event of default, and permitting acceleration of the debt, in the event that either:

- Mr. Allen, including his estate, heirs and other related entities, fails to maintain a 25% direct or indirect voting and economic interest in Charter Operating; or
- a change of control occurs under the indentures governing the March 1999 Charter Holdings notes or the January 2000 Charter Holdings notes.

The various negative covenants place limitations on the ability of Charter Holdings, Charter Operating and their subsidiaries to, among other things:

- incur debt:
- pay dividends or make other distributions;
- incur liens:
- make acquisitions;
- make investments or asset sales; or
- enter into transactions with affiliates.

Distributions under the Charter Operating credit facilities to Charter Holdings to pay interest on the March 1999 Charter Holdings notes are generally permitted. Distributions under the Charter Operating credit facilities to Charter Holdings to pay interest on the notes and the January 2000 Charter Holdings notes are generally permitted, provided Charter Operating's cash flow for the four complete quarters preceding the distribution exceeds 1.75 times its cash interest expense, including the amount of such distribution. In each case, such distributions to Charter Holdings are not permitted during the existence of a default under the Charter Operating credit facilities.

As of September 30, 2000, \$3.6 billion was outstanding and \$1.1 billion was available for borrowing under the Charter Operating credit facilities. A portion of the net proceeds from this offering will be used to repay a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Charter Operating revolving credit facility. As of September 30, 2000, pro forma for the repayment of a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Charter Operating revolving credit facility with a portion of the net proceeds of this offering, outstanding borrowings would have been approximately \$2.7 billion, and the unused availability would have been approximately \$2.0 billion.

CHARTER HOLDINGS SENIOR BRIDGE LOAN FACILITY. On August 4, 2000, affiliates of the Placement Agents, Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation entered into a senior bridge loan agreement providing for senior increasing rate bridge loans in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$1.0 billion.

On August 14, 2000, Charter Holdings borrowed \$1.0 billion under the senior bridge loan facility and used substantially all of the net proceeds therefrom to repay a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Charter Operating and the Falcon revolving credit facilities. The bridge loan initially bore interest at an annual rate of 10.21%. For amounts not repaid by November 14, 2000, the interest rate increased by 1.25% at such date and will increase an additional 0.50% at the end of each additional 90-day period thereafter. Unless special default interest is assessed, the interest rate on the bridge loans will not exceed 15% annually. If the bridge loan has not been repaid in full by August 14, 2001, then it will be converted to a term loan. The term loan will bear interest at a fixed rate equal to the greater of the applicable rate of the bridge loan on the date on the conversion plus 0.50% and the yield corresponding to the bid price on Charter Holdings 10.25% notes as of the date immediately prior to the conversion. If the term loan is not repaid within 90 days after the conversion from the bridge loan, the interest rate thereon will increase by 0.50% at the end of each 90-day period. Unless special interest is assessed, the interest rate on the term loan will not exceed 15% annually. The term loan will mature on the tenth anniversary of the initial senior bridge loan borrowing.

Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation must use the net cash proceeds of any of the following to pay back the loans in full plus any accrued and unpaid interest:

- any public offering or private placement of any debt or equity securities by Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company, Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation or any subsidiary;
- any future bank borrowings other than specified borrowings; and
- any future asset sales, subject to specified limitations.

The Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility contains representations and warranties, affirmative and negative covenants, information requirements, events of default and financial covenants. The events of default include a cross-default provision that is triggered by the failure of us or our subsidiaries to make payment on debt with an outstanding total principal amount exceeding \$25.0 million, the acceleration of debt of this amount prior to its maturity or the failure to comply with specified covenants. The financial covenants, which are generally tested on a quarterly basis, measure performance against standards set for leverage and interest coverage.

As of September 30, 2000, pro forma for the repayment of a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility with the net proceeds from the sale of Charter Communications, Inc.'s convertible senior notes, outstanding borrowings would have been approximately \$272.5 million.

All remaining amounts outstanding under the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility were repaid in January 2001 with a portion of the net proceeds from the issuance and sale of the original notes.

FALCON CREDIT FACILITIES. In connection with the Falcon acquisition, the required percentage of lenders under the senior secured credit facilities of Falcon Cable Communications agreed to amend and restate the Falcon credit agreement, which amendment and restatement was effective as of November 12, 1999, the date that Charter Communications Holding Company closed the Falcon acquisition. The obligations under the Falcon credit facilities are guaranteed by the direct parent of Falcon Cable Communications, Charter Communications VII, LLC, and by the subsidiaries of Falcon Cable Communications. The obligations under the Falcon credit facilities are secured by pledges of the ownership interests and intercompany obligations of Falcon Cable Communications and its subsidiaries, but are not secured by other assets of Falcon Cable Communications or its subsidiaries.

The Falcon credit facilities have maximum borrowing availability of 1.25 billion consisting of the following:

- a revolving facility in the amount of approximately \$646.0 million;
- a term loan B in the amount of approximately \$196.5 million;
- a term loan C in the amount of approximately \$294.8 million; and
- a supplemental revolving facility of \$110.0 million.

In addition to the above, the Falcon credit facilities provide for, at the option of the lenders, supplemental credit facilities for a total of \$700.0 million, less the \$110.0 million outstanding under the supplemental revolving facility above. These supplemental credit facilities are available, subject to the borrower's ability to obtain additional commitments from the lenders. The terms of such additional borrowings are subject to certain restrictions that may be no more materially restrictive than the provisions of the Falcon credit facilities and will be determined at the time of borrowing.

The revolving facility and the supplemental revolving facility amortize beginning in 2001 and 2003, respectively, and ending on December 29, 2006 and December 31, 2007, respectively. The term loan B and term loan C facilities amortize beginning in 1999 and ending on June 29, 2007 and December 31, 2007, respectively.

The Falcon credit facilities also contain provisions requiring mandatory loan prepayments under certain circumstances, such as when significant amounts of assets are sold and the proceeds are not promptly reinvested in assets useful in the business of Falcon Cable Communications.

The Falcon credit facilities provide Falcon Cable Communications with two interest rate options, to which a margin is added: a base rate option, generally the "prime rate" of interest; and an interest rate option based on the interbank eurodollar rate. Interest rates for these credit facilities, as well as a fee payable on unborrowed amounts available thereunder, depend upon performance measured by a "leverage ratio" which is the ratio of indebtedness to annualized operating cash flow. This leverage ratio is based on the debt of Falcon Cable Communications and its subsidiaries, exclusive of the Falcon debentures described below. The interest rate margins for the Falcon credit facilities are as follows:

- with respect to the revolving loan facility, the margin ranges from 1.0% to 2.0% for eurodollar loans and from 0.0% to 1.0% for base rate loans;
- with respect to Term Loan B, the margin ranges from 1.75% to 2.25% for eurodollar loans and from 0.75% to 1.25% for base rate loans; and
- with respect to Term Loan C, the margin ranges from 2.0% to 2.5% for eurodollar loans and from 1.0% to 1.5% for base rate loans.

The Falcon credit facilities contain representations and warranties, affirmative and negative covenants, information requirements, events of default and financial covenants. The events of default for the Falcon credit facilities include a cross-default provision that is triggered by, among other things, the failure to make payment relating to specified outstanding debt of Falcon Cable Communications, its direct and indirect parent companies, CC VII Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications VII, or specified subsidiary guarantors in a total amount of principal and accrued interest exceeding \$10.0 million, the acceleration of debt of this amount prior to its maturity or the failure to comply with specified covenants. The financial covenants, which are generally tested on a quarterly basis, measure performance against standards set for leverage, debt service coverage, and operating cash flow coverage of cash interest expense.

The Falcon credit facilities also contain a change of control provision, making it an event of default, and permitting acceleration of the debt, in the event that either:

- Mr. Allen, including his estate, heirs and other related entities, fails to maintain a 25% direct or indirect voting and economic interest in Falcon Cable Communications; or
- a change of control occurs under the terms of other specified debt of Falcon.

The various negative covenants place limitations on the ability of Falcon Cable Communications and its subsidiaries to, among other things:

- incur debt:
- pay dividends or make other distributions;
- incur liens:
- make acquisitions;
- make investments or asset sales; or
- enter into transactions with affiliates.

Distributions under the Falcon credit facilities to Charter Holdings to pay interest on the notes and the March 1999 and January 2000 Charter Holdings notes are generally permitted, provided Falcon Cable Communications' cash flow for the most recent fiscal quarter preceding the distribution exceeds 1.75 times its cash interest expense, including the amount of such distribution. Distributions to Charter Holdings are also permitted if Falcon Cable Communications meets specified financial ratios. In each case, such distributions to Charter Holdings are not permitted during the existence of a default under the Falcon credit facilities.

As of September 30, 2000, there was \$1.2 billion outstanding and \$95.0 million was available for borrowing under the Falcon credit facilities. A portion of the net proceeds from this offering will be used to repay a portion of the amounts outstanding under Falcon revolving credit facility. As of September 30, 2000, pro forma for the repayment of a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Falcon revolving credit facility with a portion of the net proceeds of issuance and sale of the original notes, outstanding borrowings would have been approximately \$667.3 million, and the unused availability would have been \$580.0 million.

FANCH CREDIT FACILITIES. On November 12, 1999, the Fanch acquisition was closed and CC VI Operating Company, LLC, the parent company of the Fanch cable systems, entered into senior secured credit facilities arranged by Chase Securities Inc. and Banc of America Securities LLC. The obligations under the Fanch credit facilities are guaranteed by CC VI Operating's parent, CC VI Holdings, LLC, and by the subsidiaries of CC VI Operating. The obligations under the Fanch credit facilities are secured by pledges of the ownership interests and intercompany obligations of CC VI Operating and its subsidiaries, but are not secured by other assets of CC VI Operating or its subsidiaries.

The Fanch credit facilities have maximum borrowings of \$1.2 billion, consisting of:

- a revolving facility in the amount of approximately \$350.0 million;
- a term loan A in the amount of approximately \$450.0 million; and
- a term loan B in the amount of approximately \$400.0 million.

The revolving facility amortizes beginning in 2004 and ending in May 2008. The term loan A and term loan B facilities amortize beginning in 2003 and ending in May 2008 and November 2008, respectively.

In addition to the foregoing, the Fanch credit facilities provide for supplemental credit facilities in the maximum amount of \$300.0 million. These supplemental credit facilities may be in the form of an additional term loan or an aggregate increase in the amount of the term loan A or the revolving

facility. These supplemental credit facilities are available, subject to the borrower's ability to obtain additional commitments from lenders. The amortization of the additional term loans under the supplemental credit facilities prior to May 2009 is limited to 1% per annum of the aggregate principal amount of such additional term loans.

The Fanch credit facilities also contain provisions requiring mandatory loan prepayments under specific circumstances, including when significant amounts of assets are sold and the proceeds are not promptly reinvested in assets useful in the business of CC VI Operating.

The Fanch credit facilities provide CC VI Operating with the following two interest rate options, to which a margin is added: a base rate option, generally the prime rate of interest; and an interest rate option rate based on the interbank Eurodollar rate. Interest rates for the Fanch credit facilities, as well as a fee payable on unborrowed amounts available thereunder, depend upon performance measured by a leverage ratio, which is the ratio of indebtedness to annualized operating cash flow. This leverage ratio is based on the debt of CC VI Operating and its subsidiaries. The interest rate margins for the Fanch credit facilities are as follows:

- with respect to the revolving loan facility and term loan A, the margin ranges from 1.0% to 2.25% for eurodollar loans and from 0.0% to 1.25% for base rate loans; and
- with respect to term loan B, the margin ranges from 2.50% to 3.00% for eurodollar loans and from 1.50% to 2.00% for base rate loans.

The Fanch credit facilities contain representations and warranties, affirmative and negative covenants, information requirements, events of default and financial covenants. The events of default for the Fanch credit facilities include a cross-default provision that is triggered by the failure to make payment on debt of CC VI Operating, CC VI Holdings and the subsidiaries of CC VI Operating in a total amount of \$25.0 million, the acceleration of debt of this amount prior to its maturity or the failure to comply with specified covenants. The financial covenants, which are generally tested on a quarterly basis, measure performance against standards set for leverage, debt service coverage, and operating cash flow coverage of cash interest expense.

The Fanch credit facilities also contain a change of control provision, making it an event of default, and permitting acceleration of the debt, in the event of any of the following:

- Mr. Allen, including his estate, heirs and other related entities, fails to maintain a 25% direct or indirect voting and economic interest in CC VI Operating;
- CC VI Operating is no longer a direct or indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications Holding Company; or
- A change of control occurs under specified indebtedness of CC VI Holdings, CC VI Operating or CC VI Operating's subsidiaries.

Various negative covenants place limitations on the ability of CC VI Operating and its subsidiaries to, among other things:

- incur debt;
- pay dividends or make other distributions;
- incur liens;
- make acquisitions;
- make investments or asset sales; or
- enter into transactions with affiliates.

Distributions under the Fanch credit facilities to pay interest on the notes and the March 1999 and January 2000 Charter Holdings notes are generally permitted, provided CC VI Operating's cash flow for the four complete quarters preceding the distribution exceeds 1.75 times its cash interest

expense, including the amount of such distribution. Distributions to Charter Holdings will also be permitted if CC VI Operating meets specified financial ratios. In each case, such distributions to Charter Holdings are not permitted during the existence of a default under the Fanch credit facilities.

As of September 30, 2000, there was approximately \$850.0 million outstanding and \$350.0 million was available for borrowing under the Fanch credit facilities. A portion of the net proceeds from this offering will be used to repay the remaining amounts outstanding under the Fanch revolving credit facility. As of September 30, 2000, pro forma for the repayment of the amounts outstanding under the Fanch revolving credit facility with a portion of the net proceeds of the issuance and sale of the original notes, outstanding borrowings would have been approximately \$780.0 million, and the unused availability would have been approximately \$420.0 million.

BRESNAN CREDIT FACILITIES. In connection with the Bresnan acquisition, our subsidiary, CC VIII Operating, LLC (formerly Bresnan Telecommunications Company, LLC) amended and restated its previous senior secured credit facilities and increased the available borrowings under the facilities. At the closing of the Bresnan acquisition, we borrowed approximately \$599.9 million to replace the borrowings outstanding under the previous credit facilities and an additional \$31.3 million to fund a portion of the Bresnan purchase price.

Upon completion of the Bresnan/Avalon combination, the Bresnan credit facilities were again amended and restated. The following description reflects such amendment and restatement.

The obligations under the Bresnan credit facilities are guaranteed by the parent company of the Bresnan borrower, CC VIII Holdings, LLC (formerly Bresnan Communications Group LLC), and by the subsidiaries of the Bresnan borrower. The obligations under the Bresnan credit facilities are secured by pledges of the ownership interests and intercompany obligations of the Bresnan borrower and its subsidiaries, but are not secured by other assets of the Bresnan borrower or its subsidiaries. The Bresnan credit facilities are also secured by a pledge of CC VIII Holdings' equity interest in the Bresnan borrower and intercompany obligations with respect to the Bresnan borrower.

The Bresnan credit facilities provide for borrowings of up to \$1.45 billion, consisting of:

- a reducing revolving loan facility in the amount of \$450.0 million;
- two tranch term loans A facilities in the aggregate amount of \$500.0 million; and
- two tranch term loans B facilities in the amount of \$500.0 million.

The Bresnan credit facilities provide for the amortization of the principal amount of the term loan A facilities and the reduction of the revolving loan facility beginning March 31, 2002, with a final maturity date of June 30, 2007. The amortization of the term loan B facilities is substantially "back-ended", with more than ninety percent of the principal balance due on the final maturity date of February 2, 2008. The Bresnan credit facilities also provide for two incremental facilities of up to a total \$500.0 million, which are conditioned upon receipt of additional commitments from lenders. If the incremental facilities become available, they may be in the form of revolving loans, term A loans or to a limited extent term B loans, but may not amortize more quickly than the reducing revolving loan facility or the term loan A facilities, and may not have a final maturity date earlier than six calendar months after the maturity date of the term loan B facilities.

The Bresnan credit facilities provide the following two interest rate options, to which a margin is added: a base rate, generally the "prime rate" of interest; and an interest rate option based on the interbank eurodollar rate. Interest rate margins for the Bresnan credit facilities depend upon performance measured by a leverage ratio, which is the ratio of total debt to annualized operating cash flow. The leverage ratio is based on the debt of the Bresnan borrower and its subsidiaries. The interest rate margins for the Bresnan credit facilities are as follows:

- with respect to the term loan A facilities and the revolving loan facility, the margin ranges from 0.75% to 2.25% for eurodollar loans and from 0.0% to 1.25% for base rate loans; and - with respect to the term loan B facilities, the margin ranges from 2.5% to 2.75% for eurodollar loans and from 1.5% to 1.75% for base rate loans.

The Bresnan credit facilities contain various representations and warranties, affirmative and negative covenants, information requirements, events of default and financial covenants. The events of default for the Bresnan credit facilities include a cross-default provision that is triggered by, among other things, the failure to make payment on the debt of the Bresnan borrower, its subsidiaries and CC VIII Holdings in a total amount in excess of \$25.0 million, the acceleration of debt of this amount prior to its maturity or failure to comply with specified covenants. The financial covenants, which are generally tested on a quarterly basis, measure performance against standards set for leverage, debt service coverage, and operating cash flow coverage of cash interest expense.

Certain negative covenants place limitations on the ability of the Bresnan borrower and its restricted subsidiaries to, among other things:

- incur debt:
- pay dividends or make other distributions;
- incur liens:
- make acquisitions:
- make investments or asset sales; or
- enter into transactions with affiliates.

The Bresnan credit facilities contain a change in control provision making it an event of default permitting acceleration of the debt in the event of any of the following:

- Mr. Allen, including his estate, heirs and related entities, fails to maintain, directly or indirectly, at least 51% voting interest in the Bresnan borrower, or ceases to own of record or beneficially, directly or indirectly, at least 25% of the equity interests of the Bresnan borrower;
- a change of control or similar defined term shall occur in any agreement governing debt of CC VIII Holding or the Bresnan borrower, and such debt is at least in the amount of \$25.0 million;
- Charter Communications Holding Company shall cease to own, directly or indirectly, at least 51% of the equity interests in the Bresnan borrower; or
- the Bresnan borrower shall cease to be a direct wholly owned subsidiary of CC VIII Holdings.

Distributions under the Bresnan credit facilities to Charter Holdings to pay interest on the notes and the March 1999 and January 2000 Charter Holdings notes are generally permitted, provided the borrower's consolidated cash flow for the four complete quarters preceding the distribution exceeds 1.75 times its cash interest expense, including the amount of such distribution. Distributions to Charter Holdings are also conditioned on the borrower meeting specified financial ratios. In each case, such distributions to Charter Holdings are not permitted during the existence of a default under the Bresnan credit facilities. Distributions to Charter Holdings to pay interest on the notes and the March 1999 and January 2000 Charter Holdings notes are also subject to the restricted payment provisions contained in the indenture for the 11.875% notes of CC V Holdings, LLC, the parent of the Bresnan borrower.

As of September 30, 2000, pro forma for the amendment and restatement of the Bresnan credit facilities, there was \$861.0 million outstanding and \$589.0 million was available for borrowing under the Bresnan credit facilities.

# EXISTING PUBLIC DEBT

MARCH 1999 CHARTER HOLDINGS NOTES. The March 1999 Charter Holdings notes were issued under three separate indentures, each dated as of March 17, 1999, among Charter Holdings and

Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation, as the issuers, and BNY Midwest Trust Company, as trustee. Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation exchanged these notes for new March 1999 Charter Holdings notes with substantially similar terms, except that the new March 1999 Charter Holdings notes are registered under the Securities Act and, therefore, do not bear legends restricting their transfer.

The March 1999 Charter Holdings notes are general unsecured obligations of Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation. The March 1999 8.250% Charter Holdings notes mature on April 1, 2007 and as of September 30, 2000, there was \$600.0 million in total principal amount outstanding. The March 1999 8.625% Charter Holdings notes mature on April 1, 2009 and as of September 30, 2000, there was \$1.5 billion in total principal amount outstanding. The March 1999 9.920% Charter Holdings notes mature on April 1, 2011 and as of September 30, 2000, the total accreted value was \$1.1 billion. Cash interest on the March 1999 9.920% Charter Holdings notes will not accrue prior to April 1, 2004.

The March 1999 Charter Holdings notes are senior debts of Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation. They rank equally with the current and future unsecured and unsubordinated debt of Charter Holdings, including the January 2000 Charter Holdings notes.

Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation will not have the right to redeem the March 1999 8.250% Charter Holdings notes prior to their maturity date on April 1, 2007. Before April 1, 2002, Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation may redeem up to 35% of each of the March 1999 8.625% Charter Holdings notes and the March 1999 9.920% Charter Holdings notes, in each case, at a premium with the proceeds of certain offerings of equity securities. In addition, on or after April 1, 2004, Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation may redeem some or all of the March 1999 8.625% Charter Holdings notes and the March 1999 9.920% Charter Holdings notes at any time, in each case, at a premium. The optional redemption price declines to 100% of the principal amount of March 1999 Charter Holdings notes redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, for redemption on or after April 1, 2007.

In the event of a specified change of control event, Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation must offer to repurchase any then outstanding March 1999 Charter Holdings notes at 101% of their principal amount or accreted value, as applicable, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any.

The indentures governing the March 1999 Charter Holdings notes contain certain covenants that restrict the ability of Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and their restricted subsidiaries to:

- incur additional debt;
- create specified liens;
- pay dividends on stock or repurchase stock:
- make investments;
- sell all or substantially all of our assets or merge with or into other companies;
- sell assets;
- in the case of restricted subsidiaries, create or permit to exist dividend or payment restrictions with respect to us; and
- engage in certain transactions with affiliates.

JANUARY 2000 CHARTER HOLDINGS NOTES. The January 2000 Charter Holdings notes were issued under three separate indentures, each dated as of January 12, 2000 among Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation, as the issuers, and BNY Midwest Trust

Company, as trustee. In June 2000, Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation exchanged these notes for new January 2000 Charter Holdings notes, with substantially similar terms, except that the new January 2000 Charter Holdings notes are registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and, therefore, do not bear legends restricting their transfer.

The January 2000 Charter Holdings notes are general unsecured obligations of Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation. The January 2000 10% Charter Holdings notes mature on April 1, 2009, and as of September 30, 2000, there was \$675.0 million in total principal amount of these notes outstanding. The January 2000 10.25% Charter Holdings notes mature on January 15, 2010 and as of September 30, 2000, there was \$325.0 million in total principal amount of these notes outstanding. The January 2000 11.75% Charter Holdings notes mature on January 15, 2010 and as of September 30, 2000, the total accreted value of these notes was approximately \$326.0 million. Cash interest on the January 2000 11.75% Charter Holdings notes will not accrue prior to January 15, 2005.

The January 2000 Charter Holdings notes are senior debts of Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation. They rank equally with the current and future unsecured and unsubordinated debt of Charter Holdings, including the March 1999 Charter Holdings notes.

Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation will not have the right to redeem the January 2000 10.00% Charter Holdings notes prior to their maturity date on April 1, 2009. Before January 15, 2003, Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation may redeem up to 35% of the January 2000 10.25% Charter Holdings notes and the January 2000 11.75% Charter Holdings notes, in each case, at a premium with the proceeds of certain offerings of equity securities. In addition, on or after January 15, 2005, Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation may redeem some or all of the January 2000 10.25% Charter Holdings notes and the January 2000 11.75% Charter Holdings notes at any time, in each case, at a premium. The optional redemption price declines to 100% of the principal amount of the January 2000 Charter Holdings notes redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, for redemption on or after January 15, 2008.

In the event of a specified change of control event, Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation must offer to repurchase any then outstanding January 2000 Charter Holdings notes at 101% of their aggregate principal amount or accreted value, as applicable, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any.

The indentures governing the January 2000 Charter Holdings notes contain substantially identical events of default, affirmative covenants and negative covenants as those contained in the indentures governing the March 1999 Charter Holdings notes.

RENAISSANCE NOTES. The 10% senior discount notes due 2008 were issued by Renaissance Media (Louisiana) LLC, Renaissance Media (Tennessee) LLC and Renaissance Media Holdings Capital Corporation, with Renaissance Media Group LLC as guarantor and the United States Trust Company of New York as trustee. Renaissance Media Group LLC, which is the direct or indirect parent company of these issuers, is now a subsidiary of Charter Operating. The Renaissance 10% notes and the Renaissance guarantee are unsecured, unsubordinated debt of the issuers and the guarantor, respectively. In October 1998, the issuers of the Renaissance notes exchanged \$163.2 million of the original issued and outstanding Renaissance notes for an equivalent value of new Renaissance notes. The form and terms of the new Renaissance notes are the same in all material respects as the form and terms of the original Renaissance notes except that the issuance of the new Renaissance notes was registered under the Securities Act.

There will not be any payment of interest in respect of the Renaissance notes prior to October 15, 2003. Interest on the Renaissance notes shall be paid semi-annually in cash at a rate of

10% per annum beginning on October 15, 2003. The Renaissance notes are redeemable at the option of the issuers thereof, in whole or in part, at any time on or after April 15, 2003, initially at 105% of their principal amount at maturity, plus accrued interest, declining to 100% of the principal amount at maturity, plus accrued interest, on or after April 15, 2006. In addition, at any time prior to April 15, 2001, the issuers of the Renaissance notes may redeem up to 35% of the original total principal amount at maturity of the Renaissance notes with the proceeds of one or more sales of equity interests at 110% of their accreted value on the redemption date, provided that after any such redemption at least \$106.0 million total principal amount at maturity of Renaissance notes remains outstanding.

Our acquisition of Renaissance triggered change of control provisions of the Renaissance notes that required us to offer to purchase the Renaissance notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of their accreted value on the date of the purchase, plus accrued interest, if any. In May 1999, we made an offer to repurchase the Renaissance notes, and holders of Renaissance notes representing 30% of the total principal amount outstanding at maturity tendered their Renaissance notes for repurchase.

The indentures governing the Renaissance 10% notes contain certain covenants that restrict the ability of the issuers of the Renaissance notes and their restricted subsidiaries to:

- incur additional debt;
- create liens;
- engage in sale-leaseback transactions;
- pay dividends or make other distributions in respect of their equity interests;
- redeem capital stock;
- make investments or certain other restricted payments;
- sell assets;
- issue or sell capital stock of restricted subsidiaries;
- enter into transactions with shareholders or affiliates; and
- effect a consolidation or merger.

The Renaissance notes contain events of default that include a cross-default provision triggered by the failure of Renaissance Media Group LLC or any of its specified subsidiaries to make payment on debt at maturity with a total principal amount of \$10.0 million or more or the acceleration of debt of this amount prior to maturity.

As of September 30, 2000, there was outstanding \$114.4 million total principal amount at maturity of Renaissance notes, with an accreted value of \$89.3 million.

AVALON 11.875% NOTES. On December 10, 1998, CC V Holdings, LLC, formerly known as Avalon Cable LLC, and CC V Holdings Finance, Inc. (formerly Avalon Cable Holdings Finance, Inc.) jointly issued \$196.0 million total principal amount at maturity of 11.875% senior discount notes due 2008. On July 22, 1999, the issuers exchanged \$196.0 million of the original issued and outstanding Avalon notes for an equivalent amount of new Avalon notes. The form and terms of the new Avalon notes are substantially identical to the original Avalon notes except that they are registered under the Securities Act and, therefore, are not subject to the same transfer restrictions.

The Avalon notes are guaranteed by certain subsidiaries of CC V Holdings.

There will be no current payments of cash interest on the Avalon notes before December 1, 2003. The Avalon notes accrete in value at a rate of 11.875% per annum, compounded semi-annually,

to an aggregate principal amount of \$196.0 million on December 1, 2003. After December 1, 2003, cash interest on the Avalon notes:

- will accrue at the rate of 11.875% per year on the principal amount at maturity; and
- will be payable semi-annually in arrears on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing June 1, 2004.

On December 1, 2003, the issuers of the Avalon notes will be required to redeem an amount equal to \$369.79 per \$1,000 in principal amount at maturity of each Avalon note, on a pro rata basis, at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount then outstanding at maturity of the Avalon notes so redeemed.

On or after December 1, 2003, the issuers of the Avalon notes may redeem the Avalon notes, in whole or in part, at a specified premium. The optional redemption price declines to 100% of the principal amount of the Avalon notes redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, for redemptions on or after December 1, 2006. Before December 1, 2001, the issuers may redeem up to 35% of the total principal amount at maturity of the Avalon notes with the proceeds of one or more equity offerings and/or equity investments.

In the event of specified change of control events, holders of the Avalon notes have the right to sell their Avalon notes to the issuers of the Avalon notes at 101% of:

- the accreted value of the Avalon notes in the case of repurchases of Avalon notes prior to December 1, 2003; or
- the total principal amount of the Avalon notes in the case of repurchases of Avalon notes on or after December 1, 2003, plus accrued and unpaid interest and liquidated damages, if any, to the date of purchase.

Our acquisition of Avalon triggered this right. On December 3, 1999, we commenced a change of control repurchase offer with respect to the Avalon notes. In January 2000, we completed change of control offers in which we repurchased \$16.3 million aggregate principal amount of the 11.875% notes at a purchase price of 101% of accreted value as of January 28, 2000. The aggregate repurchase price of \$10.5 million was funded with proceeds of the sale of the January 2000 Charter Holdings notes.

Among other restrictions, the indenture governing the Avalon notes limits the ability of the issuers and their specified subsidiaries to:

- incur additional debt;
- pay dividends or make other specified restricted payments;
- enter into transactions with affiliates;
- make certain investments;
- sell assets or subsidiary stock;
- engage in sale-leaseback transactions;
- create liens;
- create or permit to exist restrictions dividends or other payments from restricted subsidiaries;
- redeem equity interests;
- merge, consolidate or sell all or substantially all of their combined assets; and
- with respect to restricted subsidiaries, issue capital stock.

The Avalon notes contain events of default that include a cross-default provision triggered by the failure of CC V Operating, CC V Holdings Finance, Inc. or any specified subsidiary to make payment on debt with a total principal amount of \$5.0 million or more or the acceleration of debt of this amount prior to maturity.

As of September 30, 2000, the total principal amount at maturity of the outstanding Avalon notes was 179.8 million, with an accreted value of 124.8 million.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. CONVERTIBLE SENIOR NOTES. The Charter Communications, Inc. convertible senior notes were issued under an indenture dated October 30, 2000 between Charter Communications, Inc., as the issuer, and BNY Midwest Trust Company, as trustee. Charter Holdings is not an obligor or guarantor with respect to the convertible senior notes.

The Charter Communications, Inc. convertible senior notes are general unsecured obligations of Charter Communications, Inc. The Charter Communications, Inc. convertible senior notes mature on October 15, 2005. There are \$750.0 million total principal amount of these notes outstanding.

The Charter Communication, Inc. convertible senior notes are senior debts of Charter Communications, Inc. and rank equally with any of Charter Communications, Inc.'s future unsecured and unsubordinated debt, but are structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities of Charter Communications, Inc.'s subsidiaries.

Charter Communications, Inc. has the right to redeem the Charter Communications, Inc. convertible senior notes on or after October 15, 2003 at specified redemption prices plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. The Charter Communications, Inc. convertible senior notes are convertible at the option of the holder into shares of Charter Communications, Inc.'s Class A common stock at a conversion rate of 46.3822 shares of Class A common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of notes, which is equivalent to a conversion price of approximately \$21.56 per share. The conversion rate is subject to adjustment in certain events. The Charter Communications, Inc. convertible senior notes are convertible at any time before the close of business on October 15, 2005, unless Charter Communications, Inc. has previously redeemed or repurchased the notes. Holders of the convertible senior notes called for redemption or submitted for repurchase are entitled to convert the notes up to and including, but not after, the business day prior to the date fixed for redemption or repurchase, as the case may be.

In the event of a specified change of control event, Charter Communications, Inc. must offer to repurchase any then-outstanding Charter Communications, Inc. convertible senior notes at 100% of their principal amount plus accrued interest to the repurchase date.

# INTERCOMPANY LOANS

For a description of certain intercompany loans made by Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company and Charter Holdings to certain of their subsidiaries, see "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions--Transactions with Management and Others--Intercompany Loans."

### DESCRIPTION OF NOTES

You can find the definitions of certain terms used in this description under the subheading "Certain Definitions." In this description, the term "Charter Holdings" refers only to Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and the term "Issuers" means Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation.

The original notes were issued and the new notes will be issued under three separate indentures, each dated January 10, 2001 (the "Indentures"), among the Issuers and BNY Midwest Trust Company, as trustee. Although, for convenience, the eight-year senior notes, the ten-year senior notes and the senior discount notes are referred to as the "new notes," the eight-year senior notes, the ten-year senior notes and the senior discount notes will be issued each as a separate series and will not together have any class voting or other rights. The terms of the new notes include those stated in the indentures and those made part of the indentures by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939.

The form and terms of the new notes are the same in all material respects as to the form and terms of the original notes, except that the new notes will have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 and, therefore, will not bear legends restricting their transfer. The original notes have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 and are subject to certain transfer restrictions.

The following description is a summary of the material provisions of the indentures. It does not restate the indentures in their entirety. We urge you to read the indentures because they, and not this description, define your rights as holders of the new notes. Copies of the indentures are available as set forth under "--Additional Information."

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES

### The notes:

- are general unsecured obligations of the issuers;
- are effectively subordinated in right of payment to all existing and future secured Indebtedness of the issuers to the extent of the value of the assets securing such Indebtedness;
- are structurally subordinated in the right of payment to all liabilities (including trade payables) of Charter Holdings' Subsidiaries (other than Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation);
- are equal in right of payment to all existing and future unsubordinated, unsecured Indebtedness of the issuers, including the March 1999 and January 2000 Charter Holdings notes; and
- are senior in right of payment to any future subordinated Indebtedness of the issuers.

At September 30, 2000, on a pro forma basis giving effect to the issuance and sale of the original notes and the application of the net proceeds therefrom and the contribution as equity to Charter Holdings of the net proceeds of the sale by Charter Communications, Inc. of its 5.75% convertible senior notes and the application thereof to repay a portion of the amounts outstanding under the senior bridge loan facility, the outstanding Indebtedness of Charter Holdings and its Subsidiaries would have totaled approximately \$11.5 billion, \$5.3 billion of which would have been Indebtedness of our Subsidiaries and structurally senior to the new notes.

The new notes will rank equally with the senior notes and senior discount notes of the issuers that were issued in March 1999 and January 2000.

As of the date of the indentures, all the Subsidiaries of Charter Holdings will be "Restricted Subsidiaries." However, under the circumstances described below under "--Certain Cove-

nants--Investments," Charter Holdings will be permitted to designate certain of its Subsidiaries as "Unrestricted Subsidiaries." Unrestricted Subsidiaries will generally not be subject to the restrictive covenants in the indentures.

## PRINCIPAL, MATURITY AND INTEREST OF NOTES

### FIGHT-YEAR SENTOR NOTES

The eight-year senior notes will be issued in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000. The eight-year senior notes will mature on October 1, 2009.

Interest on the eight-year senior notes will accrue at the rate of 10.750% per annum and will be payable semi-annually in arrears on April 1 and October 1, commencing on October 1, 2001. The issuers will make each interest payment to the holders of record of the eight-year senior notes on the immediately preceding March 15 and September 15.

Interest on the eight-year senior notes will accrue from the date of issuance of the original notes or, if interest has already been paid, from the date it was most recently paid. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.

The eight-year senior notes will be issued initially in an aggregate principal amount of \$900 million. Subject to the limitations set forth under "--Certain Covenants--Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock," Charter Holdings may issue additional eight-year senior notes under the indenture for the eight-year senior notes from time to time. The eight-year senior notes and any additional eight-year senior notes subsequently issued under the indenture for the eight-year senior notes would be treated as a single class for all purposes under such indenture. For purposes of this description, references to the eight-year senior notes include the eight-year senior notes issued on the date of the indentures and any additional eight-year senior notes subsequently issued under the indenture for the eight-year senior notes.

## TEN-YEAR SENIOR NOTES

The ten-year senior notes will be issued in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000. The ten-year senior notes will mature on January 15, 2011.

Interest on the ten-year senior notes will accrue at the rate of 11.125% per annum and will be payable semi-annually in arrears on January 15 and July 15, commencing on July 15, 2001. The issuers will make each interest payment to the holders of record of the ten-year senior notes on the immediately preceding January 1 and July 1.

Interest on the ten-year senior notes will accrue from the date of original issuance or, if interest has already been paid, from the date it was most recently paid. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.

The ten-year senior notes will be issued initially in an aggregate principal amount of \$500 million. Subject to the limitations set forth under "--Certain Covenants--Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock," Charter Holdings may issue additional ten-year senior notes under the indenture for the ten-year senior notes from time to time. The ten-year senior notes and any additional ten-year senior notes subsequently issued under the indenture for the ten-year senior notes would be treated as a single class for all purposes under such indenture. For purposes of this description, references to the ten-year senior notes include the ten-year senior notes issued on the date of the indentures and any additional senior notes subsequently issued under the indenture for the ten-year senior notes.

### SENIOR DISCOUNT NOTES

The issue price of each senior discount note will be \$519.44 per \$1,000 principal amount at maturity, generating aggregate gross proceeds of \$350,620,205 and representing a yield to maturity of 13.500% (calculated on a semi-annual bond equivalent basis) calculated from January 10, 2001. The issuers will issue senior discount notes in denominations of \$1,000 principal amount at maturity and integral multiples of \$1,000 principal amount at maturity. The senior discount notes will mature on January 15, 2011.

Cash interest on the senior discount notes will not accrue prior to January 15, 2006. Thereafter, cash interest on the senior discount notes will accrue at a rate of 13.500% per annum and will be payable semi-annually in arrears on January 15 and July 15, commencing on July 15, 2006. The issuers will make each interest payment to the holders of record of the senior discount notes on the immediately preceding January 1 and July 1. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.

The senior discount notes will accrete at a rate of 13.500% per year to an aggregate amount of \$675 million as of January 15, 2006. The senior discount notes will be limited in aggregate principal amount at maturity to \$675 million.

For United States federal income tax purposes, holders of the senior discount notes will be required to include amounts in gross income in advance of the receipt of the cash payments to which the income is attributable. See "United States Federal Income Tax Considerations."

## OPTIONAL REDEMPTION

# EIGHT-YEAR SENIOR NOTES

The eight-year senior notes will not be redeemable at the issuers' option prior to maturity.

## TEN-YEAR SENIOR NOTES

At any time prior to January 15, 2004, the issuers may, on any one or more occasions, redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the ten-year senior notes on a pro rata basis (or nearly as pro rata as practicable) at a redemption price of 111.125% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, with the net cash proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings, provided that

- (1) at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount of ten-year senior notes remains outstanding immediately after the occurrence of such redemption (excluding ten-year senior notes held by Charter Holdings and its Subsidiaries), and
- (2) the redemption must occur within 60 days of the date of the closing of such Equity Offering.

Except pursuant to the preceding paragraph, the ten-year senior notes will not be redeemable at the issuers' option prior to January 15, 2006.

On or after January 15, 2006, the issuers may redeem all or a part of the ten-year senior notes upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days notice at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) set forth below plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to

the applicable redemption date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on January 15 of the years indicated below:

YEAR	PERCENTAGE
2006	105 563%
2007	
2008	
2009 and thereafter	100.000%

## SENIOR DISCOUNT NOTES

At any time prior to January 15, 2004, the issuers may, on any one or more occasions, redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of the senior discount notes on a pro rata basis (or nearly as pro rata as practicable) at a redemption price of 113.500% of the Accreted Value thereof, with the net cash proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings, provided that

- (1) at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of senior discount notes remains outstanding immediately after the occurrence of such redemption (excluding senior discount notes held by Charter Holdings and its Subsidiaries), and
- (2) the redemption must occur within 60 days of the date of the closing of such Equity Offering.

Except pursuant to the preceding paragraph, the senior discount notes will not be redeemable at the issuers' option prior to January 15, 2006.

On or after January 15, 2006, the issuers may redeem all or a part of the senior discount notes upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days notice, at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount at maturity) set forth below plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to the applicable redemption date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on January 15 of the years indicated below.

YEAR	PERCENTAGE
2006 2007.	
2008	102.250%
2009 and thereafter	100.000%

# REPURCHASE AT THE OPTION OF HOLDERS

# CHANGE OF CONTROL

If a Change of Control occurs, each holder of new notes will have the right to require the issuers to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$1,000 or an integral multiple thereof) of that holder's new notes pursuant to a "Change of Control Offer." In the Change of Control Offer, the issuers will offer a "Change of Control Payment" in cash equal to:

- (x) with respect to the eight-year senior notes and the ten-year senior notes, 101% of the aggregate principal amount thereof repurchased plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to the date of purchase; and
- (y) with respect to the senior discount notes, 101% of the Accreted Value plus, for any Change of Control Offer occurring after the Full Accretion Date, accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase.

Within ten days following any Change of Control, the issuers will mail a notice to each holder describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control and offering to repurchase notes on a certain date (the "Change of Control Payment Date") specified in such notice,

pursuant to the procedures required by the indentures and described in such notice. The issuers will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (or any successor rules) and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the notes as a result of a Change of Control.

On the Change of Control Payment Date, the issuers will, to the extent lawful:

- (1) accept for payment all notes or portions thereof properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer;
- (2) deposit with the paying agent an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of all notes or portions thereof so tendered; and
- (3) deliver or cause to be delivered to the trustee the notes so accepted together with an officers' certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of notes or portions thereof being purchased by the issuers.

The paying agent will promptly pay to each holder of notes so tendered the Change of Control Payment for such notes, and the trustee will promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book entry) to each holder a new note equal in principal amount or principal amount at maturity, as applicable, to any unpurchased portion of the notes surrendered, if any, provided that each such new note will be in a principal amount or principal amount at maturity, as applicable, of \$1,000 or an integral multiple thereof.

The provisions described above that require the issuers to make a Change of Control Offer following a Change of Control will be applicable regardless of whether or not any other provisions of the indentures are applicable. Except as described above with respect to a Change of Control, the indentures will not contain provisions that permit the holders of the notes to require that the issuers repurchase or redeem the notes in the event of a takeover, recapitalization or similar transaction.

The issuers will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon a Change of Control if a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in the indentures applicable to a Change of Control Offer made by the issuers and purchases all notes validly tendered and not withdrawn under such Change of Control Offer.

The definition of Change of Control includes a phrase relating to the sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of "all or substantially all" of the assets of Charter Holdings and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or of a Parent and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole. Although there is a limited body of case law interpreting the phrase "substantially all," there is no precise established definition of the phrase under applicable law. Accordingly, the ability of a holder of notes to require the issuers to repurchase such notes as a result of a sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of less than all of the assets of Charter Holdings and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or of a Parent and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to another Person or group may be uncertain.

# ASSET SALES

Charter Holdings will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, consummate an Asset Sale unless:

(1) Charter Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings receives consideration at the time of such Asset Sale at least equal to the fair market value of the assets or Equity Interests issued or sold or otherwise disposed of;

- (2) such fair market value is determined by Charter Holdings' board of directors and evidenced by a resolution of such board of directors set forth in an officers' certificate delivered to the trustee; and
- (3) at least 75% of the consideration therefor received by Charter Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary is in the form of cash, Cash Equivalents or readily marketable securities.

- (a) any liabilities (as shown on Charter Holdings' or such Restricted Subsidiary's most recent balance sheet) of Charter Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings (other than contingent liabilities and liabilities that are by their terms subordinated to the notes) that are assumed by the transferee of any such assets pursuant to a customary novation agreement that releases Charter Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary from further liability;
- (b) any securities, notes or other obligations received by Charter Holdings or any such Restricted Subsidiary from such transferee that are converted by Charter Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary into cash, Cash Equivalents or readily marketable securities within 60 days after receipt thereof (to the extent of the cash, Cash Equivalents or readily marketable securities received in that conversion); and

# (c) Productive Assets.

Within 365 days after the receipt of any Net Proceeds from an Asset Sale, Charter Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings may apply such Net Proceeds at its option:

- (1) to repay debt under the Credit Facilities or any other Indebtedness of the Restricted Subsidiaries of Charter Holdings (other than Indebtedness represented by a guarantee of a Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings); or
- (2) to invest in Productive Assets, provided that any Net Proceeds which Charter Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings has committed to invest in Productive Assets within 365 days of the applicable Asset Sale may be invested in Productive Assets within two years of such Asset Sale.

The amount of any Net Proceeds received by Charter Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings from Asset Sales that are not applied or invested as provided in the preceding paragraph will constitute Excess Proceeds. When the aggregate amount of Excess Proceeds exceeds \$25 million, the issuers will make an Asset Sale Offer to all holders of notes and all holders of other Indebtedness that is of equal priority with the notes containing provisions requiring offers to purchase or redeem with the proceeds of sales of assets to purchase the maximum principal amount of notes and such other Indebtedness of equal priority that may be purchased out of the Excess Proceeds (which amount includes the entire amount of the Net Proceeds). The offer price in any Asset Sale Offer will be payable in cash and equal to:

- (1) with respect to the eight-year senior notes and the ten-year senior notes, 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase; and
- (2) with respect to the senior discount notes, 100% of the Accreted Value thereof plus, after the Full Accretion Date, accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase.

If any Excess Proceeds remain after consummation of an Asset Sale Offer, Charter Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings may use such Excess Proceeds for any purpose not otherwise prohibited by the indentures. If the aggregate principal amount of notes and such other Indebtedness of equal priority tendered into such Asset Sale Offer exceeds the amount of Excess Proceeds, the trustee shall select the notes and such other Indebtedness of equal priority to be

purchased on a pro rata basis. Upon completion of each Asset Sale Offer, the amount of Excess Proceeds shall be reset at zero.

### SELECTION AND NOTICE

If less than all of the notes are to be redeemed at any time, the trustee will select notes for redemption as follows:

- (1) if the notes are listed, in compliance with the requirements of the principal national securities exchange on which the notes are listed; or
- (2) if the notes are not so listed, on a pro rata basis, by lot or by such method as the trustee shall deem fair and appropriate.

No notes of \$1,000 or less shall be redeemed in part. Notices of redemption shall be mailed by first class mail at least 30 but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each holder of notes to be redeemed at its registered address. Notices of redemption may not be conditional.

If any note is to be redeemed in part only, the notice of redemption that relates to that note shall state the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. A new note in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the original note will be issued in the name of the holder thereof upon cancellation of the original note. Notes called for redemption become due on the date fixed for redemption. On and after the redemption date, interest ceases to accrue on, or the Accreted Value ceases to increase on, as the case may be, notes or portions of them called for redemption.

# CERTAIN COVENANTS

Set forth in this section are summaries of certain covenants contained in the indentures.

During any period of time that (a) any of the eight-year senior notes, ten-year senior notes or the senior discount notes have Investment Grade Ratings from both Rating Agencies and (b) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing under the applicable indenture, Charter Holdings and its Restricted Subsidiaries will not be subject to the provisions of the indentures described under:

- "--Repurchase at the Option of Holders--Asset Sales,"
- "--Restricted Payments,"
- "--Investments,"
- "--Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock,"
- "--Dividend and Other Payment Restrictions Affecting Subsidiaries,"
- clause (D) of the first paragraph of "--Merger, Consolidation and Sale of Assets,"
- "--Transactions with Affiliates" and
- "--Sale and Leaseback Transactions."

If Charter Holdings and its Restricted Subsidiaries are not subject to these covenants for any period of time as a result of the previous sentence and, subsequently, one, or both, of the Rating Agencies withdraws its ratings or downgrades the ratings assigned to the applicable notes below the required Investment Grade Ratings or a Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing, then Charter Holdings and its Restricted Subsidiaries will thereafter again be subject to these covenants. The ability of Charter Holdings and its Restricted Subsidiaries to make Restricted Payments after the time of such withdrawal, downgrade, Default or Event of Default will be calculated as if the covenant governing Restricted Payments had been in effect during the entire period of time from the date of the indentures.

### RESTRICTED PAYMENTS

- (1) declare or pay any dividend or make any other payment or distribution on account of Charter Holdings' or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries' Equity Interests (including, without limitation, any payment in connection with any merger or consolidation involving Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries) or to the direct or indirect holders of Charter Holdings' or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries' Equity Interests in their capacity as such (other than dividends or distributions payable (x) solely in Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of Charter Holdings or (y), in the case of Charter Holdings and its Restricted Subsidiaries, to Charter Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings);
- (2) purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire or retire for value (including, without limitation, in connection with any merger or consolidation involving Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries) any Equity Interests of Charter Holdings or any direct or indirect parent of Charter Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings (other than, in the case of Charter Holdings and its Restricted Subsidiaries, any such Equity Interests owned by Charter Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings); or
- (3) make any payment on or with respect to, or purchase, redeem, defease or otherwise acquire or retire for value, any Indebtedness that is subordinated to the notes, except a payment of interest or principal at the Stated Maturity thereof
- (all such payments and other actions set forth in clauses (1) through (3) above are collectively referred to as "Restricted Payments"), unless, at the time of and after giving effect to such Restricted Payment:
  - (1) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would occur as a consequence thereof; and
  - (2) Charter Holdings would, at the time of such Restricted Payment and after giving pro forma effect thereto as if such Restricted Payment had been made at the beginning of the applicable quarter period, have been permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Leverage Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of the covenant described below under the caption "--Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock"; and
  - (3) such Restricted Payment, together with the aggregate amount of all other Restricted Payments made by Charter Holdings and each of its Restricted Subsidiaries after March 17, 1999 (excluding Restricted Payments permitted by clauses (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8) of the next succeeding paragraph), shall not exceed, at the date of determination, the sum of:
    - (a) an amount equal to 100% of the Consolidated EBITDA of Charter Holdings since March 17, 1999 to the end of Charter Holdings' most recently ended full fiscal quarter for which internal financial statements are available, taken as a single accounting period, less the product of 1.2 times the Consolidated Interest Expense of Charter Holdings since March 17, 1999 to the end of Charter Holdings' most recently ended full fiscal quarter for which internal financial statements are available, taken as a single accounting period, plus
    - (b) an amount equal to 100% of Capital Stock Sale Proceeds less any such Capital Stock Sale Proceeds used in connection with (i) an Investment made pursuant to clause (5) of the definition of "Permitted Investments" or (ii) the incurrence of Indebtedness pursuant to clause (10) of the covenant described under the caption "--Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock," plus

# (c) \$100 million.

So long as no Default has occurred and is continuing or would be caused thereby, the preceding provisions will not prohibit:

- (1) the payment of any dividend within 60 days after the date of declaration thereof, if at said date of declaration such payment would have complied with the provisions of the indentures;
- (2) the redemption, repurchase, retirement, defeasance or other acquisition of any subordinated Indebtedness of Charter Holdings in exchange for, or out of the net proceeds of, the substantially concurrent sale (other than to a Subsidiary of Charter Holdings) of Equity Interests of Charter Holdings (other than Disqualified Stock), provided that the amount of any such net cash proceeds that are utilized for any such redemption, repurchase, retirement, defeasance or other acquisition shall be excluded from clause (3)(b) of the preceding paragraph;
- (3) the defeasance, redemption, repurchase or other acquisition of subordinated Indebtedness of Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries with the net cash proceeds from an incurrence of Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness;
- (4) regardless of whether a Default then exists, the payment of any dividend or distribution to the extent necessary to permit direct or indirect beneficial owners of shares of Capital Stock of Charter Holdings to pay federal, state or local income tax liabilities that would arise solely from income of Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, as the case may be, for the relevant taxable period and attributable to them solely as a result of Charter Holdings (and any intermediate entity through which the holder owns such shares) or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries being a limited liability company, partnership or similar entity for federal income tax purposes;
- (5) regardless of whether a Default then exists, the payment of any dividend by a Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings to the holders of its common Equity Interests on a pro rata basis;
- (6) the payment of any dividend on the Helicon Preferred Stock or the redemption, repurchase, retirement or other acquisition of the Helicon Preferred Stock in an amount not in excess of its aggregate liquidation value;
- (7) the repurchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value, or the payment of any dividend or distribution to the extent necessary to permit the repurchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value, of any Equity Interests of Charter Holdings or a Parent held by any member of Charter Holdings' or such Parent's management pursuant to any management equity subscription agreement or membership or stock option agreement in effect as of the date of the indenture, provided that the aggregate price paid for all such repurchased, redeemed, acquired or retired Equity Interests shall not exceed \$10 million in any fiscal year of Charter Holdings; and
- (8) payment of fees in connection with any acquisition, merger or similar transaction in an amount that does not exceed an amount equal to 1.25% of the transaction value of such acquisition, merger or similar transaction.

The amount of all Restricted Payments (other than cash) shall be the fair market value on the date of the Restricted Payment of the asset(s) or securities proposed to be transferred or issued by Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to the Restricted Payment. The fair market value of any assets or securities that are required to be valued by this covenant shall be determined by the board of directors of Charter Holdings whose resolution with respect thereto shall be delivered to the trustee. Such board of directors' determination must be based upon an opinion or

appraisal issued by an accounting, appraisal or investment banking firm of national standing if the fair market value exceeds \$100 million.

Not later than the date of making any Restricted Payment, Charter Holdings shall deliver to the trustee an officers' certificate stating that such Restricted Payment is permitted and setting forth the basis upon which the calculations required by this "Restricted Payments" covenant were computed, together with a copy of any fairness opinion or appraisal required by the indentures.

## INVESTMENTS

- (1) make any Restricted Investment; or
- (2) allow any Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings to become an Unrestricted Subsidiary,

### unless, in each case:

- (a) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would occur as a consequence thereof; and
- (b) Charter Holdings would, at the time of, and after giving effect to, such Restricted Investment or such designation of a Restricted Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, have been permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Leverage Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of the covenant described below under the caption "--Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock."

An Unrestricted Subsidiary may be redesignated as a Restricted Subsidiary if such redesignation would not cause a Default.

## INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS AND ISSUANCE OF PREFERRED STOCK

(a) Charter Holdings will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create, incur, issue, assume, guarantee or otherwise become directly or indirectly liable, contingently or otherwise, with respect to (collectively, "incur") any Indebtedness (including Acquired Debt) and Charter Holdings will not issue any Disqualified Stock and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to issue any shares of Preferred Stock unless the Leverage Ratio would have been not greater than 8.75 to 1.0 determined on a pro forma basis (including a pro forma application of the net proceeds therefrom) as if the additional Indebtedness had been incurred, or the Disqualified Stock had been issued, as the case may be, at the beginning of the most recently ended fiscal quarter.

So long as no Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would be caused thereby, the first paragraph of this covenant will not prohibit the incurrence of any of the following items of Indebtedness (collectively, "Permitted Debt"):

(1) the incurrence by Charter Holdings and its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness under the Credit Facilities, provided that the aggregate principal amount of all Indebtedness of Charter Holdings and its Restricted Subsidiaries outstanding under all Credit Facilities, after giving effect to such incurrence, does not exceed an amount equal to \$3.5 billion less the aggregate amount of all Net Proceeds of Asset Sales applied by Charter Holdings or any of its Subsidiaries in the case of an Asset Sale since March 17, 1999 to repay Indebtedness under a Credit Facility pursuant to the covenant described above under the caption "--Repurchase at the Option of Holders--Asset Sales";

- (2) the incurrence by Charter Holdings and its Restricted Subsidiaries of Existing Indebtedness (other than the Credit Facilities);
- (3) the incurrence on the date of the indentures by Charter Holdings and its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness represented by the notes;
- (4) the incurrence by Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness represented by Capital Lease Obligations, mortgage financings or purchase money obligations, in each case, incurred for the purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price or cost of construction or improvement (including, without limitation, the cost of design, development, construction, acquisition, transportation, installation, improvement, and migration) of Productive Assets of Charter Holdings Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$75 million at any time outstanding;
- (5) the incurrence by Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness in exchange for, or the net proceeds of which are used to refund, refinance or replace, in whole or in part, Indebtedness (other than intercompany Indebtedness) that was permitted by the indentures to be incurred under the first paragraph of this covenant or clauses (2) or (3) of this paragraph;
- (6) the incurrence by Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of intercompany Indebtedness between or among Charter Holdings and any of its Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiaries, provided that:
  - (a) if Charter Holdings is the obligor on such Indebtedness, such Indebtedness must be expressly subordinated to the prior payment in full in cash of all obligations with respect to the notes; and
  - (b) (i) any subsequent issuance or transfer of Equity Interests that results in any such Indebtedness being held by a Person other than Charter Holdings or a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary thereof and (ii) any sale or other transfer of any such Indebtedness to a Person that is not either Charter Holdings or a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary thereof, shall be deemed, in each case, to constitute an incurrence of such Indebtedness by Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that was not permitted by this clause (6);
- (7) the incurrence by Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Hedging Obligations that are incurred for the purpose of fixing or hedging interest rate risk with respect to any floating rate Indebtedness that is permitted by the terms of the indentures to be outstanding;
- (8) the guarantee by Charter Holdings of Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings that was permitted to be incurred by another provision of this covenant;
- (9) the incurrence by Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of additional Indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not to exceed \$300 million;
- (10) the incurrence by Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of additional Indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not to exceed 200% of the net cash proceeds received by Charter Holdings from the sale of its Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) after March 17, 1999 to the extent such net cash proceeds have not been applied to make Restricted Payments or to effect other transactions pursuant to the covenant described above under the subheading "--Restricted Payments" or to make Permitted Investments pursuant to clause (5) of the definition thereof; and

(11) the accretion or amortization of original issue discount and the write up of Indebtedness in accordance with purchase accounting.

For purposes of determining compliance with this "Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock" covenant, in the event that an item of proposed Indebtedness (a) meets the criteria of more than one of the categories of Permitted Debt described in clauses (1) through (11) above or (b) is entitled to be incurred pursuant to the first paragraph of this covenant, Charter Holdings will be permitted to classify and from time to time to reclassify such item of Indebtedness in any manner that complies with this covenant. For avoidance of doubt, Indebtedness incurred pursuant to a single agreement, instrument, program, facility or line of credit may be classified as Indebtedness arising in part under one of the clauses listed above, and in part under any one or more of the clauses listed above, to the extent that such Indebtedness satisfies the criteria for such clauses.

- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall any Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings consummate a Subordinated Debt Financing or a Preferred Stock Financing. A "Subordinated Debt Financing" or a "Preferred Stock Financing," as the case may be, with respect to any Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings shall mean a public offering or private placement (Whether pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act or otherwise) of Subordinated Notes or Preferred Stock (Whether or not such Preferred Stock constitutes Disqualified Stock), as the case may be, of such Restricted Subsidiary to one or more purchasers (other than to one or more Affiliates of Charter Holdings). "Subordinated Notes" with respect to any Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings shall mean Indebtedness of such Restricted Subsidiary that is contractually subordinated in right of payment to any other Indebtedness of such Restricted Subsidiary (including, without limitation, Indebtedness under the Credit Facilities). The foregoing limitation shall not apply to
  - (i) any Indebtedness or Preferred Stock of any Person existing at the time such Person is merged with or into or became a Subsidiary of Charter Holdings, provided that such Indebtedness or Preferred Stock was not incurred or issued in connection with, or in contemplation of, such Person merging with or into, or becoming a Subsidiary of, Charter Holdings, and
  - (ii) any Indebtedness or Preferred Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary issued in connection with, and as part of the consideration for, an acquisition, whether by stock purchase, asset sale, merger or otherwise, in each case involving such Restricted Subsidiary, which Indebtedness or Preferred Stock is issued to the seller or sellers of such stock or assets, provided that such Restricted Subsidiary is not obligated to register such Indebtedness or Preferred Stock under the Securities Act or obligated to provide information pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act.

# LIENS

Charter Holdings will not, directly or indirectly, create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien of any kind securing Indebtedness, Attributable Debt or trade payables on any asset now owned or hereafter acquired, except Permitted Liens.

# DIVIDEND AND OTHER PAYMENT RESTRICTIONS AFFECTING SUBSIDIARIES

Charter Holdings will not, directly or indirectly, create or permit to exist or become effective any encumbrance or restriction on the ability of any Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings to:

(1) pay dividends or make any other distributions on its Capital Stock to Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, or with respect to any other interest or

participation in, or measured by, its profits, or pay any Indebtedness owed to Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;

- (2) make loans or advances to Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; or
- (3) transfer any of its properties or assets to Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

However, the preceding restrictions will not apply to encumbrances or restrictions existing under or by reason of:

- (1) Existing Indebtedness as in effect on the date of the indentures (including, without limitation, the Credit Facilities) and any amendments, modifications, restatements, renewals, increases, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings thereof, provided that such amendments, modifications, restatements, renewals, increases, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings are no more restrictive, taken as a whole, with respect to such dividend and other payment restrictions than those contained in such Existing Indebtedness, as in effect on the date of the indentures;
  - (2) the indentures and the notes;
  - (3) applicable law;
- (4) any instrument governing Indebtedness or Capital Stock of a Person acquired by Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries as in effect at the time of such acquisition (except to the extent such Indebtedness was incurred in connection with or in contemplation of such acquisition), which encumbrance or restriction is not applicable to any Person, or the properties or assets of any Person, other than the Person, or the property or assets of the Person, so acquired, provided that, in the case of Indebtedness, such Indebtedness was permitted by the terms of the indentures to be incurred;
- (5) customary non-assignment provisions in leases entered into in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practices;
- (6) purchase money obligations for property acquired in the ordinary course of business that impose restrictions on the property so acquired of the nature described in clause (3) of the preceding paragraph;
- (7) any agreement for the sale or other disposition of a Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings that restricts distributions by such Restricted Subsidiary pending its sale or other disposition;
- (8) Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness, provided that the restrictions contained in the agreements governing such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness are no more restrictive, taken as a whole, than those contained in the agreements governing the Indebtedness being refinanced;
- (9) Liens securing Indebtedness otherwise permitted to be incurred pursuant to the provisions of the covenant described above under the caption "--Liens" that limit the right of Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to dispose of the assets subject to such Lien;
- (10) provisions with respect to the disposition or distribution of assets or property in joint venture agreements and other similar agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business;
- (11) restrictions on cash or other deposits or net worth imposed by customers under contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business;

- (12) restrictions contained in the terms of Indebtedness permitted to be incurred under the covenant described under the caption "--Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock," provided that such restrictions are no more restrictive than the terms contained in the Credit Facilities as in effect on the date of the indentures; and
- (13) restrictions that are not materially more restrictive than customary provisions in comparable financings and the management of Charter Holdings determines that such restrictions will not materially impair Charter Holdings' ability to make payments as required under the notes.

MERGER, CONSOLIDATION, OR SALE OF ASSETS

Neither of the issuers may, directly or indirectly, (1) consolidate or merge with or into another Person (whether or not such issuer is the surviving corporation) or (2) sell, assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its properties or assets, in one or more related transactions, to another Person; unless:

## (A) either:

- (i) such issuer is the surviving corporation; or
- (ii) the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than such issuer) or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition shall have been made is a Person organized or existing under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia, provided that if the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger with either issuer is a limited liability company or a Person other than a corporation, a corporate co-issuer shall also be an obligor with respect to the notes:
- (B) the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than Charter Holdings) or the Person to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition shall have been made assumes all the obligations of Charter Holdings under the notes and the indentures pursuant to agreements reasonably satisfactory to the trustee;
- (D) Charter Holdings or the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than Charter Holdings) will, on the date of such transaction after giving pro forma effect thereto and any related financing transactions as if the same had occurred at the beginning of the applicable four-quarter period, either:
  - (i) be permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Leverage Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of the covenant described above under the caption "--Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock" or
  - (ii) have a Leverage Ratio immediately after giving effect to such consolidation or merger no greater than the Leverage Ratio immediately prior to such consolidation or merger.

In addition, Charter Holdings may not, directly or indirectly, lease all or substantially all of its properties or assets, in one or more related transactions, to any other Person. This "Merger, Consolidation, or Sale of Assets" covenant will not apply to a sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of assets between or among Charter Holdings and any of its Wholly Owned Subsidiaries.

#### TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

Charter Holdings will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, make any payment to, or sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of any of its properties or assets to, or purchase any property or assets from, or enter into or make or amend any transaction, contract, agreement, understanding, loan, advance or guarantee with, or for the benefit of, any Affiliate (each, an "Affiliate Transaction"), unless:

- (1) such Affiliate Transaction is on terms that are no less favorable to Charter Holdings or the relevant Restricted Subsidiary than those that would have been obtained in a comparable transaction by Charter Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary with an unrelated Person; and
  - (2) Charter Holdings delivers to the trustee:
  - (a) with respect to any Affiliate Transaction or series of related Affiliate Transactions involving aggregate consideration in excess of \$15 million, a resolution of the board of directors of Charter Holdings set forth in an officers' certificate certifying that such Affiliate Transaction complies with this covenant and that such Affiliate Transaction has been approved by a majority of the members of the board of directors: and
  - (b) with respect to any Affiliate Transaction or series of related Affiliate Transactions involving aggregate consideration in excess of \$50 million, an opinion as to the fairness to the holders of such Affiliate Transaction from a financial point of view issued by an accounting, appraisal or investment banking firm of national standing.

The following items shall not be deemed to be Affiliate Transactions and, therefore, will not be subject to the provisions of the prior paragraph:

- (1) any existing employment agreement entered into by Charter Holdings or any of its Subsidiaries and any employment agreement entered into by Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business and consistent with the past practice of Charter Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary;
- (2) transactions between or among Charter Holdings and/or its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (3) payment of reasonable directors fees to Persons who are not otherwise Affiliates of Charter Holdings, and customary indemnification and insurance arrangements in favor of directors, regardless of affiliation with Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (4) payment of management fees pursuant to management agreements either (A) existing on the date of the indentures or (B) entered into after the date of the indentures, to the extent that such management agreements provide for percentage fees no higher than the percentage fees existing under the management agreements existing on the date of the indentures;
- (5) Restricted Payments that are permitted by the provisions of the covenant described above under the caption "--Restricted Payments" and Restricted Investments that are permitted by the provisions of the covenant described above under the caption "--Investments"; and
  - (6) Permitted Investments.

#### SALE AND LEASEBACK TRANSACTIONS

Charter Holdings will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, enter into any sale and leaseback transaction, provided that Charter Holdings may enter into a sale and leaseback transaction if:

### (1) Charter Holdings could have

- (a) incurred Indebtedness in an amount equal to the Attributable Debt relating to such sale and leaseback transaction under the Leverage Ratio test in the first paragraph of the covenant described above under the caption "--Incurrence of Additional Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock" and
- (b) incurred a Lien to secure such Indebtedness pursuant to the covenant described above under the caption "--Liens"; and
- (2) the transfer of assets in that sale and leaseback transaction is permitted by, and Charter Holdings applies the proceeds of such transaction in compliance with, the covenant described above under the caption "--Repurchase at the Option of Holders--Asset Sales."

The foregoing restrictions do not apply to a sale and leaseback transaction if the lease is for a period, including renewal rights, of not in excess of three years.

### LIMITATIONS ON ISSUANCES OF GUARANTEES OF INDEBTEDNESS

Charter Holdings will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, directly or indirectly, to Guarantee or pledge any assets to secure the payment of any other Indebtedness of Charter Holdings, except in respect of the Credit Facilities (the "Guaranteed Indebtedness") unless

- (1) such Restricted Subsidiary simultaneously executes and delivers a supplemental indenture providing for the Guarantee (a "Subsidiary Guarantee") of the payment of the notes by such Restricted Subsidiary, and
- (2) until one year after all the notes have been paid in full in cash, such Restricted Subsidiary waives and will not in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any rights of reimbursement, indemnity or subrogation or any other rights against Charter Holdings or any other Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings as a result of any payment by such Restricted Subsidiary under its Subsidiary Guarantee, provided that this paragraph shall not be applicable to any Guarantee or any Restricted Subsidiary that existed at the time such Person became a Restricted Subsidiary and was not incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such Person becoming a Restricted Subsidiary.

If the Guaranteed Indebtedness is subordinated to the notes, then the Guarantee of such Guaranteed Indebtedness shall be subordinated to the Subsidiary Guarantee at least to the extent that the Guaranteed Indebtedness is subordinated to the notes.

# PAYMENTS FOR CONSENT

Charter Holdings will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, pay or cause to be paid any consideration to or for the benefit of any holder of notes for or as an inducement to any consent, waiver or amendment of any of the terms or provisions of the indentures or the notes unless such consideration is offered to be paid and is paid to all holders of the notes that consent, waive or agree to amend in the time frame set forth in the solicitation documents relating to such consent, waiver or agreement.

#### **REPORTS**

Whether or not required by the Securities and Exchange Commission, so long as any notes are outstanding, Charter Holdings will furnish to the holders of notes, within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and regulations:

- (1) all quarterly and annual financial information that would be required to be contained in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Forms 10-Q and 10-K if Charter Holdings were required to file such forms, including a "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" section and, with respect to the annual information only, a report on the annual financial statements by Charter Holdings' independent public accountants; and
- (2) all current reports that would be required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 8-K if Charter Holdings were required to file such reports.

If Charter Holdings has designated any of its Subsidiaries as Unrestricted Subsidiaries, then the quarterly and annual financial information required by the preceding paragraph shall include a reasonably detailed presentation, either on the face of the financial statements or in the footnotes thereto, and in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, of the financial condition and results of operations of Charter Holdings and its Restricted Subsidiaries separate from the financial condition and results of operations of the Unrestricted Subsidiaries of Charter Holdings.

In addition, whether or not required by the Securities and Exchange Commission, Charter Holdings will file a copy of all of the information and reports referred to in clauses (1) and (2) above with the Securities and Exchange Commission for public availability within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and regulations, unless the Securities and Exchange Commission will not accept such a filing, and make such information available to securities analysts and prospective investors upon request.

## EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

Each of the following is an Event of Default with respect to the notes of each series:

- (1) default for 30 days in the payment when due of interest on the notes:
- (2) default in payment when due of the principal of or premium, if any, on the notes;
- (3) failure by Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to comply with the provisions described under the captions "--Repurchase at the Option of Holders--Change of Control" or "--Certain Covenants--Merger, Consolidation, or Sale of Assets";
- (4) failure by Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries for 30 days after written notice thereof has been given to Charter Holdings by the trustee or to Charter Holdings and the trustee by holders of at least 25% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes outstanding to comply with any of their other covenants or agreements in the indentures;
- (5) default under any mortgage, indenture or instrument under which there may be issued or by which there may be secured or evidenced any Indebtedness for money borrowed by Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (or the payment of which is guaranteed by Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries) whether such Indebtedness or guarantee now exists, or is created after the date of the indentures, if that default:
  - (a) is caused by a failure to pay at final stated maturity the principal amount on such Indebtedness prior to the expiration of the grace period provided in such Indebtedness on the date of such default (a "Payment Default"); or

(b) results in the acceleration of such Indebtedness prior to its express maturity.

and, in each case, the principal amount of any such Indebtedness, together with the principal amount of any other such Indebtedness under which there has been a Payment Default or the maturity of which has been so accelerated, aggregates \$100 million or more;

- (6) failure by Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to pay final judgments which are non-appealable aggregating in excess of \$100 million (net of applicable insurance which has not been denied in writing by the insurer) which judgments are not paid, discharged or stayed for a period of 60 days; and
- (7) Charter Holdings or any of its Significant Subsidiaries pursuant to or within the meaning of bankruptcy law:
  - (a) commences a voluntary case,
  - (b) consents to the entry of an order for relief against it in an involuntary case,  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1$
  - (c) consents to the appointment of a custodian of it or for all or substantially all of its property, or  $% \left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{ 1\right\} =\left$
  - (d) makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or
- (8) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any bankruptcy law that:
  - (a) is for relief against Charter Holdings or any of its Significant Subsidiaries in an involuntary case;
  - (b) appoints a custodian of Charter Holdings or any of its Significant Subsidiaries or for all or substantially all of the property of Charter Holdings or any of its Significant Subsidiaries; or
  - (c) orders the liquidation of Charter Holdings or any of its Significant Subsidiaries;

and the order or decree remains unstayed and in effect for 60 consecutive days.

In the case of an Event of Default described in the foregoing clauses (7) and (8) with respect to Charter Holdings, all outstanding notes will become due and payable immediately without further action or notice. If any other Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding notes of each series may declare their respective notes to be due and payable immediately.

Holders of notes of each series may not enforce the indentures or the notes except as provided in the indentures. Subject to certain limitations, holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding notes of each series may direct the trustee in its exercise of any trust or power. The trustee may withhold from holders of the notes notice of any continuing Default or Event of Default (except a Default or Event of Default relating to the payment of principal or interest) if it determines that withholding notice is in their interest.

The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the notes of each series then outstanding by notice to the trustee may on behalf of the holders of all of the notes waive any existing Default or Event of Default and its consequences under the Indentures except a continuing Default or Event of Default in the payment of interest on, or the principal of, the notes.

Charter Holdings will be required to deliver to the trustee annually a statement regarding compliance with the indentures. Upon becoming aware of any Default or Event of Default, Charter Holdings will be required to deliver to the trustee a statement specifying such Default or Event of Default.

NO PERSONAL LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, MEMBERS AND STOCKHOLDERS

No director, officer, employee, incorporator, member or stockholder of Charter Holdings, as such, shall have any liability for any obligations of Charter Holdings under the notes or the indentures, or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each holder of notes by accepting a note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release will be part of the consideration for issuance of the notes. The waiver may not be effective to waive liabilities under the federal securities laws.

### LEGAL DEFEASANCE AND COVENANT DEFEASANCE

Charter Holdings may, at its option and at any time, elect to have all of its obligations discharged with respect to the outstanding notes ("Legal Defeasance") except for:

- (1) the rights of holders of outstanding notes to receive payments in respect of the Accreted Value or principal of, premium, if any, and interest on such notes when such payments are due from the trust referred to below:
- (2) Charter Holdings' obligations with respect to the notes concerning issuing temporary notes, registration of notes, mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen notes and the maintenance of an office or agency for payment and money for security payments held in trust;
- (3) the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the trustee, and Charter Holdings' obligations in connection therewith; and
  - (4) the Legal Defeasance provisions of the indentures.

In addition, Charter Holdings may, at its option and at any time, elect to have the obligations of Charter Holdings released with respect to certain covenants that are described in the indentures ("Covenant Defeasance") and thereafter any omission to comply with those covenants shall not constitute a Default or Event of Default with respect to the notes. In the event Covenant Defeasance occurs, certain events (not including non-payment, bankruptcy, receivership, rehabilitation and insolvency events) described under "Events of Default" will no longer constitute an Event of Default with respect to the notes.

In order to exercise either Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance:

- (1) Charter Holdings must irrevocably deposit with the trustee, in trust, for the benefit of the holders of the notes, cash in U.S. dollars, non-callable Government Securities, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants, to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the outstanding notes on the stated maturity or on the applicable redemption date, as the case may be, and Charter Holdings must specify whether the notes are being defeased to maturity or to a particular redemption date;
- (2) in the case of Legal Defeasance, Charter Holdings shall have delivered to the trustee an opinion of counsel reasonably acceptable to the trustee confirming that  $\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}$ 
  - (a) Charter Holdings has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling or
  - (b) since the date of the indentures, there has been a change in the applicable federal income tax law,

in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such opinion of counsel shall confirm that, the holders of the outstanding notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Legal Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on

the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Legal Defeasance had not occurred:

- (3) in the case of Covenant Defeasance, Charter Holdings shall have delivered to the trustee an opinion of counsel reasonably acceptable to the trustee confirming that the holders of the outstanding notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Covenant Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Covenant Defeasance had not occurred;
- - (a) on the date of such deposit (other than a Default or Event of Default resulting from the borrowing of funds to be applied to such deposit); or
  - (b) insofar as Events of Default from bankruptcy or insolvency events are concerned, at any time in the period ending on the 91st day after the date of deposit;
- (5) such Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under any material agreement or instrument (other than the indentures) to which Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries is a party or by which Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries is bound;
- (6) Charter Holdings must have delivered to the trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that after the 91st day, assuming no intervening bankruptcy, that no holder is an insider of Charter Holdings following the deposit and that such deposit would not be deemed by a court of competent jurisdiction a transfer for the benefit of either issuer in its capacity as such, the trust funds will not be subject to the effect of any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally;
- (7) Charter Holdings must deliver to the trustee an officers' certificate stating that the deposit was not made by Charter Holdings with the intent of preferring the holders of notes over the other creditors of Charter Holdings with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding creditors of Charter Holdings or others; and
- (8) Charter Holdings must deliver to the trustee an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent relating to the Legal Defeasance or the Covenant Defeasance have been complied with.
- Notwithstanding the foregoing, the opinion of counsel required by clause (2) above with respect to a Legal Defeasance need not be delivered if all notes not theretofore delivered to the trustee for cancellation
  - (a) have become due and payable or
  - (b) will become due and payable on the maturity date within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Issuers.

# AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT AND WAIVER

Except as provided below, the indentures or the notes of each series may be amended or supplemented with the consent of the holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount, in the case of the eight-year senior notes and the ten-year senior notes, and aggregate principal amount at maturity, in the case of the senior discount notes, of the then outstanding notes of each series. This includes consents obtained in connection with a purchase of notes, a tender offer for notes or an exchange offer for notes. Any existing Default or compliance with any provision of the indentures or

the notes may be waived with the consent of the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount, in the case of the eight-year senior notes and the ten-year senior notes, and aggregate principal amount at maturity, in the case of the senior discount notes, of the then outstanding notes of each series. This includes consents obtained in connection with a purchase of notes, a tender offer for notes or an exchange offer for notes. Without the consent of each holder affected, an amendment or waiver may not (with respect to any notes held by a non-consenting holder):

- (1) reduce the principal amount of notes whose holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;
- (2) reduce the principal of or change the fixed maturity of any note or alter the payment provisions with respect to the redemption of the notes (other than provisions relating to the covenants described above under the caption "--Repurchase at the Option of Holders");
- (3) reduce the rate of or extend the time for payment of interest on any note;
- (4) waive a Default or an Event of Default in the payment of principal of or premium, if any, or interest on the notes (except a rescission of acceleration of the notes by the holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the notes and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from such acceleration);
- (5) make any note payable in money other than that stated in the notes;
- (6) make any change in the provisions of the indentures relating to waivers of past Defaults or the rights of holders of notes to receive payments of Accreted Value or principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on the notes;
- (7) waive a redemption payment with respect to any note (other than a payment required by one of the covenants described above under the caption "--Repurchase at the Option of Holders");
  - (8) make any change in the preceding amendment and waiver provisions.

Notwithstanding the preceding, without the consent of any holder of notes, the issuers and the trustee may amend or supplement the indentures or the notes:

- (1) to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency;
- (2) to provide for uncertificated notes in addition to or in place of certificated notes;
- (3) to provide for the assumption of either issuer's obligations to holders of notes in the case of a merger or consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of such issuer's assets;
- (4) to make any change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the holders of notes or that does not adversely affect the legal rights under the indentures of any such holder; or
- (5) to comply with requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission in order to effect or maintain the qualification of the indentures under the Trust Indenture Act or otherwise as necessary to comply with applicable law.

# GOVERNING LAW

The indentures and the notes will be governed by the laws of the State of New York.

## CONCERNING THE TRUSTEE

If the trustee becomes a creditor of Charter Holdings, the indentures limit its right to obtain payment of claims in certain cases, or to realize on certain property received in respect of any such

claim as security or otherwise. The trustee will be permitted to engage in other transactions; however, if it acquires any conflicting interest it must eliminate such conflict within 90 days, apply to the Securities and Exchange Commission for permission to continue or resign.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding notes will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for exercising any remedy available to the trustee, subject to certain exceptions. The indentures provide that in case an Event of Default shall occur and be continuing, the trustee will be required, in the exercise of its power, to use the degree of care of a prudent man in the conduct of his own affairs. Subject to such provisions, the trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the indentures at the request of any holder of notes, unless such holder shall have offered to the trustee security and indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Anyone who receives this prospectus may obtain a copy of the indentures and the registration rights agreements without charge by writing to Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, 12444 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 100, St. Louis, Missouri 63131, Attention: Corporate Secretary.

### BOOK-ENTRY, DELIVERY AND FORM

Except as set forth below, Notes will be issued in registered, global form in minimum denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

The notes initially will be issued in the form of global securities filed in book-entry form. The notes will be deposited upon issuance with the trustee, as custodian for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), in New York, New York, and registered in the name of DTC or its nominee, the DTC, and the DTC or its nominee will initially be the sole registered holder of the notes for all purposes under the indentures. Unless it is exchanged in whole or in part for debt securities in definitive form as described below, a global security may not be transferred. However, transfers of the whole security between the DTC and its nominee or their respective successors are permitted.

Upon the issuance of a global security, the DTC or its nominee will credit on its internal system the principal amount at maturity of the individual beneficial interest represented by the global security acquired by the persons in sale of the original notes. Ownership of beneficial interests in a global security will be limited to persons that have accounts with the DTC or persons that hold interests through participants. Ownership of beneficial interests will be shown on the records of participants relating to interests of persons other than participants. The laws of some jurisdictions require that some purchasers of securities take physical delivery of the securities in definitive form. These limits and laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in a global security. Principal and interest payments on global securities registered in the name of the DTC's nominee will be made in immediate available funds to the DTC's nominee as the registered owner of the global securities. The issuers and the trustee will treat the DTC's nominee as the owner of the global securities for all other purposes as well. Accordingly, the issuers, the trustee, any paying agent and the initial purchasers will have no direct responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to payments made on account of beneficial interests in the global securities or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to these beneficial interests. It is the DTC's current practice, upon receipt of any payment of principal or interest, to credit direct participants' accounts on the payment date according to their respective holdings of beneficial interests in the global securities. These payments will be the responsibility of the direct and indirect participants and not of the DTC, the issuers, the trustee or the initial purchasers.

So long as the DTC or its nominee is the registered owner or holder of the global security, the DTC or its nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the notes represented by the global security for the purposes of:

- (1) receiving payment on the notes;
- (2) receiving notices; and
- (3) for all other purposes under the indentures and the notes.

Beneficial interests in the notes will be evidenced only by, and transfers of the notes will be effected only through, records maintained by the DTC and its participants.

Except as described above, owners of beneficial interests in a global security will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of certificated notes in definitive form and will not be considered the holders of the global security for any purposes under the indentures. Accordingly, each person owning a beneficial interest in a global security must rely on the procedures of the DTC. And, if that person is not a participant, the person must rely on the procedures of the participant through which that person owns its interest, to exercise any rights of a holder under the indentures. Under existing industry practices, if the issuers request any action of holders or an owner of a beneficial interest in a global security desires to take any action under the indentures, the DTC would authorize the participants holding the relevant beneficial interest to take that action. The participants then would authorize beneficial owners owning through the participants to take the action or would otherwise act upon the instructions of beneficial owners owning through them.

The DTC has advised the issuers that it will take any action permitted to be taken by a holder of notes only at the direction of one or more participants to whose account with the DTC interests in the global security are credited. Further, the DTC will take action only as to the portion of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of the notes as to which the participant or participants has or have given the direction. Although the DTC has agreed to the procedures described above in order to facilitate transfers of interests in global securities among participants of the DTC, it is under no obligation to perform these procedures, and the procedures may be discontinued at any time. None of the issuers, the trustee, any agent of the issuers or the initial purchasers will have any responsibility for the performance by the DTC or its participants or indirect participants of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

The DTC has provided the following information to us. The DTC is a:

- (1) limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law;
- (2) a banking organization within the meaning of the New York Banking Law;
  - (3) a member of the United States Federal Reserve System;
- (4) a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code; and  $\,$
- (5) a clearing agency registered under the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act.

## EXCHANGE OF BOOK-ENTRY NOTES FOR CERTIFICATED NOTES

Notes represented by a global security are exchangeable for certificated notes only if:

(1) the DTC notifies the issuers that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depository or if the DTC ceases to be a registered clearing agency, and a successor depository is not appointed by the issuers within 90 days;

- (2) the issuers determine not to require all of the notes to be represented by a global security and notifies the trustee of its decision; or  $\frac{1}{2}$
- (3) an Event of Default or an event which, with the giving of notice or lapse of time, or both, would constitute an Event of Default relating to the notes represented by the global security has occurred and is continuing.

Any global security that is exchangeable for certificated notes in accordance with the preceding sentence will be transferred to, and registered and exchanged for, certificated notes in authorized denominations and registered in the names as the DTC or its nominee may direct. However, a global security is only exchangeable for a global security of like denomination to be registered in the name of the DTC or its nominee. If a global security becomes exchangeable for certificated notes:

- (1) certificated notes will be issued only in fully registered form in denominations of \$1,000 or integral multiples of \$1,000;
- (2) payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on the certificated notes will be payable, and the transfer of the certificated notes will be registrable, at the office or agency of the issuers maintained for these purposes; and
- (3) no service charge will be made for any issuance of the certificated notes, although the issuers may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or governmental charge imposed in connection with the issuance.

### CERTAIN DEFINITIONS

This section sets forth certain defined terms used in the indentures. Reference is made to the indentures for a full disclosure of all such terms, as well as any other capitalized terms used herein for which no definition is provided.

"ACCRETED VALUE" is defined to mean, for any specified date, the amount calculated pursuant to (1), (2), (3) or (4) for each 1,000 of principal amount at maturity of the senior discount notes:

(1) if the specified date occurs on one or more of the following dates (each a "Semi-Annual Accrual Date") the Accreted Value will equal the amount set forth below for such Semi-Annual Accrual Date:

Issue Date\$ 519.44 July 15, 2001555.51 January 15, 2002633.03 January 15, 2003675.76 July 15, 2003721.37 January 15, 2004770.07 July 15, 2004822.05 January 15, 2005877.53 July 15, 2005936.77 January 15, 20061,000.00	SEMI-ANNUAL ACCRUAL DATE	ACCRETED VALUE	
July 15, 2001       555.51         January 15, 2002       593.00         July 15, 2002       633.03         January 15, 2003       675.76         July 15, 2003       721.37         January 15, 2004       770.07         July 15, 2004       822.05         January 15, 2005       877.53         July 15, 2005       936.77			
January 13, 2000 1,000.00	July 15, 2001  January 15, 2002  July 15, 2002  January 15, 2003  January 15, 2004  July 15, 2004  January 15, 2005	555 593 633 675 721 770 822 877 936	.51 .00 .03 .76 .37 .07 .05 .53

- (2) if the specified date occurs before the first Semi-Annual Accrual Date, the Accreted Value will equal the sum of
  - (a) \$519.44 and
  - (b) an amount equal to the product of

- (x) the Accreted Value for the first Semi-Annual Accrual Date less \$519.44 multiplied by
- (y) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days from the Issue Date to the specified date, using a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months, and the denominator of which is the number of days elapsed from the Issue Date to the first Semi-Annual Accrual Date, using a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months;
- (3) if the specified date occurs between two Semi-Annual Accrual Dates, the Accreted Value will equal the sum of
  - (a) the Accreted Value for the Semi-Annual Accrual Date immediately preceding such specified date and
    - (b) an amount equal to the product of
      - (x) the Accreted Value for the immediately following Semi-Annual Accrual Date less the Accreted Value for the immediately preceding Semi-Annual Accrual Date multiplied by
      - (y) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days from the immediately preceding Semi-Annual Accrual Date to the specified date, using a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months, and the denominator of which is 180, or;
- (4) if the specified date occurs after the last Semi-Annual Accrual Date, the Accreted Value will equal \$1,000.

"ACQUIRED DEBT" means, with respect to any specified Person:

- (1) Indebtedness of any other Person existing at the time such other Person is merged with or into or became a Subsidiary of such specified Person, whether or not such Indebtedness is incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such other Person merging with or into, or becoming a Subsidiary of, such specified Person; and
- (2) Indebtedness secured by a Lien encumbering any asset acquired by such specified Person.

"AFFILIATE" of any specified Person means any other Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person. For purposes of this definition, "control," as used with respect to any Person, shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by agreement or otherwise, provided that beneficial ownership of 10% or more of the Voting Stock of a Person shall be deemed to be control. For purposes of this definition, the terms "controlling," "controlled by" and "under common control with" shall have correlative meanings.

# "ASSET ACQUISITION" means

- (a) an Investment by Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in any other Person pursuant to which such Person shall become a Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or shall be merged with or into Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, or
- (b) the acquisition by Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of the assets of any Person which constitute all or substantially all of the assets of such Person, any division or

line of business of such Person or any other properties or assets of such Person other than in the ordinary course of business.

## "ASSET SALE" means:

- (1) the sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition of any assets or rights, other than sales of inventory in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practices, provided that the sale, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of Charter Holdings and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, will be governed by the provisions of the Indentures described above under the caption "--Repurchase at the Option of Holders--Change of Control" and/or the provisions described above under the caption "--Certain Covenants--Merger, Consolidation, or Sale of Assets" and not by the provisions of the Asset Sale covenant; and
- (2) the issuance of Equity Interests by any of Charter Holdings' Restricted Subsidiaries or the sale of Equity Interests in any of Charter Holdings' Restricted Subsidiaries.

Notwithstanding the preceding, the following items shall not be deemed to be Asset Sales:

- (1) any single transaction or series of related transactions that:
- (a) involves assets having a fair market value of less than \$100 million; or  $\,$
- (b) results in net proceeds to Charter Holdings and its Restricted Subsidiaries of less than \$100 million;
- (2) a transfer of assets between or among Charter Holdings and its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (3) an issuance of Equity Interests by a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings to Charter Holdings or to another Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings;
- (4) a Restricted Payment that is permitted by the covenant described above under the caption "--Certain Covenants--Restricted Payments" and a Restricted Investment that is permitted by the covenant described above under the caption "--Certain Covenants--Investments"; and
- (5) the incurrence of Permitted Liens and the disposition of assets related to such Permitted Liens by the secured party pursuant to a foreclosure.

"ATTRIBUTABLE DEBT" in respect of a sale and leaseback transaction means, at the time of determination, the present value of the obligation of the lessee for net rental payments during the remaining term of the lease included in such sale and leaseback transaction including any period for which such lease has been extended or may, at the option of the lessee, be extended. Such present value shall be calculated using a discount rate equal to the rate of interest implicit in such transaction, determined in accordance with GAAP.

"BENEFICIAL OWNER" has the meaning assigned to such term 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)(3) 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.

"CABLE RELATED BUSINESS" means the business of owning cable television systems and businesses ancillary, complementary and related thereto.

"CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATION" means, at the time any determination thereof is to be made, the amount of the liability in respect of a capital lease that would at that time be required to be capitalized on a balance sheet in accordance with GAAP.

#### "CAPITAL STOCK" means:

- (1) in the case of a corporation, corporate stock;
- (2) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock;
- (3) in the case of a partnership or limited liability company, partnership or membership interests (whether general or limited); and
- (4) any other interest (other than any debt obligation) or participation that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing Person.

"CAPITAL STOCK SALE PROCEEDS" means the aggregate net cash proceeds (including the fair market value of the non-cash proceeds, as determined by an independent appraisal firm) received by Charter Holdings since March 17, 1999

- (x) as a contribution to the common equity capital or from the issue or sale of Equity Interests of Charter Holdings (other than Disqualified Stock) or
- (y) from the issue or sale of convertible or exchangeable Disqualified Stock or convertible or exchangeable debt securities of Charter Holdings that have been converted into or exchanged for such Equity Interests (other than Equity Interests (or Disqualified Stock or debt securities) sold to a Subsidiary of Charter Holdings).

### "CASH EQUIVALENTS" means:

- (1) United States dollars;
- (2) securities issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the United States government or any agency or instrumentality thereof (provided that the full faith and credit of the United States is pledged in support thereof) having maturities of not more than twelve months from the date of acquisition:
- (3) certificates of deposit and eurodollar time deposits with maturities of twelve months or less from the date of acquisition, bankers' acceptances with maturities not exceeding six months and overnight bank deposits, in each case, with any domestic commercial bank having combined capital and surplus in excess of \$500 million and a Thompson Bank Watch Rating at the time of acquisition of "B" or better;
- (4) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than seven days for underlying securities of the types described in clauses (2) and (3) above entered into with any financial institution meeting the qualifications specified in clause (3) above;
- (5) commercial paper having a rating of at least "P-1" from Moody's or at least "A-1" from S&P and in each case maturing within twelve months after the date of acquisition;
- (6) corporate debt obligations maturing within twelve months after the date of acquisition thereof, rated at the time of acquisition at least "Aaa" or "P-1" by Moody's or "AAA" or "A-1" by S&P;
- (7) auction-rate preferred stocks of any corporation maturing not later than 45 days after the date of acquisition thereof, rated at the time of acquisition at least "Aaa" by Moody's or "AAA" by S&P;

- (8) securities issued by any state, commonwealth or territory of the United States, or by any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof, maturing not later than six months after the date of acquisition thereof, rated at the time of acquisition at least "A" by Moody's or S&P; and
- (9) money market or mutual funds at least 90% of the assets of which constitute Cash Equivalents of the kinds described in clauses (1) through (8) of this definition.

"CHANGE OF CONTROL" means the occurrence of any of the following:

- (1) the sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the assets of Charter Holdings and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or of a Parent and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to any "person" (as such term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) other than Paul G. Allen or a Related Party;
- (2) the adoption of a plan relating to the liquidation or dissolution of Charter Holdings or a Parent;
- (3) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any "person" (as defined above) other than Paul G. Allen and Related Parties becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 35% of the Voting Stock of Charter Holdings or a Parent, measured by voting power rather than the number of shares, unless Paul G. Allen or a Related Party Beneficially Owns, directly or indirectly, a greater percentage of Voting Stock of Charter Holdings or such Parent, as the case may be, measured by voting power rather than the number of shares, than such person;
- (4) after the date of the indentures, the first day on which a majority of the members of the board of directors of Charter Holdings or a Parent are not Continuing Directors; or
- (5) Charter Holdings or a Parent consolidates with, or merges with or into, any Person, or any Person consolidates with, or merges with or into, Charter Holdings or a Parent, in any such event pursuant to a transaction in which any of the outstanding Voting Stock of Charter Holdings or such Parent is converted into or exchanged for cash, securities or other property, other than any such transaction where the Voting Stock of Charter Holdings or such Parent outstanding immediately prior to such transaction is converted into or exchanged for Voting Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the surviving or transferee Person constituting a majority of the outstanding shares of such Voting Stock of such surviving or transferee Person immediately after giving effect to such issuance.

"CONSOLIDATED EBITDA" means with respect to any Person, for any period, the net income of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period plus, to the extent such amount was deducted in calculating such net income:

- (1) Consolidated Interest Expense;
- (2) income taxes;
- (3) depreciation expense;
- (4) amortization expense;
- (5) all other non-cash items, extraordinary items, nonrecurring and unusual items and the cumulative effects of changes in accounting principles reducing such net income, less all non-cash items, extraordinary items, nonrecurring and unusual items and cumulative effects of changes in accounting principles increasing such net income, all as determined on a consolidated basis for such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries in conformity with GAAP;

- (6) amounts actually paid during such period pursuant to a deferred compensation plan; and
- (7) for purposes of the covenant described under the caption "--Certain Covenants--Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock" only, Management Fees;

provided that Consolidated EBITDA shall not include:

- (x) the net income (or net loss) of any Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary ("Other Person"), except
  - (i) with respect to net income, to the extent of the amount of dividends or other distributions actually paid to such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries by such Other Person during such period and
  - (ii) with respect to net losses, to the extent of the amount of investments made by such Person or any Restricted Subsidiary of such Person in such Other Person during such period;
- (y) solely for the purposes of calculating the amount of Restricted Payments that may be made pursuant to clause (3) of the covenant described under the caption "--Certain Covenants--Restricted Payments" (and in such case, except to the extent includable pursuant to clause (x) above) the net income (or net loss) of any Other Person accrued prior to the date it becomes a Restricted Subsidiary or is merged into or consolidated with such Person or any Restricted Subsidiaries or all or substantially all of the property and assets of such Other Person are acquired by such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; and
- (z) the net income of any Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings to the extent that the declaration or payment of dividends or similar distributions by such Restricted Subsidiary of such net income is not at the time permitted by the operation of the terms of such Restricted Subsidiary's charter or any agreement, instrument, judgment, decree, order, statute, rule or governmental regulation applicable to such Restricted Subsidiary (other than any agreement or instrument evidencing Indebtedness or Preferred Stock (i) outstanding on the Issue Date, or (ii) incurred or issued thereafter in compliance with the covenant described under the caption "--Certain Covenants--Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock", provided that (a) the terms of any such agreement or instrument restricting the declaration and payment of dividends or similar distributions apply only in the event of a default with respect to a financial covenant or a covenant relating to payment (beyond any applicable period of grace) contained in such agreement or instrument, (b) such terms are determined by such Person to be customary in comparable financings and (c) such restrictions are determined by Charter Holdings not to materially affect the issuers' ability to make principal or interest payments on the notes when due).

- (1) the total amount of outstanding Indebtedness of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries, plus
- (2) the total amount of Indebtedness of any other Person, that has been Guaranteed by the referent Person or one or more of its Restricted Subsidiaries, plus
- (3) the aggregate liquidation value of all Disqualified Stock of such Person and all Preferred Stock of Restricted Subsidiaries of such Person, in each case, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

"CONSOLIDATED INTEREST EXPENSE" means, with respect to any Person for any period, without duplication, the sum of:

- (1) the consolidated interest expense of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, whether paid or accrued (including, without limitation, amortization or original issue discount, non-cash interest payments, the interest component of any deferred payment obligations, the interest component of all payments associated with Capital Lease Obligations, commissions, discounts and other fees and charges incurred in respect of letter of credit or bankers' acceptance financings, and net payments (if any) pursuant to Hedging Obligations); and
- (2) the consolidated interest expense of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries that was capitalized during such period; and
- (3) any interest expense on Indebtedness of another Person that is guaranteed by such Person or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries or secured by a Lien on assets of such Person or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries (whether or not such Guarantee or Lien is called upon);

excluding, however, any amount of such interest of any Restricted Subsidiary of the referent Person if the net income of such Restricted Subsidiary is excluded in the calculation of Consolidated EBITDA pursuant to clause (z) of the definition thereof (but only in the same proportion as the net income of such Restricted Subsidiary is excluded from the calculation of Consolidated EBITDA pursuant to clause (z) of the definition thereof), in each case, on a consolidated basis and in accordance with GAAP.

"CONTINUING DIRECTORS" means, as of any date of determination, any member of the board of directors of Charter Holdings or a Parent who:

- (1) was a member of such board of directors on the date of the indentures; or
- (2) was nominated for election or elected to such board of directors with the approval of a majority of the Continuing Directors who were members of such board of directors at the time of such nomination or election or whose election or appointment was previously so approved.

"CREDIT FACILITIES" means, with respect to Charter Holdings and/or its Restricted Subsidiaries, one or more debt facilities or commercial paper facilities, in each case with banks or other institutional lenders providing for revolving credit loans, term loans, receivables financing (including through the sale of receivables to such lenders or to special purpose entities formed to borrow from such lenders against such receivables) or letters of credit, in each case, as amended, restated, modified, renewed, refunded, replaced or refinanced in whole or in part from time to time.

"DEFAULT" means any event that is, or with the passage of time or the giving of notice or both would be, an Event of Default.

"DISPOSITION" means, with respect to any Person, any merger, consolidation or other business combination involving such Person (whether or not such Person is the surviving Person) or the sale, assignment, or transfer, lease conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of such Person's assets or Capital Stock.

"DISQUALIFIED STOCK" means any Capital Stock that, by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible, or for which it is exchangeable, in each case at the option of the holder thereof) or upon the happening of any event, matures or is mandatorily redeemable, pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or redeemable at the option of the holder thereof, in whole or in part, on or prior to the date that is 91 days after the date on which the notes mature. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, any Capital Stock that would constitute Disqualified Stock solely because the holders thereof have the right to require Charter Holdings to repurchase such

Capital Stock upon the occurrence of a change of control or an asset sale shall not constitute Disqualified Stock if the terms of such Capital Stock provide that Charter Holdings may not repurchase or redeem any such Capital Stock pursuant to such provisions unless such repurchase or redemption complies with the covenant described above under the caption "--Certain Covenants--Restricted Payments."

"EQUITY INTERESTS" means Capital Stock and all warrants, options or other rights to acquire Capital Stock (but excluding any debt security that is convertible into, or exchangeable for, Capital Stock).

"EQUITY OFFERING" means any private or underwritten public offering of Qualified Capital Stock of Charter Holdings or a Parent of which the gross proceeds (x) to Charter Holdings or (y) received by Charter Holdings as a capital contribution from such Parent, as the case may be, are at least \$25 million.

"EXISTING INDEBTEDNESS" means Indebtedness of Charter Holdings and its Restricted Subsidiaries in existence on the date of the indentures, until such amounts are repaid.

"FULL ACCRETION DATE" means January 15, 2006, the first date on which the Accreted Value of the senior discount notes has accreted to an amount equal to the principal amount at maturity of the senior discount notes.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or in such other statements by such other entity as have been approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession, which are in effect on the date of the indentures.

"GUARANTEE" or "GUARANTEE" means a guarantee other than by endorsement of negotiable instruments for collection in the ordinary course of business, direct or indirect, in any manner including, without limitation, by way of a pledge of assets or through letters of credit or reimbursement agreements in respect thereof, of all or any part of any Indebtedness, measured as the lesser of the aggregate outstanding amount of the Indebtedness so guaranteed and the face amount of the guarantee.

- (1) interest rate swap agreements, interest rate cap agreements and interest rate collar agreements;
- (2) interest rate option agreements, foreign currency exchange agreements, foreign currency swap agreements; and
- (3) other agreements or arrangements designed to protect such Person against fluctuations in interest and currency exchange rates.

"HELICON PREFERRED STOCK" means the preferred limited liability company interest of Charter-Helicon LLC with an aggregate liquidation value of \$25 million outstanding on the date of the indentures.

"INDEBTEDNESS" means, with respect to any specified Person, any indebtedness of such Person, whether or not contingent:

- in respect of borrowed money;
- (2) evidenced by bonds, notes, debentures or similar instruments or letters of credit (or reimbursement agreements in respect thereof);

- (3) in respect of banker's acceptances;
- (4) representing Capital Lease Obligations;
- (5) in respect of the balance deferred and unpaid of the purchase price of any property, except any such balance that constitutes an accrued expense or trade payable; or
  - (6) representing the notional amount of any Hedging Obligations,

if and to the extent any of the preceding items (other than letters of credit and Hedging Obligations) would appear as a liability upon a balance sheet of the specified Person prepared in accordance with GAAP. In addition, the term "Indebtedness" includes all Indebtedness of others secured by a Lien on any asset of the specified Person (whether or not such Indebtedness is assumed by the specified Person) and, to the extent not otherwise included, the guarantee by such Person of any indebtedness of any other Person.

The amount of any Indebtedness outstanding as of any date shall be:

- (1) the accreted value thereof, in the case of any Indebtedness issued with original issue discount; and
- (2) the principal amount thereof, together with any interest thereon that is more than 30 days past due, in the case of any other Indebtedness.

"INVESTMENT GRADE RATING" means a rating equal to or higher than Baa3 (or the equivalent) by Moody's and BBB- (or the equivalent) by S&P.

"INVESTMENTS" means, with respect to any Person, all investments by such Person in other Persons (including Affiliates) in the forms of direct or indirect loans (including guarantees of Indebtedness or other obligations), advances or capital contributions (excluding commission, travel and similar advances to officers and employees made in the ordinary course of business) and purchases or other acquisitions for consideration of Indebtedness, Equity Interests or other securities, together with all items that are or would be classified as investments on a balance sheet prepared in accordance with GAAP.

"LEVERAGE RATIO" means, as of any date, the ratio of:

- (1) the Consolidated Indebtedness of Charter Holdings on such date to
- (2) the aggregate amount of Consolidated EBITDA for Charter Holdings for the most recently ended fiscal quarter for which internal financial statements are available multiplied by four (the "Reference Period").

In addition to the foregoing, for purposes of this definition, "Consolidated EBITDA" shall be calculated on a pro forma basis after giving effect to  $\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}$ 

- (1) the issuance of the notes;
- (2) the incurrence of the Indebtedness or the issuance of the Disqualified Stock or other Preferred Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary (and the application of the proceeds therefrom) giving rise to the need to make such calculation and any incurrence or issuance (and the application of the proceeds therefrom) or repayment of other Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock or other Preferred Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary, other than the incurrence or repayment of Indebtedness for ordinary working capital purposes, at any time subsequent to the beginning of the Reference Period and on or prior to the date of determination, as if such incurrence (and the application of the proceeds thereof), or the repayment, as the case may be, occurred on the first day of the Reference Period; and

(3) any Dispositions or Asset Acquisitions (including, without limitation, any Asset Acquisition giving rise to the need to make such calculation as a result of such Person or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries (including any person that becomes a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of such Asset Acquisition) incurring, assuming or otherwise becoming liable for or issuing Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock) made on or subsequent to the first day of the Reference Period and on or prior to the date of determination, as if such Disposition or Asset Acquisition (including the incurrence, assumption or liability for any such Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock and also including any Consolidated EBITDA associated with such Asset Acquisition, including any cost savings adjustments in compliance with Regulation S-X promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission) had occurred on the first day of the Reference Period.

"LIEN" means, with respect to any asset, any mortgage, lien, pledge, charge, security interest or encumbrance of any kind in respect of such asset, whether or not filed, recorded or otherwise perfected under applicable law, including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any lease in the nature thereof, any option or other agreement to sell or give a security interest in and any filing of or agreement to give any financing statement under the Uniform Commercial Code (or equivalent statutes) of any jurisdiction.

"MANAGEMENT FEES" means the fees payable to Charter Communications, Inc. pursuant to the management agreements between Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Operating, LLC and between Charter Communications, Inc. and Restricted Subsidiaries of Charter Holdings and pursuant to the limited liability company agreements of certain Restricted Subsidiaries, as such management or limited liability company agreements exist on the Issue Date (or if later, on the date any new Restricted Subsidiary is acquired or created), including any amendment or replacement thereof, provided that any such amendment or replacement is not more disadvantageous to the holders of the notes in any material respect from such management or limited liability company agreements existing on the date of the indentures.

 $\mbox{"MOODY'S"}$  means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

"NET PROCEEDS" means the aggregate cash proceeds received by Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of any Asset Sale (including, without limitation, any cash received upon the sale or other disposition of any non-cash consideration received in any Asset Sale), net of the direct costs relating to such Asset Sale, including, without limitation, legal, accounting and investment banking fees, and sales commissions, and any relocation expenses incurred as a result thereof or taxes paid or payable as a result thereof (including amounts distributable in respect of owners', partners' or members' tax liabilities resulting from such sale), in each case after taking into account any available tax credits or deductions and any tax sharing arrangements and amounts required to be applied to the repayment of Indebtedness.

"NON-RECOURSE DEBT" means Indebtedness:

- (1) as to which neither Charter Holdings nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right)$ 
  - (a) provides credit support of any kind (including any undertaking, agreement or instrument that would constitute Indebtedness);
  - (b) is directly or indirectly liable as a guarantor or otherwise; or
    - (c) constitutes the lender;
- (2) no default with respect to which (including any rights that the holders thereof may have to take enforcement action against an Unrestricted Subsidiary) would permit upon notice, lapse of time or both any holder of any other Indebtedness (other than the notes) of Charter

Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to declare a default on such other Indebtedness or cause the payment thereof to be accelerated or payable prior to its stated maturity; and

(3) as to which the lenders have been notified in writing that they will not have any recourse to the Capital Stock or assets of Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

"PARENT" means Charter Communications, Inc. and/or Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, as applicable, and any successor Person or any Person succeeding to the direct or indirect ownership of Charter Holdings.

### "PERMITTED INVESTMENTS" means:

- (1) any Investment by Charter Holdings in a Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings or any Investment by a Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings in Charter Holdings;
  - (2) any Investment in Cash Equivalents;
- (3) any Investment by Charter Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings in a Person, if as a result of such Investment:
  - (a) such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings; or  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right)$
  - (b) such Person is merged, consolidated or amalgamated with or into, or transfers or conveys substantially all of its assets to, or is liquidated into, Charter Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings:
- (4) any Investment made as a result of the receipt of non-cash consideration from an Asset Sale that was made pursuant to and in compliance with the covenant described above under the caption "--Repurchase at the Option of Holders--Asset Sales";
- (5) any Investment made out of the net cash proceeds of the issue and sale since March 17, 1999 (other than to a Subsidiary of Charter Holdings) of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of Charter Holdings to the extent that
  - (a) such net cash proceeds have not been applied to make a Restricted Payment or to effect other transactions pursuant to the covenant described above under the caption "--Certain Covenants--Restricted Payments," or
  - (b) such net cash proceeds have not been used to incur Indebtedness pursuant to clause (10) of the covenant described above under the caption "--Certain Covenants--Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock";
- (6) Investments in Productive Assets having an aggregate fair market value (measured on the date each such Investment was made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value), when taken together with all other Investments in Productive Assets made by Charter Holdings and its Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to this clause (6) since March 17, 1999, not to exceed \$150 million, provided that either Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, after giving effect to such Investments, will own at least 20% of the Voting Stock of any Person in which any such Investment is made;
- (7) other Investments in any Person having an aggregate fair market value (measured on the date each such Investment was made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value), when taken together with all other Investments in any Person made by Charter Holdings and its Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to this clause (7) since March 17, 1999, not to exceed \$50 million; and
- (8) Investments in customers and suppliers in the ordinary course of business which either  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right)$ 
  - (A) generate accounts receivable, or

(B) are accepted in settlement of bona fide disputes.

### "PERMITTED LIENS" means:

- (1) Liens on the assets of Charter Holdings securing Indebtedness and other Obligations under clause (1) of the covenant described under the caption "--Certain Covenants--Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock";
  - (2) Liens in favor of Charter Holdings;
- (3) Liens on property of a Person existing at the time such Person is merged with or into or consolidated with Charter Holdings, provided that such Liens were in existence prior to the contemplation of such merger or consolidation and do not extend to any assets other than those of the Person merged into or consolidated with Charter Holdings;
- (4) Liens on property existing at the time of acquisition thereof by Charter Holdings, provided that such Liens were in existence prior to the contemplation of such acquisition;
- (5) Liens to secure the performance of statutory obligations, surety or appeal bonds, performance bonds or other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business;
- (6) purchase money mortgages or other purchase money liens (including without limitation any Capitalized Lease Obligations) incurred by Charter Holdings upon any fixed or capital assets acquired after the date of the indentures or purchase money mortgages (including without limitation Capitalized Lease Obligations) on any such assets, whether or not assumed, existing at the time of acquisition of such assets, whether or not assumed, so long as
  - (a) such mortgage or lien does not extend to or cover any of the assets of Charter Holdings, except the asset so developed, constructed, or acquired, and directly related assets such as enhancements and modifications thereto, substitutions, replacements, proceeds (including insurance proceeds), products, rents and profits thereof, and
  - (b) such mortgage or lien secures the obligation to pay the purchase price of such asset, interest thereon and other charges, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, the cost of design, development, construction, acquisition, transportation, installation, improvement, and migration) and is incurred in connection therewith (or the obligation under such Capitalized Lease Obligation) only;
- (7) Liens existing on the date of the indentures (other than in connection with the Credit Facilities);
- (8) Liens for taxes, assessments or governmental charges or claims that are not yet delinquent or that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings promptly instituted and diligently concluded, provided that any reserve or other appropriate provision as shall be required in conformity with GAAP shall have been made therefor;
- (9) statutory and common law Liens of landlords and carriers, warehousemen, mechanics, suppliers, materialmen, repairmen or other similar Liens arising in the ordinary course of business and with respect to amounts not yet delinquent or being contested in good faith by appropriate legal proceedings promptly instituted and diligently conducted and for which a reserve or other appropriate provision, if any, as shall be required in conformity with GAAP shall have been made;
- (10) Liens incurred or deposits made in the ordinary course of business in connection with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other types of social security;

- (11) Liens incurred or deposits made to secure the performance of tenders, bids, leases, statutory or regulatory obligation, bankers' acceptance, surety and appeal bonds, government contracts, performance and return-of-money bonds and other obligations of a similar nature incurred in the ordinary course of business (exclusive of obligations for the payment of borrowed money):
- (12) easements, rights-of-way, municipal and zoning ordinances and similar charges, encumbrances, title defects or other irregularities that do not materially interfere with the ordinary course of business of Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (13) Liens of franchisors or other regulatory bodies arising in the ordinary course of business;
- (14) Liens arising from filing Uniform Commercial Code financing statements regarding leases or other Uniform Commercial Code financing statements for precautionary purposes relating to arrangements not constituting Indebtedness;
- (15) Liens arising from the rendering of a final judgment or order against Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that does not give rise to an Event of Default;
- (16) Liens securing reimbursement obligations with respect to letters of credit that encumber documents and other property relating to such letters of credit and the products and proceeds thereof;
- (17) Liens encumbering customary initial deposits and margin deposits, and other Liens that are within the general parameters customary in the industry and incurred in the ordinary course of business, in each case, securing Indebtedness under Hedging Obligations and forward contracts, options, future contracts, future options or similar agreements or arrangements designed solely to protect Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries from fluctuations in interest rates, currencies or the price of commodities;
- (18) Liens consisting of any interest or title of licensor in the property subject to a license;
  - (19) Liens on the Capital Stock of Unrestricted Subsidiaries;
- (20) Liens arising from sales or other transfers of accounts receivable which are past due or otherwise doubtful of collection in the ordinary course of business;
- (21) Liens incurred in the ordinary course of business of Charter Holdings, with respect to obligations which in the aggregate do not exceed \$50 million at any one time outstanding;
- (22) Liens in favor of the trustee arising under the provisions in the indentures under the subheading "--Compensation and Indemnity"; and
- (23) Liens in favor of the trustee for its benefit and the benefit of holders of the notes, as their respective interests appear.

"PERMITTED REFINANCING INDEBTEDNESS" means any Indebtedness of Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries issued in exchange for, or the net proceeds of which are used to extend, refinance, renew, replace, defease or refund, other Indebtedness of Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than intercompany Indebtedness), provided that unless permitted otherwise by the indentures, no Indebtedness of Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries may be issued in exchange for, nor may the net proceeds of Indebtedness be used to extend, refinance, renew, replace, defease or refund, Indebtedness of Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, provided further that:

(1) the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness does not exceed the principal amount of (or accreted value, if applicable) plus accrued interest and premium, if any, on the Indebtedness so extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded (plus the amount of reasonable expenses incurred in connection therewith);

- (2) such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness has a final maturity date later than the final maturity date of, and has a Weighted Average Life to Maturity equal to or greater than the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of, the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded:
- (3) if the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded is subordinated in right of payment to the notes, such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness has a final maturity date later than the final maturity date of, and is subordinated in right of payment to, the notes on terms at least as favorable to the holders of notes as those contained in the documentation governing the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded; and
- (4) such Indebtedness is incurred either by Charter Holdings or by any of its Restricted Subsidiaries who is the obligor on the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded.

"PERSON" means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, limited liability company, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, government or agency or political subdivision thereof or any other entity.

"PREFERRED STOCK," as applied to the Capital Stock of any Person, means Capital Stock of any class or classes (however designated) which by its terms is preferred in right of payment of dividends, or as to the distribution of assets upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation or dissolution of such Person, over shares of Capital Stock of any other class of such Person.

"PRODUCTIVE ASSETS" means assets (including assets of a referent Person owned directly or indirectly through ownership of Capital Stock) of a kind used or useful in the Cable Related Business.

"QUALIFIED CAPITAL STOCK" means any Capital Stock that is not Disqualified Stock.

"RATING AGENCIES" means Moody's and S&P.

"RELATED PARTY" means: (1) the spouse or an immediate family member, estate or heir of Paul G. Allen; or (2) any trust, corporation, partnership or other entity, the beneficiaries, stockholders, partners, owners or Persons beneficially holding an 80% or more controlling interest of which consist of Paul G. Allen and/or such other Persons referred to in the immediately preceding clause (1).

"RESTRICTED INVESTMENT" means an Investment other than a Permitted Investment.

"RESTRICTED SUBSIDIARY" of a Person means any Subsidiary of the referent Person that is not an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's Ratings Service, a division of the McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

"SIGNIFICANT SUBSIDIARY" means any Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings which is a "Significant Subsidiary" as defined in Rule 1-02(w) of Regulation S-X under the Securities Act.

"STATED MATURITY" means, with respect to any installment of interest or principal on any series of Indebtedness, the date on which such payment of interest or principal was scheduled to be paid in the documentation governing such Indebtedness on the date of the indentures, or, if none, the original documentation governing such Indebtedness, and shall not include any contingent obligations to

repay, redeem or repurchase any such interest or principal prior to the date originally scheduled for the payment thereof.

"SUBSIDIARY" means, with respect to any Person:

- (1) any corporation, association or other business entity of which at least 50% of the total voting power of shares of Capital Stock entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that Person (or a combination thereof) and, in the case of any such entity of which 50% of the total voting power of shares of Capital Stock is so owned or controlled by such Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of such Person, such Person and its Subsidiaries also have the right to control the management of such entity pursuant to contract or otherwise; and
  - (2) any partnership
  - (a) the sole general partner or the managing general partner of which is such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person, or
  - (b) the only general partners of which are such Person or of one or more Subsidiaries of such Person (or any combination thereof).

"UNRESTRICTED SUBSIDIARY" means any Subsidiary of Charter Holdings that is designated by the board of directors of Charter Holdings as an Unrestricted Subsidiary pursuant to a board resolution, but only to the extent that such Subsidiary:

- (1) has no Indebtedness other than Non-Recourse Debt;
- (2) is not party to any agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding with Charter Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings unless the terms of any such agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding are no less favorable to Charter Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary than those that might be obtained at the time from Persons who are not Affiliates of Charter Holdings unless such terms constitute Investments permitted by the covenant described above under the caption "--Certain Covenants--Investments";
- (3) is a Person with respect to which neither Charter Holdings nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries has any direct or indirect obligation
  - (a) to subscribe for additional Equity Interests or
  - (b) to maintain or preserve such Person's financial condition or to cause such Person to achieve any specified levels of operating results:
- (4) has not guaranteed or otherwise directly or indirectly provided credit support for any Indebtedness of Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; and
- (5) has at least one director on its board of directors that is not a director or executive officer of Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or has at least one executive officer that is not a director or executive officer of Charter Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

Any designation of a Subsidiary of Charter Holdings as an Unrestricted Subsidiary shall be evidenced to the trustee by filing with the trustee a certified copy of the board resolution of Charter Holdings giving effect to such designation and an officers' certificate certifying that such designation complied with the preceding conditions and was permitted by the covenant described above under the caption "--Certain Covenants--Investments." If, at any time, any Unrestricted Subsidiary would fail to meet the preceding requirements as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, it shall thereafter cease to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary for purposes of the indentures and any Indebtedness of such Subsidiary shall

be deemed to be incurred by a Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings as of such date and, if such Indebtedness is not permitted to be incurred as of such date under the covenant described under the caption "--Certain Covenants--Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock," Charter Holdings shall be in default of such covenant. The board of directors of Charter Holdings may at any time designate any Unrestricted Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary, provided that such designation shall be deemed to be an incurrence of Indebtedness by a Restricted Subsidiary of Charter Holdings of any outstanding Indebtedness of such Unrestricted Subsidiary and such designation shall only be permitted if:

- (1) such Indebtedness is permitted under the covenant described under the caption "--Certain Covenants--Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock," calculated on a pro forma basis as if such designation had occurred at the beginning of the four-quarter reference period; and
- (2) no Default or Event of Default would be in existence following such designation.

"VOTING STOCK" of any Person as of any date means the Capital Stock of such Person that is at the time entitled to vote in the election of the board of directors of such Person.

- (1) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying
- (a) the amount of each then remaining installment, sinking fund, serial maturity or other required payments of principal, including payment at final maturity, in respect thereof, by
- (b) the number of years (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth) that will elapse between such date and the making of such payment; by
  - (2) the then outstanding principal amount of such Indebtedness.

"WHOLLY OWNED RESTRICTED SUBSIDIARY" of any Person means a Restricted Subsidiary of such Person all of the outstanding Capital Stock or other ownership interests of which (other than directors' qualifying shares) shall at the time be owned by such Person and/or by one or more Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiaries of such Person.

#### MATERIAL UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

### GENERAL

The following sets forth the opinion of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP, our legal counsel, as to the material United States federal income tax consequences of

- (1) the exchange offer relevant to U.S. holders; and
- (2) the ownership and disposition of the new notes relevant to U.S. holders and, in certain circumstances, non-U.S. holders.

Except where noted, the summary deals only with notes held as capital assets within the meaning of section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and does not deal with special situations, such as those of broker-dealers, tax-exempt organizations, individual retirement accounts and other tax deferred accounts, financial institutions, insurance companies, or persons holding notes as part of a hedging or conversion transaction or a straddle, or a constructive sale. Furthermore, the discussion below is based upon the provisions of the Code and regulations, rulings and judicial decisions thereunder as of the date hereof, and such authorities may be repealed, revoked, or modified, possibly with retroactive effect, so as to result in United States federal income tax consequences different from those discussed below. In addition, except as otherwise indicated, the following does not consider the effect of any applicable foreign, state, local or other tax laws or estate or gift tax considerations.

We have not sought, and will not seek, any rulings from the IRS with respect to the positions discussed below. There can be no assurance that the IRS will not take a different position concerning the tax consequences of the exchange offer and ownership or disposition of the original notes or new notes, or that any such position would not be sustained.

As used herein, a "United States person" is

- (1) a citizen or resident of the U.S.,
- (2) a corporation, partnership or other entity created or organized in or under the laws of the U.S. or any political subdivision thereof,
- (3) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source,
  - (4) a trust if
  - (A) a United States court is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left($
  - (B) one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust,  $\$
- (5) a certain type of trust in existence on August 20, 1996, which was treated as a United States person under the Code in effect immediately prior to such date and which has made a valid election to be treated as a United States person under the Code and
- (6) any person otherwise subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis in respect of its worldwide taxable income.

A "U.S. Holder" is a beneficial owner of a note who is a United States person. A "Non-U.S. Holder" is a beneficial owner of a note that is not a U.S. Holder.

PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS ARE ADVISED TO CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS WITH REGARD TO THE APPLICATION OF THE TAX CONSIDERATIONS

DISCUSSED BELOW TO THEIR PARTICULAR SITUATIONS, AS WELL AS THE APPLICATION OF ANY STATE, LOCAL, FOREIGN OR OTHER TAX LAWS, OR SUBSEQUENT REVISIONS THEREOF.

#### THE EXCHANGE OFFER

Pursuant to the exchange offer, holders are entitled to exchange the original notes for new notes that will be substantially identical in all material respects to the original notes, except that the new notes will be registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and therefore will not be subject to transfer restrictions. The exchange pursuant to the exchange offer as described above will not result in a taxable event. Accordingly,

- (1) no gain or loss will be realized by a U.S. holder upon receipt of a new note,  $% \left( 1\right) =\left\{ 1\right\} =$
- (2) the holding period of the new note will include the holding period of the original note exchanged therefor, and  ${}^{\prime}$
- (3) the adjusted tax basis of the new notes will be the same as the adjusted tax basis of the original notes exchanged at the time of such exchange.

#### UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION OF U.S. HOLDERS

PAYMENTS OF INTEREST ON THE EIGHT-YEAR SENIOR NOTES AND TEN-YEAR SENIOR NOTES

Interest on the eight-year senior notes and ten-year senior notes will be taxable to a U.S. Holder as ordinary income from domestic sources at the time it is paid or accrued in accordance with the U.S. Holder's regular method of accounting for tax purposes.

### ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT ON THE SENIOR DISCOUNT NOTES

The senior discount notes will be issued with original issue discount. Such notes will be issued with original issue discount because they will be issued at an issue price which is substantially less than their stated principal amount at maturity, and because interest on the senior discount notes will not be payable until July 15, 2006. Each U.S. Holder will be required to include in income in each year, in advance of receipt of cash payments on such senior discount notes to which such income is attributable, original issue discount income as described below.

The amount of original issue discount with respect to the senior discount notes will be equal to the excess of the senior discount note's "stated redemption price at maturity" over its "issue price." The issue price of the senior discount notes will be equal to the price to the public at which a substantial amount of the senior discount notes is initially sold for money, excluding any sales to a bond house, broker or similar person or organization acting in the capacity of an underwriter, placement agent or wholesaler. The stated redemption price at maturity of a senior discount note is the total of all payments provided by the senior discount note, including stated interest payments.

A U.S. Holder of a senior discount note is required to include in gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes an amount equal to the sum of the "daily portions" of such original issue discount for all days during the taxable year on which the holder holds the senior discount note. The daily portions of original issue discount required to be included in such holder's gross income in a taxable year will be determined on a constant yield basis. A pro rata portion of the original issue discount on such senior discount note which is attributable to the "accrual period" in which such day is included will be allocated to each day during the taxable year in which the holder holds the senior discount notes. Accrual periods with respect to a senior discount note may be of any length and may vary in length over the term of the senior discount note as long as

(1) no accrual period is longer than one year, and

(2) each scheduled payment of interest or principal on the senior discount note occurs on either the first or final day of an accrual period.

The amount of original issue discount attributable to each accrual period will be equal to the product of

- (1) the "adjusted issue price" at the beginning of such accrual period and  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{C}}$
- (2) the "yield to maturity" of the instrument stated in a manner appropriately taking into account the length of the accrual period.

The yield to maturity is the discount rate that, when used in computing the present value of all payments to be made under the senior discount notes, produces an amount equal to the issue price of the senior discount notes. The adjusted issue price of a senior discount note at the beginning of an accrual period is generally defined as the issue price of the senior discount note plus the aggregate amount of original issue discount that accrued in all prior accrual periods, less any cash payments made on the senior discount note. Accordingly, a U.S. Holder of a senior discount note will be required to include original issue discount thereon in gross income for U.S. federal tax purposes in advance of the receipt of cash attributable to such income. The amount of original issue discount allocable to an initial short accrual period may be computed using any reasonable method if all other accrual periods, other than a final short accrual period, are of equal length. The amount of original issue discount allocable to the final accrual period at maturity of a senior discount note is the difference between

- (1) the amount payable at the maturity of the senior discount note and
- (2) the senior discount note's adjusted issue price as of the beginning of the final accrual period.

Payments on the senior discount notes, including principal and stated interest payments, are not separately included in a U.S. Holder's income, but rather are treated first as payments of accrued original issue discount to the extent of such accrued original issue discount and the excess as payments of principal, which reduce the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in such Senior Discount Notes.

### EFFECT OF OPTIONAL REDEMPTION ON ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT

In the event of a Change of Control, we will be required to offer to redeem all of the notes, at redemption prices specified elsewhere herein. In the event that we receive net proceeds from one or more Equity Offerings, we may, at our option, use all or a portion of such net proceeds to redeem in the aggregate up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of the senior notes and up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of the senior discount notes at redemption prices specified elsewhere herein, provided that at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of the senior notes and the senior discount notes, respectively, remains outstanding after each such redemption. Computation of the yield and maturity of the notes is not affected by such redemption rights and obligations if, based on all the facts and circumstances as of the issue date, the stated payment schedule of the notes, that does not reflect the Change of Control event or Equity Offering event, is significantly more likely than not to occur. We have determined that, based on all of the facts and circumstances as of the issue date, it is significantly more likely than not that the notes will be paid according to their stated schedule.

We may redeem the ten-year senior notes and the senior discount notes, in whole or in part, at any time on or after January 15, 2006, at redemption prices specified elsewhere herein plus accrued and unpaid stated interest, if any, on the notes so redeemed but excluding the date of redemption. The United States Treasury Regulations contain rules for determining the "maturity date" and the

stated redemption price at maturity of an instrument that may be redeemed prior to its stated maturity date at the option of the issuer. Under United States Treasury Regulations, solely for the purposes of the accrual of original issue discount, it is assumed that an issuer will exercise any option to redeem a debt instrument if such exercise would lower the yield to maturity of the debt instrument. We will not be presumed to redeem the notes prior to their stated maturity under these rules because the exercise of such options would not lower the yield to maturity of the notes.

U.S. Holders may wish to consult their own tax advisors regarding the treatment of such contingencies.

#### APPLICABLE HIGH YIELD DISCOUNT OBLIGATIONS

Because the senior discount notes constitute "applicable high yield discount obligations" referred to as "AHYDOS", the portion of each senior discount note that is allocable to beneficial owners of Charter Holdings that are C corporations, such as Charter Communications, Inc., will be treated as an AHYDO for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The senior discount notes constitute AHYDOs because they have a yield to maturity that is at least five percentage points above the applicable federal rate at the time of issuance of the senior discount notes and the senior discount notes are issued with "significant original issue discount." A senior discount note is treated as having significant original issue discount because the aggregate amount that will be includable in gross income with respect to such senior discount note for periods before the close of any accrual period ending after the date that is five years after the date of issue exceeds the sum of (1) the aggregate amount of interest to be paid in cash under the senior discount note before the close of such accrual period and (2) the product of the initial issue price of such senior discount note and its yield to maturity.

Because the senior discount notes constitute AHYDOs, to the extent that the senior discount notes are allocable to beneficial owners of Charter Holdings that are C corporations, such as Charter Communications, Inc.,

- (1) the "disqualified portion" of the original issue discount that accrues on the senior discount notes allocable to beneficial owners of Charter Holdings that are C corporations, such as Charter Communications, Inc., may be treated as a dividend generally eligible for the dividends received deduction in the case of corporate U.S. Holders,
- (2) beneficial owners of Charter Holdings that are C corporations, such as Charter Communications, Inc., will not be entitled to deduct their distributive share of the disqualified portion of original issue discount that accrues on the senior discount notes, and
- (3) beneficial owners of Charter Holdings that are C corporations, such as Charter Communications, Inc., will be allowed to deduct the remainder of their distributive share of original issue discount only when Charter Holdings pays amounts attributable to such original issue discount in cash.

The disqualified portion of original issue discount is equal to the lesser of the amount of original issue discount or the portion of the "total return" with respect to the senior discount notes in excess of the applicable federal rate plus six percentage points. The total return is the excess of all payments to be made with respect to a senior discount note over its issue price.

## SALE, EXCHANGE OR RETIREMENT OF THE NOTES

Upon the sale, exchange, retirement or other taxable disposition of a note, the holder will generally recognize gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between

(1) the amount of cash and the fair market value of other property received in exchange therefor and  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right$ 

(2) the holder's adjusted tax basis in such note.

Amounts attributable to accrued but unpaid interest on the eight year senior notes and ten year senior notes will be treated as ordinary interest income. A holder's adjusted tax basis in a note will equal the purchase price paid by such holder for the note increased by the amount of any market discount, and in the case of a senior discount note by any original issue discount previously included in income by such holder with respect to such note and decreased by the amount of any amortizable bond premium applied to reduce interest on the notes and, in the case of a senior discount note, by any payments received thereon.

Gain or loss realized on the sale, exchange, retirement or other taxable disposition of a note will be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if at the time of sale, exchange, retirement, or other taxable disposition, the note has been held by the holder for more than 12 months. The maximum rate of tax on long-term capital gains with respect to notes held by an individual is 20%. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to certain limitations.

## MARKET DISCOUNT

A holder receives a "market discount" when he/she

- (1) purchases an eight year senior note or a ten year senior note for an amount below the issue price, or  $\,$
- (2) purchases a senior discount note for an amount below the adjusted issue price on the date of purchase (as determined in accordance with the original issue discount rules above.)

Under the market discount rules, a U.S. Holder will be required to treat any partial principal payment on, or any gain on the sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition of, a note as ordinary income to the extent of the market discount which has not previously been included in income and is treated as having accrued on such note at the time of such payment or disposition. In addition, the U.S. Holder may be required to defer, until the maturity of the note or its earlier disposition in a taxable transaction, the deduction of a portion of the interest expense on any indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry such notes.

Any market discount will be considered to accrue ratably during the period from the date of acquisition to the maturity date of the note, unless the U.S. Holder elects to accrue such discount on a constant interest rate method. A U.S. Holder may elect to include market discount in income currently as it accrues, on either a ratable or constant interest rate method. If this election is made, the holder's basis in the note will be increased to reflect the amount of income recognized and the rules described above regarding deferral of interest deductions will not apply. This election to include market discount in income currently, once made, applies to all market discount obligations acquired on or after the first taxable year to which the election applies and may not be revoked without the consent of the Internal Revenue Service.

## AMORTIZABLE BOND PREMIUM; ACQUISITION PREMIUM

A U.S. Holder that

- (1) purchases an eight year senior note and ten year senior note for an amount in excess of the amount payable on maturity, or  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{$
- A U.S. Holder generally may elect to amortize the premium over the remaining term of the note on a constant yield method as applied with respect to each accrual period of the note, and allocated

ratably to each day within an accrual period in a manner substantially similar to the method of calculating daily portions of original issue discount, as described above. However, because the notes may be optionally redeemed for an amount that is in excess of their principal amount, special rules apply that could result in a deferral of the amortization of bond premium until later in the term of the note. The amount amortized in any year will be treated as a reduction of the U.S. Holder's interest income, including original issue discount income, from the note. Bond premium on a note held by a U.S. Holder that does not make such an election will decrease the gain or increase the loss otherwise recognized upon disposition of the note. The election to amortize premium on a constant yield method, once made, applies to all debt obligations held or subsequently acquired by the electing U.S. Holder on or after the first day of the first taxable year to which the election applies and may not be revoked without the consent of the Internal Revenue Service.

A U.S. Holder that purchases a senior discount note for an amount that is greater than the adjusted issue price of the senior discount note on the date of purchase, as determined in accordance with the original issue discount rules, above, will be considered to have purchased such senior discount note at an "acquisition premium." A holder of a senior discount note that is purchased at an acquisition premium may reduce the amount of the original issue discount otherwise includible in income with respect to the senior discount note by the "acquisition premium fraction." The acquisition premium fraction is that fraction the numerator of which is the excess of the holder's adjusted tax basis in the senior discount note immediately after its acquisition over the adjusted issue price of the senior discount note and the denominator of which is the excess of the sum of all amounts payable on the senior discount note after the purchase date over the adjusted issue price of the senior discount note. Alternatively, a holder of a senior discount note that is purchased at an acquisition premium may elect to compute the original issue discount accrual on the senior discount note by treating the purchase as a purchase of the senior discount note at original issuance, treating the purchase price as the issue price, and applying the original issue discount rules thereto using a constant yield method.

### UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION OF NON-U.S. HOLDERS

The payment to a Non-U.S. Holder of interest on a note will not be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax pursuant to the "portfolio interest exception," provided that

- (1) the Non-U.S. Holder does not actually or constructively own 10% or more of the capital or profits interest in the issuers and is not a controlled foreign corporation that is related to the issuers within the meaning of the Code and
- (2) either (A) the beneficial owner of the notes certifies to the issuers or their agent, under penalties of perjury, that it is not a U.S. Holder and provides its name and address on Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN or a suitable substitute form or (B) a securities clearing organization, bank or other financial institution that holds the notes on behalf of such Non-U.S. Holder in the ordinary course of its trade or business (a "financial institution") certifies under penalties of perjury that such a Form W-8BEN or suitable substitute form has been received from the beneficial owner by it or by a financial institution between it and the beneficial owner and furnishes the payor with a copy thereof.

Recently adopted Treasury Regulations effective January 1, 2001, provide alternative methods for satisfying the certification requirement described in (2) above. These regulations will generally require, in the case of notes held by a foreign partnership, that the certificate described in (2) above be provided by the partners rather than by the foreign partnership, and that the partnership provide certain information including a U.S. tax identification number. For purposes of United States federal withholding tax, payment of interest includes the amount of any payment that is attributable to original issue discount that accrued while such Non-U.S. Holder held the note.

If a Non-U.S. Holder cannot satisfy the requirements of the portfolio interest exception described above, payments of interest, including the amount of any payment that is attributable to original issue discount that accrued while such Non-U.S. Holder held the note, made to such Non-U.S. Holder will be subject to a 30% withholding tax, unless the beneficial owner of the note provides us or our paying agent, as the case may be, with a properly executed

- (1) Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN (or successor form) claiming an exemption from or reduction in the rate of withholding under the benefit of a tax treaty or
- (2) Internal Revenue Service Form W-8ECI (or successor form) stating that interest paid on the note is not subject to withholding tax because it is effectively connected with the beneficial owner's conduct of a trade or business in the United States.

If a Non-U.S. Holder of a note is engaged in a trade or business in the United States and interest on the note is effectively connected with the conduct of such trade or business, such Non-U.S. Holder will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on such interest, including original issue discount in the same manner as if it were a U.S. Holder. In addition, if such Non-U.S. Holder is a foreign corporation, it may be subject to a branch profits tax equal to 30% of its effectively connected earnings and profits, subject to adjustment, for that taxable year unless it qualifies for a lower rate under an applicable income tax treaty.

Any capital gain realized on the sale, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of a note by a person other than a U.S. Holder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax provided

- (1) such gain is not effectively connected with the conduct by such holder of a trade or business in the United States,
- (2) in the case of gains derived by an individual, such individual is not present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of the disposition and certain other conditions are met and
- (3) the Non-U.S. Holder is not subject to tax pursuant to the provisions of U.S. federal income tax law applicable to certain expatriates.

### FEDERAL ESTATE TAX

Subject to applicable estate tax treaty provisions, notes held by an individual who is not a citizen or resident of the United States for federal estate tax purposes at the time of his or her death will not be subject to U.S. federal estate tax if the interest on the notes qualifies for the portfolio interest exemption from U.S. federal income tax under the rules described above.

## INFORMATION REPORTING AND BACKUP WITHHOLDING

Backup withholding and information reporting requirements may apply to certain payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest, and accruals of original issue discount, on a note, and to the proceeds of the sale or redemption of a note before maturity. We, our agent, a broker, the Trustee or the paying agent, as the case may be, will be required to withhold from any payment that is subject to backup withholding a tax equal to 31% of such payment if a U.S. Holder fails to furnish his taxpayer identification number, certify that such number is correct, certify that such holder is not subject to backup withholding or otherwise comply with the applicable backup withholding rules. Certain U.S. Holders, including all corporations, are not subject to backup withholding and information reporting requirements.

Non-U.S. Holders other than corporations may be subject to backup withholding and information reporting requirements. However, backup withholding and information reporting

requirements do not apply to payments of portfolio interest, including original issue discount, made by the issuers or a paying agent to Non-U.S. Holders if the appropriate certification is received, provided that the payor does not have actual knowledge that the holder is a U.S. Holder. If any payments of principal and interest are made to the beneficial owner of a note by or through the foreign office of a foreign custodian, foreign nominee or other foreign agent of such beneficial owner, or if the foreign office of a foreign "broker", as defined in the applicable Treasury Regulations, pays the proceeds of the sale, redemption or other disposition of note or a coupon to the seller thereof, backup withholding and information reporting requirements will not apply. Information reporting requirements, but not backup withholding, will apply, however, to a payment by a foreign office of a broker that is a U.S. person or is a foreign person that derives 50% of more of its gross income for certain periods from the conduct of a trade or business in the United States, or that is a "controlled foreign corporation", that is, a foreign corporation controlled by certain U.S. shareholders, with respect to the United States unless the broker has documentary evidence in its records that the holder is a Non-U.S. Holder and certain other conditions are met or the holder otherwise establishes an exemption. Payment by a U.S. office of a broker is subject to both backup withholding at a rate of 31% and information reporting unless the holder certifies under penalties of perjury that it is a Non-U.S. Holder or otherwise establishes an exemption.

In October 1997, Treasury regulations were issued which alter the foregoing rules in certain respects and which generally will apply to any payments in respect of a note or proceeds from the sale of a note that are made after December 31, 2000. Among other things, such regulations expand the number of foreign intermediaries that are potentially subject to information reporting and address certain documentary evidence requirements relating to exemption from the backup withholding requirements. Holders of the notes should consult their tax advisers concerning the possible application of such regulations to any payments made on or with respect to the notes.

Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules from a payment to a holder of the notes will be allowed as a refund or a credit against such holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided that the required information is furnished to the IRS.

The Issuers must report annually to the IRS and to each Non-U.S. Holder any interest that is subject to withholding, or that is exempt from U.S. withholding tax pursuant to a tax treaty, or interest that is exempt from United States federal withholding tax under the portfolio interest exception. Copies of these information returns may also be made available under the provisions of a specific treaty or agreement to the tax authorities of the country in which the Non-U.S. Holder resides.

#### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

A broker-dealer that is the holder of original notes that were acquired for the account of such broker-dealer as a result of market-making or other trading activities, other than original notes acquired directly from us or any of our affiliates may exchange such original notes for new notes pursuant to the exchange offer. This is true so long as each broker-dealer that receives new notes for its own account in exchange for original notes, where such original notes were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making or other trading activities acknowledges that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such new notes. This prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of new notes received in exchange for original notes where such original notes were acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. We have agreed that for a period of 180 days after consummation of the exchange offer or such time as any broker-dealer no longer owns any registrable securities, we will make this prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, available to any broker-dealer for use in connection with any such resale. All dealers effecting transactions in the new notes will be required to deliver a prospectus.

We will not receive any proceeds from any sale of new notes by broker-dealers or any other holder of new notes. New notes received by broker-dealers for their own account in the exchange offer may be sold from time to time in one or more transactions in the over-the-counter market, in negotiated transactions, through the writing of options on the  $\operatorname{new}$  notes or a combination of such methods of resale, at market prices prevailing at the time of resale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or negotiated prices. Any such resale may be made directly to purchasers or to or through brokers or dealers who may receive compensation in the form of commissions or concessions from any such broker-dealer and/or the purchasers of any such new notes. Any broker-dealer that resells new notes that were received by it for its own account pursuant to the exchange offer and any broker or dealer that participates in a distribution of such new notes may be deemed to be an 'underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act and any profit on any such resale of new notes and any commissions or concessions received by any such persons may be deemed to be underwriting compensation under the Securities Act. The letter of transmittal states that by acknowledging that it will deliver and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act.

For a period of 180 days after consummation of the exchange offer or until such time as any broker-dealer no longer owns any registrable securities, we will promptly send additional copies of this prospectus and any amendment or supplement to this prospectus to any broker-dealer that requests such documents in the letter of transmittal. We have agreed to pay all expenses incident to the exchange offer and to our performance of, or compliance with, the registration rights agreements (other than commissions or concessions of any brokers or dealers) and will indemnify the holders of the notes (including any broker-dealers) against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

# LEGAL MATTERS

The legality of the notes offered in this prospectus and other matters will be passed upon for us by Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP, New York, New York.

# **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries, the financial statements of CCA Group, Charter Comm Holdings, L.P. and subsidiaries, Marcus Cable Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries, Greater Media Cablevision Systems, Helicon

Partners I, L.P., and affiliates, Sonic Communications Cable Television Systems, Long Beach Acquisition Corp., and CC V Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries, all included in this prospectus have been audited by Arthur Andersen LLP, independent public accountants, to the extent and for the periods indicated in their reports. In the report for Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries for the year ended December 31, 1999, that firm states that with respect to certain subsidiaries its opinion is based on the reports of other independent public accountants, namely Ernst & Young LLP. The financial statements referred to above have been included herein in reliance upon the authority of those firms as experts in giving said reports.

The combined financial statements of Helicon Partners I, L.P. and affiliates as of December 31, 1997 and 1998 and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 1998, the combined financial statements of TCI Falcon Systems as of September 30, 1998 and December 31, 1997 and for the nine-month period ended September 30, 1998, and for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 1997, the consolidated financial statements of Marcus Cable Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1998 and 1997, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 1998, and the consolidated financial statements of Bresnan Communications Group LLC as of December 31, 1998 and 1999 and February 14, 2000, and for each of the years in the three year period ended December 31, 1999, and the period from January 1, 2000 to February 14, 2000, have been included herein in reliance upon the reports of KPMG LLP, independent certified public accountants, appearing elsewhere herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of Renaissance Media Group LLC and the combined financial statements of the Picayune, MS, LaFourche, LA, St. Tammany, LA, St. Landry, LA, Pointe Coupee, LA, and Jackson, TN cable systems, appearing in this prospectus and registration statement have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent auditors, as set forth in their reports thereon appearing elsewhere herein, and are included in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The combined financial statements of InterMedia Cable Systems included in this registration statement, have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent accountants. The entities and periods covered by these audits are indicated in their reports. The financial statements have been so included in reliance on the reports of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent accountants, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The financial statements of Rifkin Acquisition Partners, L.L.L.P. and Rifkin Cable Income Partners LP for the year ended December 31, 1998 and Rifkin Acquisition Partners, L.L.L.P., Rifkin Cable Income Partners LP, Indiana Cable Associates, Ltd and R/N South Florida Cable Management Limited Partnership for the period ended September 13, 1999 included in this registration statement, have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent accountants. The entities and periods covered by these audits are indicated in their reports. The financial statements have been so included in reliance on the reports of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent accountants, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The consolidated financial statements of Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc. and subsidiaries, the consolidated financial statements of Cable Michigan, Inc. and subsidiaries, the consolidated financial statements of Avalon Cable LLC and subsidiaries, the financial statements of Amrac Clear View, a Limited Partnership, the combined financial statements of The Combined Operations of Pegasus Cable Television of Connecticut, Inc. and the Massachusetts Operations of Pegasus Cable Television, Inc., included in this registration statement, have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent accountants. The entities and periods covered by these audits are indicated in their reports. The financial statements have been so included in reliance on the

reports of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent accountants, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The consolidated financial statements of R/N South Florida Cable Management Limited Partnership and Indiana Cable Associates, Ltd. and the combined financial statements of Fanch Cable Systems Sold to Charter Communications, Inc. (comprised of Components of TWFanch-one Co., Components of TWFanch-two Co., Mark Twain Cablevision, North Texas Cablevision LTD., Post Cablevision of Texas L.P., Spring Green Communications L.P., Fanch Narragansett CSI L.P., Cable Systems Inc., ARH, and Tioga) appearing in this prospectus and registration statement have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent auditors, as set forth in their reports thereon appearing elsewhere herein, and are included in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The combined financial statements of Charter Communications VI Operating Company LLC not separately presented in this prospectus and registration statement have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent auditors, as set forth in their reports thereon appearing elsewhere herein, and are included in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The financial statements of Amrac Clear View, a Limited Partnership as of December 31, 1996 and 1997 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1997, included in this registration statement, have been so included in reliance on the report of Greenfield, Altman, Brown, Berger, & Katz, P.C., independent accountants, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

Ernst & Young LLP, independent auditors, have audited the consolidated financial statements of Falcon Communications, L.P. at December 31, 1998 and November 12, 1999 and for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 1998 and for the period from January 1, 1999 to November 12, 1999 (date of disposition), as set forth in their report. We've included these financial statements in the prospectus and elsewhere in the registration statement in reliance on Ernst & Young LLP's report, given on their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

Ernst & Young LLP, independent auditors, have audited the combined financial statements of CC VII-Falcon Systems at December 31, 1999, and for the period from November 13, 1999 (commencement date) to December 31, 1999, not separately presented herein, as set forth in their report. We've included their report in the prospectus and elsewhere in the registration statement in reliance on Ernst & Young LLP's report, given on their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The financial statements of Cable Systems, Inc. and Fanch Narragan Settlement CSI Limited Partnership, the consolidated financial statements of North Texas Cablevision, Ltd. and the financial statements of Spring Green Communications, L.P., appearing in this prospectus, have been audited by Shields & Co., independent auditors, as set forth in their reports thereon and appearing elsewhere herein, and are included in reliance on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To Charter Communications Holdings, LLC:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries (collectively, "the Company") as of December 31, 1999 and 1998, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in member's equity and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998. The consolidated statements give retroactive effect to the transfer of certain cable systems from Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC to the Company on January 1, 2000, which has been accounted for as a reorganization of entities under common control as described in Note 1. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We did not audit the financial statements of Charter Communications VI Operating Company, LLC and subsidiaries, and CC VII -- Falcon Systems, included in the consolidated financial statements of the Company, as of December 31, 1999, and for the periods from the dates of acquisition through December 31, 1999, which statements on a combined basis reflect total assets and total revenues of 31 percent and 6 percent, respectively, of the related consolidated totals of the Company. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for those entities, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits and the reports of other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, based upon our audit and the reports of other auditors, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1999 and 1998, and results of their operations and their cash flows for the year ended December 31, 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, after giving retroactive effect to the transfer of certain cable systems described in Note 1, all in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

/s/ ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

St. Louis, Missouri, March 2, 2000

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Charter Communications VI Operating Company, LLC

We have audited the consolidated balance sheet of Charter Communications VI Operating Company, LLC and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1999, and the related consolidated statements of operations, member's equity and cash flows for the period from inception (November 9, 1999) to December 31, 1999 (not presented separately herein). These financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Charter Communications VI Operating Company, LLC and subsidiaries at December 31, 1999, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for the period from November 9, 1999 to December 31, 1999 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

Denver, Colorado February 11, 2000

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Sole Member CC VII Holdings, LLC

We have audited the combined balance sheet of the CC VII -- Falcon Systems as of December 31, 1999, and the related combined statements of operations and parent's investment and cash flows for the period from November 13, 1999 (commencement date) to December 31, 1999 (not presented separately herein). These combined financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these combined financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined financial position of the CC VII -- Falcon Systems at December 31, 1999 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the period from November 13, 1999 (commencement date) to December 31, 1999, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP Los Angeles, California March 2, 2000

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT UNIT DATA)

	DECEMBER 31,	
		1998
ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalentsAccounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful	\$ 114,096	\$ 9,573
accounts of \$11,471 and \$1,728, respectively  Prepaid expenses and other	93,743 34,513	15,108 2,519
Total current assets	242,352	27,200
INVESTMENT IN CABLE PROPERTIES: Property, plant and equipment	3,490,573 14,985,793	716,242 3,590,054
	18,476,366	4,306,296
OTHER ASSETS	220,759	2,031
	\$18,939,477 =======	\$4,335,527
LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Current maturities of long-term debtAccounts payable and accrued expensesPayables to manager of cable systems related parties	\$ 704,734 6,713	\$ 10,450 127,586 4,334
Total current liabilities	711,447	142,370
LONG-TERM DEBT, less current maturities	8,936,455	1,991,756
LOANS PAYABLE RELATED PARTIES	1,079,163	
DEFERRED MANAGEMENT FEES RELATED PARTIES	21,623	15.561
OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	142,836	38,461
MEMBER'S EQUITY Member's equity (217,585,246 and 100 units issued and outstanding at December 31, 1999 and 1998,		
respectively)	8,045,737 2,216	2,147,379
Total member's equity	8,047,953	2,147,379
	\$18,939,477 ========	\$4,335,527 =======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-11}}$ 

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999	PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 24, 1998, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1998
REVENUES	\$1,428,090	\$13,713
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Operating, general and administrative  Depreciation and amortization  Option compensation expense  Corporate expense charges related parties	737,957 745,315 79,979 51,428	7,134 8,318 845 473
	1,614,679	16,770
Loss from operations	(186,589)	(3,057)
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):		
Interest expense Interest income Other, net	(471,871) 18,821 (245)	(2,353) 133 
	(453, 295)	(2,220)
Loss before income tax expense	(639,884) (1,030)	(5,277)
Loss before extraordinary item  EXTRAORDINARY ITEM Loss from early extinguishment of	(640,914)	(5,277)
debt	(7,794)	
Net loss	\$ (648,708) =======	\$(5,277) ======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-12}}$ 

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN MEMBER'S EQUITY (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

		ACCUMULATED	
		OTHER	TOTAL
	MEMBER'S	COMPREHENSIVE	MEMBER'S
	EQUITY	INCOME	EQUITY
BALANCE, December 24, 1998	\$2,151,811	\$	\$2,151,811
Option compensation expense	845		845
Net loss	(5,277)		(5,277)
BALANCE, December 31, 1998	2,147,379		2,147,379
Capital contributions	6,477,363		6,477,363
Distributions to Charter Investment and Charter	(10,276)		(10,276)
Option compensation expense	`79, 979´		79,979
Net loss	(648,708)		(648,708)
Unrealized gain on marketable securities available	, , ,		, , ,
for sale		2,216	2,216
BALANCE, December 31, 1999	\$8,045,737	\$2,216	\$8,047,953
	========	=====	========

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-13}}$ 

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

PERIOD FROM

		DECEMBER 24, 1998,
	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999	THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1998
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net loss	\$ (648,708)	\$ (5,277)
Depreciation and amortizationOption compensation expense	745,315 79,979	8,318 845
Noncash interest expense	98,920 7,794	
Accounts receivable	(32,366) 14,256	(8,753) (211)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	175, 280	
systems, including deferred management fees Other operating activities	21,183 (1,245)	473 2,022
Net cash provided by operating activities	460,408	1,044
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment  Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(741,508) (7,629,564)	(13,672) 
Loan to Marcus Cable Holdings	(1,680,142)	
Other investing activities	(22,198)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(10,073,412)	(13,672)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Borrowings of long-term debt, including proceeds from		
Charter Holdings Notes	10,114,188 (5,694,375)	14,200
Borrowings from related parties	1,079,163	
Payments for debt issuance costs	(113, 481)	
Capital contributions	4,360,971 (10,276)	
Other financing activities	(18,663)	
Net cash provided by financing activities	9,717,527	14,200
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	104,523	8,172
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	9,573	1,401
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period		\$ 9,573 ======
CASH PAID FOR INTEREST		\$ 5,538 ======
NONCASH TRANSACTIONS:  Transfer of operating subsidiaries to the Company  Transfer of equity interests to the Company	\$ 1,252,370	\$ 
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements.  $$\operatorname{\mbox{\sc F-14}}$$ 

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

#### 1. ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION:

#### General

Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (Charter Holdings), a Delaware limited liability company, owns and operates cable systems serving approximately 6.1 million (unaudited) customers, including cable systems acquired, in February 2000 (see Note 17). Charter Holdings offers a full range of traditional cable television services and has begun to offer digital cable television services, interactive video programming and high-speed Internet access. Charter Holdings is a subsidiary of Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC (Charter Holdco), which is a subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc. (Charter). In November 1999, Charter completed an initial public offering of the sale of 195.5 million shares of Class A common stock. Proceeds from the offering were used by Charter to purchase membership units in Charter Holdco, which used the funds received from Charter for the acquisition of additional cable television systems.

## Organization and Basis of Presentation

Charter Holdings was formed in February 1999 as a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Investment, Inc. (Charter Investment). Charter Investment, through its wholly owned subsidiary, Charter Communications Properties Holdings, LLC (CCPH), commenced operations with the acquisition of a cable system on September 30, 1995.

Effective December 23, 1998, through a series of transactions, Paul G. Allen acquired approximately 94% of Charter Investment for an aggregate purchase price of \$2.2 billion, excluding \$2.0 billion in debt assumed (the "Paul Allen Transaction"). In conjunction with the Paul Allen Transaction, Charter Investment acquired, for fair value from unrelated third parties, all of the interests it did not already own in CharterComm Holdings, LLC (CharterComm Holdings) and CCA Group (comprised of CCA Holdings Corp., CCT Holdings Corp. and Charter Communications Long Beach, Inc.), all cable operating companies, for \$2.0 billion, excluding \$1.8 billion in debt assumed. Charter Investment previously managed and owned minority interests in these companies. These acquisitions were accounted for using the purchase method of accounting, and accordingly, results of operations of CharterComm Holdings and CCA Group are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition. In February 1999, Charter Investment transferred all of its cable operating subsidiaries to Charter Communications Operating, LLC (Charter Operating), a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Holdings. This transfer was accounted for as a reorganization of entities under common control similar to a pooling of interests.

As a result of the change in ownership of CCPH, CharterComm Holdings and CCA Group, Charter Holdings has applied push-down accounting in the preparation of its consolidated financial statements. Accordingly, on December 23, 1998, Charter Holdings increased its member's equity by \$2.2 billion to reflect the amounts paid by Mr. Allen and Charter Investment. The purchase price was allocated to assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their relative fair values, including amounts assigned to franchises of \$3.6 billion.

On April 23, 1998, Mr. Allen and a company controlled by Mr. Allen, (collectively, the "Mr. Allen Companies") purchased substantially all of the outstanding partnership interests in Marcus Cable Company, L.L.C. (Marcus Cable) for \$1.4 billion, excluding \$1.8 billion in assumed liabilities. The owner of the remaining partnership interest retained voting control of Marcus Cable. In February 1999, Marcus Cable Holdings, LLC (Marcus Holdings) was formed and Mr. Allen's interests in Marcus Cable were transferred to Marcus Holdings on March 15, 1999. On March 31, 1999, Mr. Allen purchased the remaining partnership interests in Marcus Cable, including voting control. On April 7, 1999, Marcus Holdings was merged into Charter Holdings and Marcus Cable was transferred to Charter Holdings. For financial reporting purposes, the merger was accounted for as an acquisition of Marcus Cable effective March 31, 1999, the date Mr. Allen

obtained voting control of Marcus Cable. Accordingly, the results of operations of Marcus Cable have been included in the consolidated financial statements from April 1, 1999. The assets and liabilities of Marcus Cable have been recorded in the consolidated financial statements using historical carrying values reflected in the accounts of the Mr. Allen Companies. Total member's equity increased by \$1.3 billion as a result of the Marcus Cable acquisition. Previously, on April 23, 1998, the Mr. Allen Companies recorded the assets acquired and liabilities assumed of Marcus Cable based on their relative fair values.

On January 1, 2000, Charter Holdco and Charter Holdings effected a number of transactions in which cable systems acquired by Charter Holdco in November 1999 were contributed to Charter Holdings (the "Transferred Systems"). As a result of these transactions, Charter Holdings became the indirect parent of the CC VI Holdings, LLC ("Fanch"), CC VII Holdings, LLC ("Falcon") and CC V Holdings, LLC ("Avalon") cable systems. Effective January 1, 2000 the Company accounted for the contribution of the Transferred Systems to Charter Holdings as a reorganization of entities under common control in a manner similar to a pooling of interests. These consolidated financial statements have been restated to present this reorganization. The accounts of the Transferred Systems are included in these consolidated financial statements from the date the Transferred Systems were acquired by Charter Holdco.

The consolidated financial statements of Charter Holdings include the accounts of Charter Operating and CCPH, the accounts of CharterComm Holdings and CCA Group and their subsidiaries since December 23, 1998 (date acquired by Charter Investment), the accounts of Marcus Cable since March 31, 1999, and the accounts of the Transferred Systems since November 12, 1999 (the date acquired by Charter Holdco), and are collectively referred to as the "Company" herein. All subsidiaries are, directly or indirectly, wholly owned by Charter Holdings. All material intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated.

Pursuant to a membership interests purchase agreement, as amended, Vulcan Cable III Inc. (Vulcan), a company controlled by Mr. Allen, contributed \$500 million in cash in August 1999 to Charter Holdco, contributed an additional \$180.7 million in certain equity interests acquired in connection with Charter Holdings' acquisition of Rifkin Acquisitions Partners, L.L.L.P. and InterLink Communications Partners, LLLP (collectively, "Rifkin") in September 1999, and contributed \$644.3 million in cash in September 1999 to Charter Holdco. All funds and equity interests were contributed by Charter Holdco to Charter Holdings to finance certain acquisitions. In addition, certain Rifkin sellers received \$133.3 million of the purchase price in the form of preferred equity in Charter Holdco. Also, certain Falcon sellers received \$550.0 million of the purchase price in the form of membership units of Charter Holdco.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

## Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. These investments are carried at cost that approximates market value.

## Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is recorded at cost, including all direct and certain indirect costs associated with the construction of cable television transmission and distribution facilities, and the cost of new customer installations. The costs of disconnecting a customer are charged to expense in the period incurred. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred, while equipment replacement and betterments are capitalized.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

Depreciation is provided on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the related assets as follows:

Cable distribution systems	3-15 years
Buildings and leasehold improvements	5-15 years
Vehicles and equipment	3-5 years

#### Franchises

Costs incurred in obtaining and renewing cable franchises are deferred and amortized over the lives of the franchises. Costs relating to unsuccessful franchise applications are charged to expense when it is determined that the efforts to obtain the franchise will not be successful. Franchise rights acquired through the purchase of cable systems represent management's estimate of fair value and are generally amortized using the straight-line method over a period of 15 years. The period of 15 years is management's best estimate of the useful lives of the franchises and assumes substantially all of those franchises that expire during the period will be renewed by the Company. Accumulated amortization related to franchises was \$650.5 million and \$5.3 million, as of December 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively. Amortization expense related to franchises for the year ended December 31, 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, was \$520.0 million and \$5.3 million, respectively.

#### Deferred Financing Costs

Costs related to borrowings are deferred and amortized to interest expense using the effective interest method over the terms of the related borrowings. As of December 31, 1999, other assets include \$120.7 million of deferred financing costs, net of accumulated amortization of \$10.3 million.

## Impairment of Assets

If facts and circumstances suggest that a long-lived asset may be impaired, the carrying value is reviewed. If a review indicates that the carrying value of such asset is not recoverable based on projected undiscounted net cash flows related to the asset over its remaining life, the carrying value of such asset is reduced to its estimated fair value.

## Revenues

Cable television revenues from basic and premium services are recognized when the related services are provided.

Installation revenues are recognized to the extent of direct selling costs incurred. The remainder, if any, is deferred and amortized to income over the estimated average period that customers are expected to remain connected to the cable system. As of December 31, 1999 and 1998, no installation revenue has been deferred, as direct selling costs have exceeded installation revenue.

Local governmental authorities impose franchise fees on the Company ranging up to a federally mandated maximum of 5.0% of gross revenues. Such fees are collected on a monthly basis from the Company's customers and are periodically remitted to local franchise authorities. Franchise fees collected and paid are reported as revenues and expenses.

## Channel Launch Payments

The Company receives upfront payments from certain programmers to launch and promote new cable television channels. A portion of these payments represents reimbursement of advertising costs paid by the Company to promote the new channels. These reimbursements have been immaterial. The remaining portion

is being amortized as an offset to programming expense over the respective terms of the program agreements, which range from one to 20 years. For the year ended December 31, 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, the Company amortized and recorded as a reduction of programming costs \$3.4 million and \$12, respectively. As of December 31, 1999, the unamortized portion of payments received totaled \$13.4 million and is included in other long-term liabilities.

## Direct Response Advertising

The Company expenses the production costs of advertising as incurred, except for direct response advertising, which is deferred and amortized over its expected period of future benefits. Direct response advertising consists primarily of direct mailings and radio, newspaper and cross-channel television advertisements that include a phone number for use in ordering the Company's products and services. The deferred advertising costs are amortized to advertising expense over the periods during which the future benefits are expected to be received. These periods range from two to four years depending on the type of service the customer subscribes to and represents the period the customer is expected to remain connected to the cable system. As of December 31, 1999, \$700 of deferred advertising costs is included in other assets. Advertising expense was \$30.0 million for the year ended December 31, 1999, including amortization of deferred advertising costs totaling \$87.

#### Investments and Other Comprehensive Income

Investments in equity securities are accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 115, Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities. The Company owns common stock of WorldGate Communications, Inc. (WorldGate) that is classified as "available for sale" and reported at market value with unrealized gains and losses recorded as accumulated other comprehensive income. Based on quoted market prices, the investment was valued at \$3.2 million as of December 31, 1999 and is included in other assets. Comprehensive loss for the year ended December 31, 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, is \$646.5 million and \$5.3 million, respectively.

#### Interest Rate Hedge Agreements

The Company manages fluctuations in interest rates by using interest rate hedge agreements, as required by certain debt agreements. Interest rate swaps, caps and collars are accounted for as hedges of debt obligations, and accordingly, the net settlement amounts are recorded as adjustments to interest expense in the period incurred. Premiums paid for interest rate caps are deferred, included in other assets, and are amortized over the original term of the interest rate agreement as an adjustment to interest expense.

The Company's interest rate swap agreements require the Company to pay a fixed rate and receive a floating rate thereby creating fixed rate debt. Interest rate caps and collars are entered into by the Company to reduce the impact of rising interest rates on floating rate debt.

The Company's participation in interest rate hedging transactions involves instruments that have a close correlation with its debt, thereby managing its risk. Interest rate hedge agreements have been designated for hedging purposes and are not held or issued for speculative purposes.

## Income Taxes

Certain indirect subsidiaries of Charter Holdings are Corporations and file separate federal and state income tax returns. Results of operations from these subsidiaries are not material to the consolidated results of operations of the Company. Income tax expense for the year ended December 31, 1999, represents taxes assessed by certain state jurisdictions. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are not material.

#### Segments

In 1998, the Company adopted SFAS No. 131, Disclosure about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information. Segments have been identified based upon management responsibility. The individual segments have been aggregated into one segment, cable services.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### 3. ACOUISITIONS:

During 1999, the Company acquired cable systems in eight separate transactions for an aggregate purchase price of \$3.6 billion, net of cash acquired, excluding debt assumed of \$354.0 million and equity issued of \$314.0 million. In connection with the Rifkin acquisition, Charter Holdco issued equity interests totaling \$133.3 million to certain sellers. In addition, Vulcan purchased \$180.7 million of equity interests Rifkin and then contributed the equity interests to Charter Holdings. The purchase prices were allocated to assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their relative fair values, including amounts assigned to franchises of \$3.9 billion. The allocation of the purchase prices for these acquisitions are based, in part, on preliminary information, which is subject to adjustment upon obtaining complete valuation information. Management believes that finalization of the purchase prices and allocations will not have a material impact on the consolidated financial position or results of operations of the Company.

During 1999, Charter Holdco acquired the cable systems of Fanch, Falcon and Avalon and on January 1, 2000, Charter Holdco transferred its equity these cable systems to Charter Holdings (see Note 1). Charter Holdco acquired these cable systems for an aggregate purchase price \$4.0 billion, net of cash acquired, excluding debt assumed of \$2.2 billion and equity issued by Charter Holdco of \$550 million. The purchase prices were allocated to assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their relative fair values, including amounts assigned to franchises of \$5.8 billion.

The above acquisitions were accounted for using the purchase method of accounting, and accordingly, results of operations of the acquired assets have been included in the financial statements from the dates of acquisition, including the Transferred Systems.

Unaudited pro forma operating results as though the acquisitions discussed above, including the Paul Allen Transaction, the acquisition of Marcus Holdings, the March 1999 refinancing discussed herein, had occurred on January 1, 1998, with adjustments to give effect to amortization of franchises, interest expense and certain other adjustments are as follows:

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	1999	1998	
	(UNAUDITED)		
Revenues	. , ,	. , ,	
Net Loss	(1, 181, 635)	(1,165,806)	

The unaudited pro forma financial information has been presented for comparative purposes and does not purport to be indicative of the results of operations had these transactions been completed as of the assumed date or which may be obtained in the future.

## 4. ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS:

Activity in the allowance for doubtful accounts is summarized as follows:

		PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 24,
	FOR THE YEAR	1998,
	ENDED	THROUGH
	DECEMBER 31,	DECEMBER 31,
	1999	1998
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 1,728	\$1,702
Acquisitions of cable systems	5,860	
Charged to expense	20,872	26
Uncollected balances written off, net of recoveries	(16,989)	
Balance, end of period	\$ 11,471	\$1,728
	=======	======

## 5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:

Property, plant and equipment consists of the following at December 31:

	1999	1998
Cable distribution systems	\$3,523,217	\$661,749
Land, buildings and leasehold improvements	108,214	26,670
Vehicles and equipment	176,221	30,590
	3,807,652	719,009
Less Accumulated depreciation	(317,079)	(2,767)
	\$3,490,573	\$716,242
	=======	======

For the year ended December 31, 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, depreciation expense was \$225.0 million and \$2.8 million, respectively.

## 6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES:

Accounts payable and accrued expenses consist of the following at December  ${\tt 31:}$ 

	1999	1998
Accounts payable Liability for pending transfer of cable system Accrued interest Capital expenditures. Programming costs Accrued general and administrative. Franchise fees Accrued income taxes. Other accrued liabilities.	\$112,233 88,200 99,946 66,713 72,245 39,648 46,524 4,188 175,037	\$ 7,439  30,809 15,560 11,856 6,688 12,534 15,205 27,495
	\$704,734 ======	\$127,586 ======

The liability for pending transfer of cable system represents the fair value of a cable system to be transferred upon obtaining necessary regulatory approvals in connection with the transaction with InterMedia

Capital Partners IV L. P., InterMedia Partners and their affiliates. Such approvals were subsequently obtained and the system assets were transferred subsequent to December 31, 1999.

## 7. LONG-TERM DEBT:

Long-term debt consists of the following at December 31:

	1999	1998
Charter Holdings: 14.000% Senior Secured Discount Debentures	600,000 1,500,000	\$ 109,152 125,000 
9.920% Senior Discount Notes	1,475,000 114,413 900	
Avalon: 9.375% Senior Subordinated Notes	150,000 196,000 500	  
8.375% Senior Debentures	375,000 435,250	
CharterComm Holdings)	2,906,000 170,000 850,000 865,500	1,726,500    
Current maturities Unamortized net (discount) premium	9,638,563  (702,108)  \$8,936,455 =======	1,960,652 (10,450) 41,554  \$1,991,756

In March 1999, the Company extinguished substantially all existing long-term debt, excluding borrowings of the Company under its credit agreements, and refinanced substantially all existing credit agreements at various subsidiaries with a new credit agreement entered into by Charter Operating (the "Charter Operating Credit Facilities"). The excess of the amount paid over the carrying value, net of deferred financing costs, of the Company's long-term debt of \$7.8 million was recovered as an extraordinary item-loss from early extinguishment of debt in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

## Charter Holdings Notes

In March 1999, Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Holdings, (collectively, the "Issuers") issued \$600.0 million 8.250% Senior

Notes due 2007 (the "8.250% Senior Notes") for net proceeds of \$598.4 million, \$1.5 billion 8.625% Senior Notes due 2009 (the "8.625% Senior Notes") for net proceeds of \$1,495.4 million, and \$1,475.0 million 9.920% Senior Discount Notes due 2011 (the "9.920% Senior Discount Notes") for net proceeds of \$905.5 million, (collectively with the 8.250% Senior Notes and the 8.625% Senior Notes, referred to as the "Charter Holdings Notes").

The 8.250% Senior Notes are not redeemable prior to maturity. Interest is payable semi-annually in arrears on April 1 and October 1, beginning October 1, 1999 until maturity.

The 8.625% Senior Notes are redeemable at the option of the Issuers at amounts decreasing from 104.313% to 100% of par value beginning on April 1, 2004, plus accrued and unpaid interest, to the date of redemption. At any time prior to April 1, 2002, the Company may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 8.625% Senior Notes at a redemption price of 108.625% of the principal amount under certain conditions. Interest is payable semi-annually in arrears on April 1 and October 1, beginning October 1, 1999, until maturity.

The 9.920% Senior Discount Notes are redeemable at the option of the Issuers at amounts decreasing from 104.960% to 100% of accreted value beginning April 1, 2004. At any time prior to April 1, 2002, the Issuers may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 9.920% Senior Discount Notes at a redemption price of 109.920% of the accreted value under certain conditions. Thereafter, cash interest is payable semi-annually in arrears on April 1 and October 1 beginning April 1, 2004, until maturity. The discount on the 9.920% Senior Discount Notes is being accreted using the effective interest method. The unamortized discount was \$497.2 million at December 31, 1999.

The Charter Holdings Notes rank equally with current and future unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness (including accounts payables of the Company). The Issuers are required to make an offer to repurchase all of the Charter Holdings Notes, at a price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal or 101% of the accreted value, together with accrued and unpaid interest, upon a change of control of the Company.

#### Renaissance Notes

In connection with the acquisition of Renaissance Media Group LLC (Renaissance) during the second quarter of 1999, the Company assumed \$163.2 million principal amount at maturity of senior discount notes due April 2008 (the "Renaissance Notes"). As a result of the change in control of Renaissance, the Company was required to make an offer to repurchase the Renaissance Notes at 101% of their accreted value. In May 1999, the Company made an offer to repurchase the Renaissance Notes pursuant to this requirement, and the holders of the Renaissance Notes tendered an amount representing 30% of the total outstanding principal amount at maturity for repurchase. These notes were repurchased using a portion of the proceeds from the Charter Holdings Notes.

As of December 31, 1999, \$114.4 million aggregate principal amount at maturity of Renaissance Notes with an accreted value of \$83.0 million remain outstanding. Interest on the Renaissance Notes shall be paid semi-annually at a rate of 10% per annum beginning on October 15, 2003.

The Renaissance Notes are redeemable at the option of the Company, in whole or in part, at any time on or after April 15, 2003, initially at 105% of their principal amount at maturity, plus accrued and unpaid interest, declining to 100% of the principal amount at maturity, plus accrued and unpaid interest, on or after April 15, 2006. In addition, at any time prior to April 15, 2001, the Company may redeem up to 35% of the original principal amount at maturity with the proceeds of one or more sales of membership units at 110% of their accreted value, plus accrued and unpaid interest on the redemption date, provided that after any such redemption, at least \$106 million aggregate principal amount at maturity remains outstanding.

#### Rifkin Notes

The Company acquired Rifkin Acquisition Partners L.L.P. and InterLink Communications, Partners, LLLP (collectively, "Rifkin") in September 1999 and assumed Rifkin's 11.125% senior subordinated notes due 2006 (the "Rifkin Notes") together with a \$3.0 million promissory note payable to Monroe Rifkin. Interest on the Rifkin Notes is payable semi-annually on January 15 and July 15 of each year. In September 1999, the Company commenced an offer to repurchase any and all of the outstanding Rifkin Notes, for cash at a premium over the principal amounts. In conjunction with this tender offer, the Company sought and obtained the consent of a majority in principal amount of the note holders of the outstanding Rifkin Notes to proposed amendments to the indenture governing the Rifkin Notes, which eliminated substantially all of the restrictive covenants. In October 1999, the Company repurchased a portion of the Rifkin Notes with a total outstanding principal amount of \$124.1 million for a total of \$140.6 million, including a consent fee to the holders who delivered timely consents amending the indenture, and repurchased the promissory note issued to Monroe Rifkin for \$3.4 million. These notes were paid using borrowings from the Charter Operating Credit Facilities. At December 31, 1999, \$900 aggregate principal of Rifkin Notes remain outstanding.

#### Avalon Notes

The Company acquired CC V Holdings, LLC (Avalon) (formerly known as Avalon Cable LLC) in November 1999 and assumed Avalon's 11.875% Senior Discount Notes Due 2008 (the "Avalon 11.875% Notes") and 9.375% Subordinated Notes Due 2008 (the "Avalon 9.375% Notes"). As of December 31, 1999, \$196.0 million aggregate principal amount of the Avalon 11.875% Notes with an accreted value of \$124.8 million and \$150.0 million principal amount of the Avalon 9.375% Notes were outstanding. After December 1, 2003, cash interest on the Avalon 11.875% Notes will be payable semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing June 1, 2004.

On December 3, 1999, the Company commenced a change of control offer with respect to the Avalon 9.375% Notes and a change of control offer with respect to the Avalon 11.875% Notes at purchase prices of 101% of principal amount or accreted value, as applicable. In January 2000, the Company completed the repurchase of the Avalon 9.375% Notes with a total outstanding principal amount of \$134.0 million for a total of \$137.4 million. In addition to the change of control repurchase, the Company repurchased the remaining outstanding principal amount of \$16.0 million in the open market for \$16.3 million. Also in January 2000, the Company repurchased a portion of the Avalon 11.875% Notes with a total outstanding principal amount of \$16.3 million for a total of \$10.5 million. The repurchase of the Avalon 9.375% Notes and the Avalon 11.875% Notes was funded by a portion of the cash proceeds from the issuance of additional notes by Charter Holdings in January 2000 (the "January 2000 Charter Holdings Notes"). Avalon 11.875% Notes with a total principal amount at maturity of \$179.8 million and an accreted value of \$116.4 million remain outstanding after the repurchases.

## Falcon Debentures

The Company acquired CC VII Holdings, LLC (Falcon) (formerly known as Falcon Communications, L.P.) in November 1999 and assumed Falcon's 8.375% Senior Debentures Due 2010 (the "Falcon 8.375% Debentures") and 9.285% Senior Discount Debentures Due 2010 (the "Falcon 9.285% Debentures", collectively, with the Falcon 8.375% Debentures, the "Falcon Debentures"). As of December 31, 1999, \$375.0 million aggregate principal amount of the Falcon 8.375% Debentures and \$435.3 million aggregate principal amount of the Falcon 9.285% Debentures, with an accreted value of \$323.0 million were outstanding.

On December 10, 1999, the Company commenced change of control offers and offered to repurchase the Falcon Debentures at purchase prices of 101% of principal amount, plus unpaid and accrued interest, or accreted value, as applicable. In February 2000, the Company completed the repurchase of the Falcon 8.375%

Debentures with a total outstanding principal amount of \$317.4 million for a total of \$328.6 million. In addition to the change of control repurchase, the Company repurchased the Falcon 8.375% Debentures with a total outstanding principal amount of \$57.6 million in the open market for \$59.4 million. Also, in February 2000, the Company repurchased the Falcon 9.285% Debentures with an aggregate principal amount of \$230.0 million for a total of \$173.8 million. In addition to the change of control repurchase, the Company repurchased the Falcon 9.285% Debentures with an aggregate principal amount of \$205.3 million in the open market for \$154.3 million. The repurchase of all the Falcon Debentures was funded by a portion of the proceeds from the January 2000 Charter Holdings Notes.

#### Helicon Notes

The Company acquired Helicon I, L.P. and affiliates (Helicon) in July 1999 and assumed Helicon's 11% Senior Secured Notes due 2003 (the "Helicon Notes"). On November 1, 1999, the Company redeemed all of the Helicon Notes at a purchase price equal to 103% of their principal amount, plus accrued interest, for \$124.8 million using borrowings from the Charter Operating Credit Facilities.

#### Charter Operating Credit Facilities

The Charter Operating Credit Facilities provide for two term facilities, one with a principal amount of \$1.0 billion that matures September 2007 (Term A), and the other with the principal amount of \$1.85 billion that matures March 2008 (Term B). The Charter Operating Credit Facilities also provide for a \$1.25 billion revolving credit facility with a maturity date of September 2007 and at the options of the lenders, supplemental credit facilities, in the amount of \$500.0 million available until March 18, 2002. Amounts under the Charter Operating Credit Facilities bear interest at the Base Rate or the Eurodollar rate, as defined, plus a margin of up to 2.75% (8.22% to 8.97% as of December 31, 1999). A quarterly commitment fee of between 0.25% and 0.375% per annum is payable on the unborrowed balance of Term A and the revolving credit facility. As of December 31, 1999, the unused availability was \$1.2 billion. In March 2000, the credit agreement was amended to increase the amount of the supplemental credit facility to \$1.0 billion. In connection with this amendment, \$600.0 million of the supplemental credit facility (the "Incremental Term Loan") was drawn down. The Incremental Term Loan maturity date is September 18, 2008.

## Avalon Credit Facilities

In connection with the Avalon acquisition, the Company entered into a new credit agreement (the "Avalon Credit Facilities"). The Avalon Credit Facilities have maximum borrowings of \$300.0 million, consisting of a revolving facility in the amount of \$175.0 million that matures May 15, 2008, and a Term B loan in the amount of \$125.0 million that matures on November 15, 2008. The Avalon Credit Facilities also provide for, at the options of the lenders, supplemental credit facilities in the amounts of \$75 million available until December 31, 2003. All amounts mature in June 2008. Amounts under the Avalon Credit Facilities bear interest at the Base Rate or the Eurodollar rate, as defined, plus a margin up to 2.75% (7.995% to 8.870% as of December 31, 1999). A quarterly commitment fee of between 0.250% and 0.375% per annum is payable on the unborrowed balance. The Company borrowed \$170.0 million under the Avalon Credit Facilities to fund a portion of the Avalon purchase price. As of December 31, 1999, unused availability was \$ 130.0 million.

## Fanch Credit Facilities

In connection with the acquisition of cable systems of Fanch Cablevision L.P. and affiliates (Fanch), the Company entered into a new credit agreement (the "Fanch Credit Facilities"). The Fanch Credit Facilities provide for two term facilities, one with a principal amount of \$450.0 million that matures May 2008 (Term A), and the other with the principal amount of \$400.0 million that matures November 2008 (Term B). The Fanch Credit Facilities also provide for a \$350.0 million revolving credit facility with a maturity date of

May 2008 and at the options of the lenders, supplemental credit facilities, in the amount of \$300.0 million available until December 31, 2004. Amounts under the Fanch Credit Facilities bear interest at the Base Rate or the Eurodollar rate, as defined, plus a margin of up to 2.75% (8.12% to 8.87% as of December 31, 1999). A quarterly commitment fee of between 0.250% and 0.375% per annum is payable on the unborrowed balance. The Company used \$850.0 million of the credit facilities to fund a portion of the Fanch purchase price. As of December 31, 1999, unused availability was \$ 350.0 million.

## Falcon Credit Facilities

In connection with the Falcon acquisition, the existing Falcon credit agreement (the "Falcon Credit Facilities") was amended to provide for two term facilities, one with a principal amount of \$200.0 million that matures June 2007 (Term B), and the other with the principal amount of \$300.0 million that matures December 2007 (Term C). The Falcon Credit Facilities also provide for a \$646.0 million revolving credit facility with a maturity date of December 2006 and at the options of the lenders, supplemental credit facilities in the amounts of \$700.0 million with a maturity date of December 2007. At December 31, 1999, \$110.0 million was outstanding under the supplemental credit facilities. Amounts under the Falcon Credit Facilities bear interest at the Base Rate or the Eurodollar rate, as defined, plus a margin of up to 2.5% (7.57% to 8.73% as of December 31, 1999). A quarterly commitment fee of between 0.25% and 0.375% per annum is payable on the unborrowed balance. As of December 31, 1999, unused availability was \$390.5 million. However, debt covenants limit the amount that can be borrowed to \$342.0 million at December 31, 1999.

The indentures governing the debt agreements require issuers of the debt and/or its subsidiaries to comply with various financial and other covenants, including the maintenance of certain operating and financial ratios. These debt instruments also contain substantial limitations on, or prohibitions of distributions, additional indebtedness, liens, asset sales and certain other items. As a result of limitations and prohibitions of distributions, substantially all of the net assets of the consolidated subsidiaries are restricted for distribution to Charter Holdings, Charter Holdco and Charter.

Based upon outstanding indebtedness at December 31, 1999, the amortization of term loans, scheduled reductions in available borrowings of the revolving credit facilities, and the maturity dates for all senior and subordinated notes and debentures, aggregate future principal payments on the total borrowings under all debt agreements at December 31, 1999, are as follows:

YEAR	AMOUNT
2000	\$
2001	5,000
2002	
2003	284,229
2004	261,423
Thereafter	8,994,036
	\$9,638,563
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## 8. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS:

A summary of debt and the related interest rate hedge agreements at December 31, 1999, is as follows:

DEBT 	CARRYING VALUE	NOTIONAL AMOUNT	FAIR VALUE
Charter Holdings: 8.250% Senior Notes. 8.625% Senior Notes. 9.920% Senior Discount Notes. 10.000% Senior Discount Notes. Rifkin: 11.125% Senior Subordinated Notes. Avalon: 9.375% Senior Subordinated Notes. 11.875% Senior Discount Notes. 7.000% Note payable, due 2003. CC VII Holdings, LLC (Falcon): 8.375% Senior Debentures.	\$ 598,557 1,495,787 977,807 86,507 954 151,500 129,212 500 378,750	\$    	\$ 558,000 1,395,000 881,313 79,517 990 151,500 129,212 500 378,750
9.285% Senior Discount Debentures	325,381 2,906,000 170,000 850,000 865,500 1,079,163	    	325,381 2,906,000 170,000 850,000 865,500 1,079,163
INTEREST RATE HEDGE AGREEMENTS	CARRYING VALUE  \$(6,827)	NOTIONAL AMOUNT 	FAIR VALUE  \$(47,220)
CapsCollars	1,361	15,000 240,000	16 (199)

A summary of debt and the related interest rate hedge agreements at December 31, 1998, is as follows:

	CARRYING NOTIONAL VALUE AMOUNT			
DEBT				
Credit Agreements (including CCPH, CCA				
Group and CharterComm Holdings)	\$1,726,500	\$	\$1,726,500	
14.000% Senior Secured Discount Debentures	138,102		138,102	
11.250% Senior Notes	137,604		137,604	
INTEREST RATE HEDGE AGREEMENTS				
Swaps	\$ 23,216	\$1,105,000	\$ 23,216	
Caps		15,000		
Collars	4,174	310,000	4,174	

As the long-term debt under the credit agreements bears interest at current market rates, their carrying amount approximates market value at December 31, 1999 and 1998. The fair values of the notes and the debentures are based on quoted market prices.

The weighted average interest pay rate for the Company's interest rate swap agreements was 8.06% and 7.66% at December 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively. The weighted average interest rate for the Company's interest rate cap agreements was 9.0% and 8.55% at December 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively. The weighted average interest rate for the Company's interest rate collar agreements were 9.13% and 7.74% for the cap and floor components, respectively, at December 31, 1999, and 8.61% and 7.31%, respectively, at December 31, 1998.

The notional amounts of interest rate hedge agreements do not represent amounts exchanged by the parties and, thus, are not a measure of the Company's exposure through its use of interest rate hedge agreements. The amounts exchanged are determined by reference to the notional amount and the other terms of the contracts.

The fair value of interest rate hedge agreements generally reflects the estimated amounts that the Company would (receive) or pay (excluding accrued interest) to terminate the contracts on the reporting date, thereby taking into account the current unrealized gains or losses of open contracts. Dealer quotations are available for the Company's interest rate hedge agreements.

Management believes that the sellers of the interest rate hedge agreements will be able to meet their obligations under the agreements. In addition, some of the interest rate hedge agreements are with certain of the participating banks under the Company's credit facilities, thereby reducing the exposure to credit loss. The Company has policies regarding the financial stability and credit standing of major counterparties. Nonperformance by the counterparties is not anticipated nor would it have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

## 9. REVENUES:

Revenues consist of the following:

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999	PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 24, 1998, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1998
Basic. Premium. Pay-per-view. Digital video. Advertising sales. Cable modem. Other.	\$1,002,954 124,788 27,537 8,299 71,997 10,107 182,408	\$ 9,347 1,415 260 10 493 55 2,133
	\$1,428,090 ======	\$13,713 ======

## 10. OPERATING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:

Operating, general and administrative expenses consist of the following:

		PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 24,
		1998,
	YEAR ENDED	THROUGH
	DECEMBER 31,	DECEMBER 31,
	1999	1998
Programming	\$330,754	\$3,137
General and administrative	237,480	2,377
Service	99,486	847
Advertising	31,281	344
Marketing	23,447	225
Other	15,509	204
	\$737,957	\$7,134
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#### 11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

Charter Investment and Charter provide management services to the Company including centralized customer billing services, data processing and related support, benefits administration and coordination of insurance coverage and self-insurance programs for medical, dental and workers' compensation claims. Certain costs for services are billed and charged directly to the Company's operating subsidiaries and are included in operating costs. These billings are allocated based on the number of basic customers. Such costs totaled \$16.5 million and \$128 for the year ended December 31, 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, respectively. All other costs incurred by Charter Investment and Charter on behalf of the Company are recorded as expenses in the accompanying consolidated financial statements and are included in corporate expense charges -- related parties. Management believes that costs incurred by Charter Investment and Charter on the Company's behalf and included in the accompanying financial statements are not materially different than costs the Company would have incurred as a stand-alone entity.

The Company pays certain costs on behalf of Charter Investment and Charter. These costs are reimbursed by Charter Investment and Charter and are recorded as receivables from manager of cable systems-related parties in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Charter Investment utilizes a combination of excess insurance coverage and self-insurance programs for its medical, dental and workers' compensation claims. Charges are made to the Company as determined by independent actuaries at the present value of the actuarially computed present and future liabilities for such benefits. Medical coverage provides for \$1.0 million aggregate stop loss protection and a loss limitation of \$100 per person per year. Workers' compensation coverage provides for \$1.0 million aggregate stop loss protection and a loss limitation of \$250 per person per year.

The Company is charged a management fee as stipulated in the management agreements between Charter Investment, Charter and the Company. As of December 31, 1999 and 1998, management fees currently payable of \$9.2 million and \$473, respectively, are included in payables to manager of cable television systems-related parties. To the extent management fees charged to the Company are greater (less) than the corporate expenses incurred by Charter Investment and Charter, the Company will record distributions to (capital contributions from) Charter Investment and Charter. For the year ended December 31, 1999, the Company recorded distributions of \$10.3 million. For the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, the management fee charged to the Company approximated the corporate expenses incurred by Charter Investment and Charter on behalf of the Company. The Charter Operating

Credit Facilities and notes outstanding prohibit payments of management fees in excess of 3.5% of revenues until repayment of the outstanding indebtedness. Any amount in excess of 3.5% of revenues owed to Charter Investment or Charter based on the management agreement is recorded as deferred management fees -- related parties.

Charter, Mr. Allen and certain affiliates of Mr. Allen own equity interests or warrants to purchase equity interests in various entities that provide services or programming to the Company, including High Speed Access Corp. (High Speed Access), WorldGate, Wink Communications, Inc. (Wink), ZDTV, LLC (ZDTV), USA Networks, Inc. (USA Networks) and Oxygen Media Inc. (Oxygen Media). In addition, certain officers of the Company or directors of Charter also serve as directors of High Speed Access and USA Networks. The Company and its affiliates do not hold controlling interests in any of these companies.

Certain of the Company's cable customers receive cable modem-based Internet access through High Speed Access and TV-based Internet access through WorldGate. For the year ended December 31, 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, revenues attributable to these services were less than 1% of total revenues.

The Company receives or will receive programming and certain interactive features embedded into the programming for broadcast via its cable systems from Wink, ZDTV, USA Networks and Oxygen Media. The Company pays a fee for the programming service generally based on the number of subscribers receiving the service. Such fees for the year ended December 31, 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, were approximately 1% of total operating costs. In addition, the Company receives commissions from USA Networks for home shopping sales generated by its customers. Such revenues for the year ended December 31, 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, were less than 1% of total revenues.

In the second quarter of 1999, Charter Holdings loaned \$50 million to Charter Holdco. The promissory note bears interest at 7.5% compounded annually. For the year ended December 31, 1999, Charter Holdings recognized \$1.2 million of interest income pertaining to this promissory note. This note was repaid in November 1999.

In connection with the issuance of the Charter Holdings Notes in March 1999, the Company extinguished substantially all existing long-term debt including debt at Marcus Cable. Prior to the merger with Marcus Cable in March 1999, the Company loaned Marcus Cable \$1.7 billion. In April 1999, the loan was repaid.

During November 1999, the Company received \$1.1 billion from Charter and Charter Holdco that was used to pay down the Credit Facilities. The Company recorded the funds as loans payable-related parties. The loans will be repaid with additional long-term borrowings made in connection with the Bresnan acquisition (see Note 17) and accordingly, the loans have been classified as long-term. The loans carry interest rates from 7.82% to 7.91%. Interest expense on the loans totaled \$10.4 million for the year ended December 31, 1999.

## 12. OPTION PLAN:

In accordance with an employment agreement between Charter Investment and the President and Chief Executive Officer of Charter and a related option agreement with the President and Chief Executive Officer, an option to purchase 7,044,127 Charter Holdco membership interests, was issued to the President and Chief Executive Officer. The option vests over a four year period from the date of grant and expires ten years from the date of grant.

In February 1999, Charter Holdings adopted an option plan providing for the grant of options. The plan was assumed by Charter Holdco. The option plan provides for grants of options to employees, officers and directors of Charter Holdco and its affiliates and consultants who provide services to Charter Holdco. Options

granted vest over five years from the grant date, commencing 15 months after the date of grant. Options not exercised accumulate and are exercisable, in whole or in part, in any subsequent period, but not later than ten years from the date of grant.

Membership units received upon exercise of the options are automatically exchanged for shares of Class A common stock of Charter on a one-for-one basis.

A summary of the activity for the Company's option plan for the year ended December 31, 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998 is as follows:

	1999		1998	
	SHARES	WEIGHTED AVERAGE EXERCISE PRICE	SHARES	WEIGHTED AVERAGE EXERCISE PRICE
Options outstanding, beginning of period	7,044,127	\$20.00		\$
December 23, 1998			7,044,127	20.00
February 9, 1999	9,111,681	20.00		
April 5, 1999	473,000	20.73		
November 8, 1999	4,741,400	19.00		
Cancelled	(612,600)	19.95		
Options outstanding, end of period	20,757,608	\$19.79 ======	7,044,127	\$20.00
Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	9.2 years ======		10.0 years	
Options Exercisable, end of period	2,091,032 ======	\$19.90 =====	1,761,032 =======	\$20.00 =====
Weighted average fair value of options granted	\$ 12.59		\$ 12.50	
	========		========	

In February 2000, the Company granted 5.7 million options at \$19.47 per share.

The Company uses the intrinsic value method prescribed by Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, to account for the option plans. Option compensation expense of \$80.0 million and \$845 for the year ended December 31, 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, to December 31, 1998, respectively, has been recorded in the consolidated financial statements since the exercise prices were less than the estimated fair values of the underlying membership interests on the date of grant. Estimated fair values were determined by the Company using the valuation inherent in the Paul Allen Transaction and valuations of public companies in the cable television industry adjusted for factors specific to the Company. Compensation expense is being recorded over the vesting period of each grant that varies from four to five years. As of December 31, 1999, deferred compensation remaining to be recognized in future periods totaled \$79.4 million. No option compensation expense was recorded for the options granted on November 8, 1999, since the exercise price is equal to the estimated fair value of the underlying membership interests on the date of grant. Since the membership units are exchangeable into Class A common stock of Charter on a one-for-one basis, the estimated fair value was equal to the initial offering price of Class A common stock.

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation (SFAS 123), requires pro forma disclosure of the impact on earnings as if the compensation costs for these

plans had been determined consistent with the fair value methodology of this statement. The Company's net loss would have been increased to the following unaudited pro forma amounts under SFAS 123:

		DECEMBER 24, 1998,
	YEAR ENDED	THROUGH
	DECEMBER 31,	DECEMBER 31,
	1999	1998
Net loss:		
As reported	\$(648,708)	\$(5,277)
Pro forma (unaudited)	(673,042)	(5,495)

The fair value of each option granted is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The following weighted average assumptions were used for grants during the year ended December 31, 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, respectively: risk-free interest rates of 5.5% and 4.8%; expected volatility of 43.8% and 43.7%; and expected lives of 10 years. The valuations assume no dividends are paid.

#### 13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES:

#### Leases

The Company leases certain facilities and equipment under noncancelable operating leases. Leases and rental costs charged to expense for the year ended December 31, 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, were \$11.2 million and \$70, respectively. As of December 31, 1999, future minimum lease payments are as follows:

2000	\$9,036
2001	
2002	
2003	3,153
2004	2,588
Thereafter	8,845

The Company also rents utility poles in its operations. Generally, pole rentals are cancelable on short notice, but the Company anticipates that such rentals will recur. Rent expense incurred for pole rental attachments for the year ended December 31, 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, was \$14.3 million and \$137, respectively.

## Litigation

The Company is a party to lawsuits and claims that arose in the ordinary course of conducting its business. In the opinion of management, after consulting with legal counsel, the outcome of these lawsuits and claims will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

## Regulation in the Cable Television Industry

The cable television industry is subject to extensive regulation at the federal, local and, in some instances, state levels. The Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 (the "1984 Cable Act"), the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (the "1992 Cable Act" and together with the 1984 Cable Act, the "Cable Acts"), and the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "1996 Telecom Act"), establish a national policy to guide the development and regulation of cable television systems. The Federal Communica-

tions Commission (FCC) has principal responsibility for implementing the policies of the Cable Acts. Many aspects of such regulation are currently the subject of judicial proceedings and administrative or legislative proposals. Legislation and regulations continue to change, and the Company cannot predict the impact of future developments on the cable television industry.

The 1992 Cable Act and the FCC's rules implementing that act generally have increased the administrative and operational expenses of cable television systems and have resulted in additional regulatory oversight by the FCC and local or state franchise authorities. The Cable Acts and the corresponding FCC regulations have established rate regulations.

The 1992 Cable Act permits certified local franchising authorities to order refunds of basic service tier rates paid in the previous twelve-month period determined to be in excess of the maximum permitted rates. During 1999, the amounts refunded by the Company have been insignificant. The Company may be required to refund additional amounts in the future.

The Company believes that it has complied in all material respects with the provisions of the 1992 Cable Act, including the rate setting provisions promulgated by the FCC. However, in jurisdictions that have chosen not to certify, refunds covering the previous twelve-month period may be ordered upon certification if the Company is unable to justify its basic rates. As of December 31, 1999, approximately 18% of the Company's local franchising authorities are certified to regulate basic tier rates. The Company is unable to estimate at this time the amount of refunds, if any, that may be payable by the Company in the event certain of its rates are successfully challenged by franchising authorities or found to be unreasonable by the FCC. The Company does not believe that the amount of any such refunds would have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position or results of operations of the Company.

The 1996 Telecom Act, among other things, immediately deregulated the rates for certain small cable operators and in certain limited circumstances rates on the basic service tier, and as of March 31, 1999, deregulated rates on the cable programming service tier (CPST). The FCC has taken the position that it will still adjudicate pending CPST complaints but will strictly limit its review, and possible refund orders, to the time period predating the sunset date, March 31, 1999. The Company does not believe any adjudications regarding their pre-sunset complaints will have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

A number of states subject cable television systems to the jurisdiction of centralized state governmental agencies, some of which impose regulation of a character similar to that of a public utility. State governmental agencies are required to follow FCC rules when prescribing rate regulation, and thus, state regulation of cable television rates is not allowed to be more restrictive than the federal or local regulation.

## 14. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS:

The Company's employees may participate in 401(k) plans (the "401(k) Plans"). Employees that qualify for participation can contribute up to 15% of their salary, on a before tax basis, subject to a maximum contribution limit as determined by the Internal Revenue Service. The Company matches 50% of the first 5% of participant contributions. The Company made contributions to the 401(k) Plans totaling \$2.9 million and \$20 for the year ended December 31, 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, respectively.

## 15. ACCOUNTING STANDARD NOT YET IMPLEMENTED:

The Company is required to adopt Statement of Financial Accounting Standards Board No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities (SFAS No. 133) on January 1, 2001. SFAS No. 133 establishes accounting and reporting standards requiring that every derivative instrument (including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts) be recorded in the balance sheet as either an asset

or liability measured at its fair value and that changes in the derivative's fair value be recognized currently in earnings unless specific hedge accounting criteria are met. Special accounting for qualifying hedges allows a derivative's gains and losses to offset related results on the hedged item in the income statement, and requires that a company must formally document, designate and assess the effectiveness of transactions that receive hedge accounting. The Company has not yet quantified the impact of adopting SFAS No. 133 on the consolidated financial statements nor has the Company determined the timing of the adoption of SFAS No. 133. However, SFAS No. 133 could increase the volatility in earnings (losses).

## 16. PARENT COMPANY ONLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

As the result of limitations on and prohibition of distributions, substantially all of the net assets of the consolidated subsidiaries are restricted for distribution to Charter Holdings, the parent company. The following parent company only financial statements of Charter Holdings account for the investment in Charter Operating, Fanch, Falcon and Avalon under the equity method of accounting. The financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of the Company and notes thereto.

# CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC (PARENT COMPANY ONLY) CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	DECEMBER 31,	
	1999	1998
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,762 11,090,874 69,793	\$ 2,147,379 
	\$11,170,429 =======	\$2,147,379 =======
LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY Current liabilities	\$ 47,365 2,960 3,072,151 8,047,953  \$11,170,429	\$  2,147,379  \$2,147,379

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC (PARENT COMPANY ONLY)

# CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998	PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 24, 1998, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1998
Interest expense	\$(221,925) 11,833 (438,616)	\$ (5,277)
Net loss	\$(648,708) ======	\$(5,277) ======

## CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC (PARENT COMPANY ONLY)

# CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999	PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 24, 1998, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1998
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net loss	\$ (648,708)	\$(5,277)
Noncash interest expense	78,473	
Equity in losses of subsidiaries	438,616	5,277
Changes in assets and liabilities	48,825	
Net cash used in operating activities	(82,794)	
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CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Investment in Charter Operating	(1,730,466)	
Loans to Marcus Cable Holdings, LLC	(1,680,142)	
Repayment of debt on behalf of Charter Operating	(663,259)	
Distributions received from Charter Operating	96,748	
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Net cash used in investing activities	(3.977.119)	
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CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Net proceeds from debt offering	2,999,385	
Payments for debt issuance costs	(74,000)	
Capital contributions	1,144,290	
Capital Contributions	1,144,290	
Net cash used in financing activities	4,069,675	
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## 17. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

On January 6, 2000, Charter Holdings issued notes with a principal amount of \$1.5 billion (January 2000 Charter Holdings Notes). The January 2000 Charter Holdings Notes are comprised of \$675.0 million 10.00% Senior Notes due 2009, \$325.0 million 10.25% Senior Notes due 2010, and \$532.0 million 11.75% Senior Discount Notes due 2010. The net proceeds were approximately \$1.3 billion, after giving effect to discounts, commissions and expenses. The proceeds from the January 2000 Charter Holdings Notes were used to finance the repurchases of debt assumed in the acquisitions of Fanch, Falcon and Avalon, and the Bresnan acquisition (as defined below).

On February 14, 2000, Charter Holdco and Charter Holdings completed the acquisition of Bresnan Communications Company Limited Partnership (Bresnan). Prior to the acquisition, Charter Holdco assigned a portion of its rights to purchase Bresnan to Charter Holdings. Charter Holdco and Charter Holdings purchased 52% of Bresnan from certain sellers for cash and certain sellers contributed 18% of Bresnan to Charter Holdco for 14.8 million Class C common membership units of Charter Holdco, an approximate 2.6% equity interest in Charter Holdco. Charter Holdco then transferred its ownership interest to Charter Holdings. Thereafter, Charter Holdings and certain sellers contributed all of the outstanding interests in Bresnan to CC VIII, LLC (CC VIII), a subsidiary of Charter Holdings and Bresnan was dissolved. In exchange for the contribution of their interests in Bresnan, the sellers received approximately 24.2 million Class A preferred membership units in CC VIII representing 30% of the equity of CC VIII and are entitled to a 2% annual return on their preferred membership units. The purchase price for Bresnan was approximately \$3.1 billion subject to adjustment and was comprised of \$1.1 billion in cash, \$384.6 million and \$629.5 million in equity in Charter Holdco and CC VIII, respectively, and approximately \$1.0 billion in assumed debt. All the membership units received by the sellers are exchangeable on a one-for-one basis for Class A common stock of Charter. The Bresnan cable systems acquired are located in Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Nebraska, and serve approximately 686,000 (unaudited) customers.

Subsequent to the completion of the Bresnan acquisition, Charter repurchased all of the outstanding Bresnan 9.25% Senior Discount Notes Due 2009 with an accreted value of \$192.1 million and Bresnan 8.00% Senior Notes Due 2009 with a principal amount of \$170.0 million for a total of \$369.7 million. The notes were repurchased using a portion of the proceeds of the January 2000 Charter Holdings Notes.

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To Charter Communications Holdings, LLC:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of operations, changes in shareholder's investment and cash flows of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, and for the year ended December 31, 1997. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the results of the operations and the cash flows of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, and for the year ended December 31, 1997, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

/s/ ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

St. Louis, Missouri, February 5, 1999

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1998, THROUGH DECEMBER 23, 1998	
REVENUES	\$ 49,731	\$18,867
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Operating, general and administrative	25,952	11,767
Depreciation and amortization  Corporate expense allocation related party	16,864 6,176	6,103 566
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	48,992	18,436
Income from operations	739	431
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):	(47.077)	(5.400)
Interest expense Interest income	(17,277) 44	(5,120) 41
Other, net	(728)	25
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	(17,961)	(5,054)
Net loss	\$(17,222)	\$(4,623)
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-37}}$ 

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDER'S INVESTMENT (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	COMMON STOCK	PAID-IN CAPITAL	ACCUMULATED DEFICIT	TOTAL
BALANCE, December 31, 1996	\$	\$ 5,900	\$ (3,252)	\$ 2,648
Net loss			(4,623)	(4,623)
BALANCE, December 31, 1997		5,900	(7,875)	(1,975)
Capital contributions		10,800		10,800
Net loss		·	(17,222)	(17, 222)
BALANCE, December 23, 1998	\$	\$16,700	\$(25,097)	\$ (8,397)
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{\textbf{F-38}}}$ 

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1998, THROUGH DECEMBER 23, 1998	DECEMBER 31, 1997
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:  Net loss	\$ (17,222)	\$ (4,623)
Depreciation and amortization	16,864 267 	6,103 123 1,363
(Gain) loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(14)	130
Receivables  Prepaid expenses and other  Accounts payable and accrued expenses  Payables to manager of cable systems-related party  Other operating activities	10 (125) 16,927 5,288 569	(227) 18 894 (153)
Net cash provided by operating activities		3,628
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Purchases of property, plant and equipment Payment for acquisition, net of cash acquired Proceeds from sale of cable system Other investing activities	(15, 364)	(7,880)  12,528
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities		4,648
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Borrowings of long-term debt	217,500 (60,200) 7,000	5,100 (13,375)  (12)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	160,813	(8,287)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	43 626	(11) 637
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	\$ 669 =======	\$ 626 ======
CASH PAID FOR INTEREST	\$ 7,679 ======	\$ 3,303 ======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{\textbf{F-39}}}$ 

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

#### ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION:

Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (Charter Holdings), a Delaware limited liability company, was formed in February 1999 as a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Investment, Inc. (Charter Investment). Charter Investment, through its wholly owned cable television operating subsidiary, Charter Communications Properties Holdings, LLC (CCPH), commenced operations with the acquisition of a cable television system on September 30, 1995.

Effective December 23, 1998, as a part of a series of transactions, through which Paul G. Allen acquired Charter Investment, Mr. Allen acquired CCPH for an aggregate purchase price of \$211 million, excluding \$214 million in debt assumed (the "Paul Allen Transaction"). In conjunction with the Paul Allen Transaction, CCPH was converted from a corporation to a limited liability company. Also, in conjunction with the Paul Allen Transaction, Charter Investment for fair value acquired from unrelated third parties all of the interest it did not already own in CharterComm Holdings, LLC (CharterComm Holdings) and CCA Group (comprised of CCA Holdings, Corp., CCT Holdings Corp. and Charter Communications Long Beach, Inc.), all cable television operating companies, for \$2.0 billion, excluding \$1.8 billion in debt assumed. Charter Investment previously managed and owned minority interests in these companies. These acquisitions were accounted for using the purchase method of accounting, and accordingly results of operations of CharterComm Holdings and CCA Group are included in the financial statements of Charter Holdings from the date of acquisition. In February 1999, Charter Investment transferred all of its cable television operating subsidiaries to a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Holdings, Charter Communications Operating, LLC (Charter Operating). Charter Holdings is a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC (Charter Holdco). The transfer was accounted for as a reorganization of entities under common control similar to a pooling of interests.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of CCPH and CCP, its wholly owned cable operating subsidiary, representing the consolidated financial statements of Charter Holdings and subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company") for all periods presented. The accounts of CharterComm Holdings and CCA Group are not included since these companies were not owned and controlled by Charter Investment prior to December 23, 1998.

As a result of the change in ownership of CCPH, CharterComm Holdings and CCA Group, Charter Holdings has applied push-down accounting in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements effective December 23, 1998. Accordingly, the consolidated financial statements of Charter Holdings for periods ended on or before December 23, 1998, are presented on a different cost basis than the consolidated financial statements for the periods after December 23, 1998 (not presented herein), and are not comparable.

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

#### CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. These investments are carried at cost that approximates market value.

#### PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment is recorded at cost, including all direct and certain indirect costs associated with the construction of cable transmission and distribution facilities, and the cost of new customer installations. The costs of disconnecting a customer are charged to expense in the period incurred. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred, while equipment replacement and betterments are capitalized.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- CONTINUED

Depreciation is provided on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the related assets as follows:

Cable distribution systems	3-15 years
Buildings and leasehold improvements	5-15 years
Vehicles and equipment	3-5 years

For the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, and for the year ended December 31, 1997, depreciation expense was \$6.2 million and \$3.9 million, respectively.

#### FRANCHISES

Costs incurred in obtaining and renewing cable franchises are deferred and amortized over the lives of the franchises. Costs relating to unsuccessful franchise applications are charged to expense when it is determined that the efforts to obtain the franchise will not be successful. Franchise rights acquired through the purchase of cable systems represent management's estimate of fair value and are generally amortized using the straight-line method over a period of 15 years. The period of 15 years is management's best estimate of the useful lives of the franchises and assumes substantially all of those franchises that expire during the period will be renewed by the Company.

#### OTHER ASSETS

Debt issuance costs are being amortized to interest expense using the effective interest method over the term of the related debt. The interest rate cap costs are being amortized over the terms of the agreement, which approximates three years.

#### IMPAIRMENT OF ASSETS

If facts and circumstances suggest that a long-lived asset may be impaired, the carrying value is reviewed. If a review indicates that the carrying value of such asset is not recoverable based on projected undiscounted net cash flows related to the asset over its remaining life, the carrying value of such asset is reduced to its estimated fair value.

#### **REVENUES**

Cable television revenues from basic and premium services are recognized when the related services are provided.

Installation revenues are recognized to the extent of direct selling costs incurred. The remainder, if any, is deferred and amortized to income over the estimated average period that customers are expected to remain connected to the cable system. As of December 23, 1998, and December 31, 1997, no installation revenue has been deferred, as direct selling costs have exceeded installation revenue.

Fees collected from programmers to guarantee carriage are deferred and amortized to income over the life of the contracts. Local governmental authorities impose franchise fees on the Company ranging up to a federally mandated maximum of 5.0% of gross revenues. Such fees are collected on a monthly basis from the Company's customers and are periodically remitted to local franchise authorities. Franchise fees collected and paid are reported as revenues and expenses.

#### INTEREST RATE HEDGE AGREEMENTS

The Company manages fluctuations in interest rates by using interest rate hedge agreements, as required by certain debt agreements. Interest rate swaps, caps and collars are accounted for as hedges of debt obligations, and accordingly, the net settlement amounts are recorded as adjustments to interest expense in the period incurred. Premiums paid for interest rate caps are deferred, included in other assets, and are amortized over the original term of the interest rate agreement as an adjustment to interest expense.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- CONTINUED

The Company's interest rate swap agreements require the Company to pay a fixed rate and receive a floating rate thereby creating fixed rate debt. Interest rate caps and collars are entered into by the Company to reduce the impact of rising interest rates on floating rate debt.

The Company's participation in interest rate hedging transactions involves instruments that have a close correlation with its debt, thereby managing its risk. Interest rate hedge agreements have been designated for hedging purposes and are not held or issued for speculative purposes.

#### INCOME TAXES

The Company filed a consolidated income tax return with Charter Investment. Income taxes are allocated to the Company in accordance with the tax-sharing agreement between the Company and Charter Investment.

#### USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### 3. ACOUISITION:

In 1998, the Company acquired a cable system for an aggregate purchase price, net of cash acquired, of \$228.4 million, comprised of \$167.5 million in cash and \$60.9 million in a note payable to the seller. The excess of the cost of properties acquired over the amounts assigned to net tangible assets at the date of acquisition was \$207.6 million and is included in franchises.

The above acquisition was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting, and accordingly, results of operations of the acquired assets have been included in the financial statements from the dates of acquisition. The purchase price was allocated to tangible and intangible assets based on estimated fair values at the acquisition date.

Unaudited pro forma operating results as though the acquisition discussed above, excluding the Paul Allen Transaction, had occurred on January 1, 1997, with adjustments to give effect to amortization of franchises, interest expense and certain other adjustments are as follows:

	PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1998, THROUGH DECEMBER 23, 1998	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997
	(UNAUD	ITED)
Revenues	\$ 67,007 (7,097) \$(24,058)	\$ 63,909 (7,382) \$(26,099)

The unaudited pro forma information has been presented for comparative purposes and does not purport to be indicative of the results of operations had the transaction been completed as of the assumed date or which may be obtained in the future.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED ETNANCIAL STATEMENTS -- CONTINUED

#### ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS:

Activity in the allowance for doubtful accounts is summarized as follows:

	PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1998, THROUGH DECEMBER 23, 1998	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 52 96	\$ 87 
Charged to expense	1,122 (778)	325 (360)
Balance, end of period	\$ 492 =====	\$ 52 ====

#### 5. SALE OF FT. HOOD SYSTEM:

In February 1997, the Company sold the net assets of the Ft. Hood system, which served customers in Texas, for an aggregate sales price of approximately \$12.5 million. The sale of the Ft. Hood system resulted in a loss of approximately \$1.4 million, which is included in operating, general and administrative costs in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 1997.

#### 6. INCOME TAXES:

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the estimated future tax consequence attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured using the enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. Deferred income tax expense or benefit is the result of changes in the liability or asset recorded for deferred taxes. A valuation allowance must be established for any portion of a deferred tax asset for which it is more likely than not that a tax benefit will not be realized.

No current provision (benefit) for income taxes was recorded. The effective income tax rate is less than the federal rate of 35% primarily due to providing a valuation allowance on deferred income tax assets.

### 7. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

Charter Investment provides management services to the Company including centralized customer billing services, data processing and related support, benefits administration and coordination of insurance coverage and self-insurance programs for medical, dental and workers' compensation claims. Certain costs for services are billed and charged directly to the Company's operating subsidiaries and are included in operating costs. These billings are determined based on the number of basic customers. Such costs totaled \$437 and \$220, respectively, for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, and the year ended December 31, 1997. All other costs incurred by Charter Investment on behalf of the Company are expensed in the accompanying consolidated financial statements and are included in corporate expense allocations -- related party. The cost of these services is allocated based on the number of basic customers. Management considers these allocations to be reasonable for the operations of the Company.

Charter Investment utilizes a combination of excess insurance coverage and self-insurance programs for its medical, dental and workers' compensation claims. Charges are made to the Company as determined by independent actuaries, at the present value of the actuarially computed present and future liabilities for such benefits. Medical coverage provides for \$2.4 million aggregate stop loss protection and a loss limitation of \$100 per person per year. Workers' compensation coverage provides for \$800 aggregate stop loss protection and a loss limitation of \$150 per person per year.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED ETNANCIAL STATEMENTS -- CONTINUED

The Company is charged a management fee based on percentages of revenues as stipulated in the management agreement between Charter Investment and the Company. For the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, and the year ended December 31, 1997, the management fee charged to the Company approximated the corporate expenses incurred by Charter Investment on behalf of the Company.

#### B. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES:

#### LEASES

The Company leases certain facilities and equipment under noncancelable operating leases. Leases and rental costs charged to expense for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, and for the year ended December 31, 1997, were \$278 and \$130, respectively.

The Company also rents utility poles in its operations. Generally, pole rentals are cancelable on short notice, but the Company anticipates that such rentals will recur. Rent expense incurred for pole rental attachments for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, and for the year ended December 31, 1997, was \$421 and \$271, respectively.

#### LITIGATION

The Company is a party to lawsuits that arose in the ordinary course of conducting its business. In the opinion of management, after consulting with legal counsel, the outcome of these lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

#### REGULATION IN THE CABLE TELEVISION INDUSTRY

The cable television industry is subject to extensive regulation at the federal, local and, in some instances, state levels. The Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 (the "1984 Cable Act"), the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (the "1992 Cable Act" and together with the 1984 Cable Act, the "Cable Acts"), and the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "1996 Telecom Act"), establish a national policy to guide the development and regulation of cable systems. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has principal responsibility for implementing the policies of the Cable Acts. Many aspects of such regulation are currently the subject to judicial proceedings and administrative or legislative proposals. Legislation and regulations continue to change, and the Company cannot predict the impact of future developments on the cable television industry.

The 1992 Cable Act and the FCC's rules implementing that act generally have increased the administrative and operational expenses of cable systems and have resulted in additional regulatory oversight by the FCC and local or state franchise authorities. The Cable Acts and the corresponding FCC regulations have established rate regulations.

The 1992 Cable Act permits certified local franchising authorities to order refunds of basic service tier rates paid in the previous twelve-month period determined to be in excess of the maximum permitted rates. As of December 31, 1998, the amount refunded by the Company has been insignificant. The Company may be required to refund additional amounts in the future.

The Company believes that it has complied in all material respects with the provisions of the 1992 Cable Act, including the rate setting provisions promulgated by the FCC. However, in jurisdictions that have chosen not to certify, refunds covering the previous twelve-month period may be ordered upon certification if the Company is unable to justify its basic rates. The Company is unable to estimate at this time the amount of refunds, if any, that may be payable by the Company in the event certain of its rates are successfully challenged by franchising authorities or found to be unreasonable by the FCC. The Company does not believe that the amount of any such refunds would have a material adverse effect on the financial position or results of operations of the Company.

The 1996 Telecom Act, among other things, immediately deregulated the rates for certain small cable operators and in certain limited circumstances rates on the basic service tier, and as of March 31, 1999,

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- CONTINUED

deregulated rates on the cable programming service tier (CPST). The FCC has taken the position that it will still adjudicate pending CPST complaints but will strictly limit its review, and possible refund orders, to the time period predating the sunset date, March 31, 1999. The Company does not believe any adjudications regarding their pre-sunset complaints will have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

A number of states subject cable systems to the jurisdiction of centralized state governmental agencies, some of which impose regulation of a character similar to that of a public utility. State governmental agencies are required to follow FCC rules when prescribing rate regulation, and thus, state regulation of cable television rates is not allowed to be more restrictive than the federal or local regulation. The Company is subject to state regulation in Connecticut.

#### 9. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN:

#### 401(K) PLAN

The Company's employees may participate in the Charter Communications, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the "401(k) Plan"). Employees that qualify for participation can contribute up to 15% of their salary, on or before tax basis, subject to a maximum contribution limit as determined by the Internal Revenue Service. The Company contributes an amount equal to 50% of the first 5% of contributions by each employee. The Company contributed \$74 and \$29 for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, and for the year ended December 31, 1997, respectively.

#### APPRECIATION RIGHTS PLAN

Certain employees of Charter participated in the 1995 Charter Communications, Inc. Appreciation Rights Plan (the "Plan"). The Plan permitted Charter Investment to grant 1,500,000 units to certain key employees, of which 1,251,500 were outstanding at December 31, 1997. Units received by an employee vest at a rate of 20% per year, unless otherwise provided in the participant's Appreciation Rights Unit Agreement. The appreciation rights entitled the participants to receive payment, upon termination or change in control of Charter Investment, of the excess of the unit value over the base value (defined as the appreciation value) for each vested unit. The unit value was based on adjusted equity, as defined in the Plan. Deferred compensation expense was based on the appreciation value since the grant date and was being amortized over the vesting period.

As a result of the acquisition of Charter Investment by Mr. Allen, the Plan was terminated, all outstanding units became 100% vested and all amounts were paid by Charter Investment in 1999. The cost of this plan was allocated to the Company based on the number of basic customers. The company considers this allocation to be reasonable for the operations of the Company. For the period January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, the Company expensed \$3,800, included in corporate expense allocation-related parties, and increased shareholder's investment for the cost of this plan.

#### 10. ACCOUNTING STANDARD NOT YET IMPLEMENTED:

In June 1998, the Financial Accounting Standards Board adopted SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivatives Instruments and Hedging Activities. SFAS No. 133 establishes accounting and reporting standards requiring that every derivative instrument, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts, be recorded in the balance sheet as either an asset or liability measured at its fair value and that changes in the derivative's fair value be recognized currently in earnings unless specific hedge accounting criteria are met. Special accounting for qualifying hedges allows a derivative's gains and losses to offset related results on the hedged items in the income statement, and requires that a company formally document, designate, and assess the effectiveness of transactions that receive hedge accounting. SFAS No. 137 Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities -- Deferral of the Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 133 -- An Amendment of FASB Statement No. 133, has delayed the effective date of SFAS No. 133 to fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2000. The Company has not yet quantified the impact of adopting SFAS No. 133 on the consolidated financial statements nor has determined the timing of the adoption of SFAS No. 133. However, SFAS No. 133 could increase volatility in earnings (losses).

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

#### To CCA Group:

We have audited the accompanying combined balance sheet of CCA Holdings Corp., CCT Holdings Corp. and Charter Communications Long Beach, Inc. (collectively CCA Group) and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1997, and the related combined statements of operations, shareholders' deficit and cash flows for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, and for the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1996. These combined financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined financial position of CCA Group and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1997, and the combined results of their operations and their cash flows for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, and for the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1996, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

St. Louis, Missouri, February 5, 1999

# COMBINED BALANCE SHEET -- DECEMBER 31, 1997 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

### ASSETS

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS: Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$926 Prepaid expenses and other Deferred income tax asset	\$ 4,501 9,407 1,988 5,915
Total current assets	21,811
RECEIVABLE FROM RELATED PARTY, including accrued interest	
INVESTMENT IN CABLE TELEVISION PROPERTIES: Property, plant and equipment	352,860 806,451  1,159,311
OTHER ASSETS	13,731  \$1,207,943 ========
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT  CURRENT LIABILITIES: Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 25,625 48,554 1,975 
DEFERRED REVENUE	1,882
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	117,278
LONG-TERM DEBT, less current maturities	758,795
DEFERRED MANAGEMENT FEES	4,291
NOTES PAYABLE, including accrued interest	348,202
SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT: Common stock	1 128,499 (227,159)  (98,659)
	\$1,207,943 =======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these combined statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-47}}$ 

# COMBINED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1998, THROUGH	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31	
	DECEMBER 23, 1998	1997	
REVENUES	\$ 324,432	\$ 289,697	\$233,392
EXPENSES:			
Operating costs	135,705	122,917	102,977
General and administrative	28,440	26,400	18,687
Depreciation and amortization	136,689	116,080	96,547
Management fees related parties	17,392	11,414	8,634
	318,226	276,811	
Income from operations	6,206	12,886	6,547
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):			
Interest income	4,962	2,043	1,883
Interest expense		(108, 122)	
Other, net	(294)		(2,504)
	(109,156)	(105,908)	
Net loss	\$(102,950) ======	\$ (93,022) ======	\$(83,073) ======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these combined statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-48}}$ 

# COMBINED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

		ADDITIONAL		
	COMMON	PAID-IN	ACCUMULATED	
	ST0CK	CAPITAL	DEFICIT	TOTAL
BALANCE, December 31, 1995	\$ 1	\$ 99,999	\$ (51,064)	\$ 48,936
Net loss		,	(83,073)	(83,073)
BALANCE, December 31, 1996	1	99,999	(134,137)	(34,137)
Capital contributions		28,500	(134,137)	28,500
Net loss		20,300	(93,022)	(93,022)
NCC 1033111111111111111111111111111111111			(55,622)	(33,022)
BALANCE, December 31, 1997	1	128,499	(227, 159)	(98,659)
Capital contributions		5,684		5,684
Net loss		,	(102,950)	(102,950)
BALANCE, December 23, 1998	\$ 1	\$134,183	\$(330,109)	\$(195,925)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these combined statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{\textbf{F-49}}}$ 

# COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1998, THROUGH DECEMBER 23,	YEAR   DECEMI	BER 31
	1998	1997	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Net loss	\$(102,950)	\$(93,022)	
by operating activities Depreciation and amortization Amortization of debt issuance costs and non cash	136,689	116,080	96,547
<pre>interest cost (Gain) loss on sale of property, plant and</pre>	44,701	49,107	39,927
equipment	511	(156)	1,257
Accounts receivable, net	4,779	222	(1,393)
Prepaid expenses and other	243	(175)	216
Accounts payable and accrued expenses Payables to manager of cable television systems,	3,849	8,797	3,855
including deferred management fees	3,485	784	448
Deferred revenue	1,336	559	(236)
Other operating activities	5,583 	(3,207)	1,372
Net cash provided by operating activities	98,226	78,989	58,920
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Purchases of property, plant and equipment Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired Other investing activities	(95,060)  (2,898)	(82,551)	(56,073) (122,017)
Constructing deciritions.			54 
Net cash used in investing activities	(97,958)	(231,034)	(178,036)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Borrowings of long-term debt	300,400 (64,120) (8,442) (230,994)	162,000 (39,580) (3,360)  28,500	127,000 (13,100) (3,126)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(3,156)	147,560	110,774
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(2,888) 4,501	(4,485)	(8,342) 17,328
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	\$ 1,613 ======	\$ 4,501 ======	
CASH PAID FOR INTEREST	\$ 179,781	\$ 49,687	\$ 51,434
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these combined statements. \$F-50\$

# NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE AMOUNTS)

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

#### ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

CCA Group consists of CCA Holdings Corp. (CCA Holdings), CCT Holdings Corp. (CCT Holdings) and Charter Communications Long Beach, Inc. (CC-LB), all Delaware corporations (collectively referred to as "CCA Group" or the "Company") and their subsidiaries. The combined financial statements of each of these companies have been combined by virtue of their common ownership and management. All material intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated.

CCA Holdings commenced operations in January 1995 in connection with consummation of the Crown Transaction (as defined below). The accompanying financial statements include the accounts of CCA Holdings; its wholly-owned subsidiary, CCA Acquisition Corp. (CAC); CAC's wholly-owned subsidiary, Cencom Cable Entertainment, Inc. (CCE); and Charter Communications Entertainment I, L.P. (CCE-I), which is controlled by CAC through its general partnership interest. Through December 23, 1998, CCA Holdings was approximately 85% owned by Kelso Investment Associates V, L.P., an investment fund, together with an affiliate (collectively referred to as "Kelso" herein) and certain other individuals and approximately 15% by Charter Communications, Inc. (Charter), manager of CCE-I's cable television systems.

CCT Holdings was formed on January 6, 1995. CCT Holdings commenced operations in September 1995 in connection with consummation of the Gaylord Transaction (as defined below). The accompanying financial statements include the accounts of CCT Holdings and Charter Communications Entertainment II, L.P. (CCE-II), which is controlled by CCT Holdings through its general partnership interest. Through December 23, 1998, CCT Holdings was owned approximately 85% by Kelso and certain other individuals and approximately 15% by Charter, manager of CCE-II's cable television systems.

In January 1995, CAC completed the acquisition of certain cable television systems from Crown Media, Inc. (Crown), a subsidiary of Hallmark Cards, Incorporated (Hallmark) (the "Crown Transaction"). On September 29, 1995, CAC and CCT Holdings entered into an Asset Exchange Agreement whereby CAC exchanged a 1% undivided interest in all of its assets for a 1.22% undivided interest in certain assets to be acquired by CCT Holdings from an affiliate of Gaylord Entertainment Company, Inc. (Gaylord). Effective September 30, 1995, CCT Holdings acquired certain cable television systems from Gaylord (the "Gaylord Transaction"). Upon execution of the Asset Purchase Agreement, CAC and CCT Holdings entered into a series of agreements to contribute the assets acquired under the Crown Transaction to CCE-I and certain assets acquired in the Gaylord acquisition to CCE-II. Collectively, CCA Holdings and CCT Holdings own 100% of CCE-II and CCE-II.

CC-LB was acquired by Kelso and Charter in May 1997. The accompanying financial statements include the accounts of CC-LB and its wholly owned subsidiary, Long Beach Acquisition Corp. (LBAC) from the date of acquisition. Through December 23, 1998, CC-LB was owned approximately 85% by Kelso and certain other individuals and approximately 15% by Charter, manager of LBAC's cable television systems.

Effective December 23, 1998, Paul G. Allen acquired 94% of Charter through a series of transactions. In conjunction with Mr. Allen's acquisition, Charter acquired 100% of the outstanding stock of CCA Holdings, CCT Holdings and CC-LB on December 23, 1998.

In 1998, CCE-I provided cable television service to customers in Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, Missouri and New Hampshire, CCE-II provided cable television service to customers in California and LBAC provided cable television service to customers in Long Beach, California, and certain surrounding areas.

#### NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

#### CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At December 31, 1997, cash equivalents consist primarily of repurchase agreements. These investments are carried at cost that approximates market value.

#### PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment is recorded at cost, including all direct and certain indirect costs associated with the construction of cable television transmission and distribution facilities, and the cost of new customer installation. The costs of disconnecting a residence are charged to expense in the period incurred. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred, and equipment replacement costs and betterments are capitalized.

Depreciation is provided on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the related assets as follows:

Cable distribution systems	3-15 years
Buildings and leasehold improvements	5-15 years
Vehicles and equipment	3-5 years

In 1997, the Company shortened the estimated useful lives of certain property, plant and equipment for depreciation purposes. As a result, additional depreciation of \$8,123 was recorded during 1997.

#### **FRANCHISES**

Costs incurred in obtaining and renewing cable franchises are deferred and amortized over the lives of the franchises. Costs relating to unsuccessful franchise applications are charged to expense when it is determined that the efforts to obtain the franchise will not be successful. Franchise rights acquired through the purchase of cable television systems represent management's estimate of fair value and are amortized using the straight-line method over 15 years.

#### OTHER ASSETS

Debt issuance costs are amortized to interest expense over the term of the related debt. The interest rate cap costs are being amortized over the terms of the agreement, which approximates three years.

#### INCOME TAXES

#### USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### 2. ACQUISITIONS:

In 1997, CC-LB acquired the stock of LBAC for an aggregate purchase price, net of cash acquired, of \$147,200. In connection with the completion of this acquisition, LBAC recorded \$55,900 of deferred income tax liabilities resulting from differences between the financial reporting and tax basis of certain assets acquired.

The excess of the cost of properties acquired over the amounts assigned to net tangible assets at the date of acquisition was \$190,200 and is included in franchises.

In 1996, the Company acquired cable television systems in three separate transactions for an aggregate purchase price, net of cash acquired, of \$122,000. The excess of the cost of properties acquired over the amounts assigned to net tangible assets at the dates of acquisition was \$100,200 and is included in franchises.

The above acquisitions were accounted for using the purchase method of accounting, and accordingly, results of operations of the acquired assets have been included in the financial statements from the dates of the acquisitions.

Unaudited pro forma operating results for the 1997 acquisitions as though the acquisitions had been made on January 1, 1997, with pro forma adjustments to give effect to amortization of franchises, interest expense and certain other adjustments as follows:

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997 (UNAUDITED)
Revenues	\$303,797
Income from operations	14,108
Net loss	(94,853)

The unaudited pro forma information has been presented for comparative purposes and does not purport to be indicative of the results of operations had these transactions been completed as of the assumed date or which may be obtained in the future.

#### 3. RECEIVABLE FROM RELATED PARTY:

In connection with the transfer of certain assets acquired in the Gaylord Transaction to Charter Communications Properties, Inc. (CCP), Charter Communications Properties Holding Corp. (CCP Holdings), the parent of CCP and a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter, entered into a \$9,447 promissory note with CCT Holdings. The promissory note bears interest at the rates paid by CCT Holdings on the Gaylord Seller Note. Principal and interest are due on September 29, 2005. Interest income has been accrued based on an average rate of interest over the life of the Gaylord Seller Note, which approximates 15.4% and totaled \$1,899 for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, and \$1,806 and \$1,547 for the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1996, respectively. As of December 31, 1997, interest receivable totaled \$3,643.

### 4. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:

Property, plant and equipment consists of the following at December 31, 1997:

Cable distribution systems	15,443
Less Accumulated depreciation	466,059 (113,199)
	\$ 352,860 ======

Depreciation expense for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, and for the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1996, was \$72,914,\$59,599 and \$39,575, respectively.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

## 5. OTHER ASSETS:

Other assets consists of the following at December 31, 1997:

Debt issuance costs	
Note receivable	2,100
Other	1,342
	16,858
Less Accumulated amortization	(3,127)
	\$13,731
	======

### 6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES:

Accounts payable and accrued expenses consist of the following at December 31, 1997:

Accrued interest	\$ 8,389
Franchise fees	6,434
Programming expenses	5,855
Accounts payable	
Public education and governmental costs	
Salaries and related benefits	3,977
Capital expenditures	
Other	
	\$48,554
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## 7. LONG-TERM DEBT:

Long-term debt consists of the following at December 31, 1997:

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CCE-I: Term loans	\$274,120 85,000 103,800
CCE-II: Term loans	105,000 123,500  228,500
LBAC: Term loans	85,000 8,000  93,000
Total debt Less Current maturities	784,420 (25,625)
Total long-term debt	\$758,795 ======

#### CCE-I CREDIT AGREEMENT

CCE-I maintains a credit agreement (the "CCE-I Credit Agreement"), which provides for a \$280,000 term loan that matures on September 30, 2006, an \$85,000 fund loan that matures on March 31, 2007, and a \$175,000 revolving credit facility with a maturity date of September 30, 2006. Amounts under the CCE-I Credit Agreement bear interest at either the LIBOR Rate or Base Rate, as defined, plus a margin of up to 2.75%. The variable interest rate ranged from 6.88% to 8.06% at December 23, 1998, and from 7.63% to 8.50% and 7.63% to 8.38% at December 31, 1997 and 1996, respectively.

Commencing June 30, 2002, and at the end of each calendar quarter thereafter, available borrowings under the revolving credit facility and the term loan shall be reduced on an annual basis by 12.0% in 2002 and 15.0% in 2003. Commencing June 30, 2002, and at the end of each calendar quarter thereafter, the available borrowings for the fund loan shall be reduced on an annual basis by 0.75% in 2002 and 1.0% in 2003. A quarterly commitment fee of between 0.375% and 0.5% per annum is payable on the unborrowed balance of the revolving credit facility.

#### COMBINED CREDIT AGREEMENT

CCE-II and LBAC maintain a credit agreement (the "Combined Credit Agreement") which provides for two term loan facilities, one with the principal amount of \$100,000 that matures on March 31, 2005, and the other with the principal amount of \$90,000 that matures on March 31, 2006. The Combined Credit Agreement also provides for a \$185,000 revolving credit facility, with a maturity date of March 31, 2005. Amounts under the Combined Credit Agreement bear interest at either the LIBOR Rate or Base Rate, as defined, plus a margin of up to 2.5%. The variable interest rate ranged from 6.56% to 7.59% at December 23, 1998, and from 7.50% to 8.38% at December 31, 1997, respectively.

Commencing March 31, 2001, and at the end of each quarter thereafter, available borrowings under the revolving credit facility and one term loan shall be reduced on an annual basis by 5.0% in 2001, 15.0% in 2002 and 18.0% in 2003. Commencing in December 31, 1999, and at the end of each quarter thereafter, available borrowings under the other term loan shall be reduced on annual basis by 0.5% in 1999, 0.8% in 2000, 1.0% in 2001, 1.0% in 2002 and 1.0% in 2003. A quarterly commitment fee of between 0.25% and 0.375% per annum, based upon the intercompany indebtedness of the Company, is payable on the unborrowed balance of the revolving credit facility.

#### CCE CREDIT AGREEMENT

In October 1998, Charter Communications Entertainment, L.P. (CCE L.P.), a 98% direct and indirect owner of CCE-I and CCE-II and indirectly owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a credit agreement (the "CCE L.P. Credit Agreement") which provides for a term loan facility with the principal amount of \$130,000 that matures on September 30, 2007. Amounts under the CCE L.P. Credit Agreement bear interest at the LIBOR Rate or Base Rate, as defined, plus a margin of up to 3.25%. The variable interest rate at December 23, 1998, was 8.62%.

Commencing June 30, 2002, and the end of each calendar quarter thereafter, the available borrowings for the term loan shall be reduced on an annual basis by 0.75% in 2002 and 1.0% in 2003.

#### CCE-II HOLDINGS CREDIT AGREEMENT

CCE-II Holdings, LLC (CCE-II Holdings), a wholly owned subsidiary of CCE L.P. and the parent of CCE-II, entered into a credit agreement (the "CCE-II Holdings Credit Agreement") in November 1998, which provides for a term loan facility with the principal amount of \$95,000 that matures on September 30, 2006. Amounts under the CCE-II Holdings Credit Agreement bear interest at either the LIBOR Rate or Base Rate, as defined, plus a margin of up to 3.25%. The variable rate at December 23, 1998, was 8.56%.

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#### NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

Commencing June 30, 2002, and at the end of each quarter thereafter, available borrowings under the revolving credit facility and one term loan shall be reduced on an annual basis by 0.5% in 2002 and 1.0% in 2003.

The credit agreements require the Company to comply with various financial and nonfinancial covenants, including the maintenance of annualized operating cash flow to fixed charge ratio, as defined, not to exceed 1.0 to 1.0. These debt instruments also contain substantial limitations on, or prohibitions of, distributions, additional indebtedness, liens asset sales and certain other items.

#### 8. NOTES PAYABLE:

Notes payable consists of the following at December 31, 1997:

T-1-1	7-1-1		T-4-1	
Total \$240.3	Total\$348,20		Total	\$249.20
			Accrued interest on Gaylord Seller Note	,
,	,	,		
Accrued interest on Gaylord Seller Note	ccrued interest on Gaylord Seller Note	Accrued interest on Gaylord Seller Note	Accrued interest on HC Crown Note	,
Gaylord Seller Note	aylord Seller Note	Gaylord Seller Note	HC Crown Note	,

In connection with the Crown Transaction, the Company entered into an \$82,000 senior subordinated loan agreement with a subsidiary of Hallmark, HC Crown Corp., and pursuant to such loan agreement issued a senior subordinated note (the "HC Crown Note"). The HC Crown Note was an unsecured obligation. The HC Crown Note was limited in aggregate principal amount to \$82,000 and has a stated maturity date of December 31, 1999 (the "Stated Maturity Date"). Interest has been accrued at 13% per annum, compounded semiannually, payable upon maturity. In October 1998, the Crown Note and accrued interest was paid in full.

In connection with the Gaylord Transaction, CCT Holdings entered into a \$165,700 subordinated loan agreement with Gaylord (the "Gaylord Seller Note"). Interest expense has been accrued based on an average rate of interest over the life of the Gaylord Seller Note, which approximated 15.4%.

In connection with the Gaylord Transaction, CCT Holdings, CCE L.P. and Gaylord entered into a contingent payment agreement (the "Contingent Agreement"). The Contingent Agreement indicates CCE L.P. will pay Gaylord 15% of any amount distributed to CCT Holdings in excess of the total of the Gaylord Seller Note, Crown Seller Note and \$450,000. In conjunction with the Paul G. Allen acquisition of Charter and the Company, Gaylord was paid an additional \$132,000 pursuant to the Contingent Agreement and the Gaylord Seller Note was paid in full.

#### 9. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS:

A summary of debt and the related interest rate hedge agreements at December 31, 1997, is as follows:

		1997	
	CARRYING VALUE	NOTIONAL AMOUNT	FAIR VALUE
DEBT			
Debt under credit agreements	\$784,420	\$	\$784,420
HC Crown Note (including accrued interest)	118,919		118,587
Gaylord Seller Note (including accrued interest)	229,283		214,074
INTEREST RATE HEDGE AGREEMENTS			
Swaps		405,000	(1,214)
Caps		120,000	
Collars		190,000	(437)

As the long-term debt under the credit agreements bear interest at current market rates, their carrying amount approximates fair market value at December 31, 1997. Fair value of the HC Crown Note is based upon trading activity at December 31, 1997. Fair value of the Gaylord Seller Note is based on current redemption value.

The weighted average interest pay rate for the Company's interest rate swap agreements was 7.82% at December 31, 1997. The weighted average interest rate for the Company's interest rate cap agreements was 8.49% at December 31, 1997. The weighted average interest rates for the Company's interest rate collar agreements were 9.04% and 7.57% for the cap and floor components, respectively, at December 31, 1997.

The notional amounts of interest rate hedge agreements do not represent amounts exchanged by the parties and, thus, are not a measure of the Company's exposure through its use of interest rate hedge agreements. The amounts exchanged are determined by reference to the notional amount and the other terms of the contracts.

The fair value of interest rate hedge agreements generally reflects the estimated amounts that the Company would receive or pay (excluding accrued interest) to terminate the contracts on the reporting date, thereby taking into account the current unrealized gains or losses of open contracts. Dealer quotations are available for the Company's interest rate hedge agreements.

Management believes that the sellers of the interest rate hedge agreements will be able to meet their obligations under the agreements. In addition, some of the interest rate hedge agreements are with certain of the participating banks under the Company's Senior Credit Facility thereby reducing the exposure to credit loss. The Company has policies regarding the financial stability and credit standing of major counterparties. Nonperformance by the counterparties is not anticipated nor would it have a material adverse effect on the results of operations or the financial position of the Company.

#### 10. COMMON STOCK:

The Company's common stock consist of the following at December 31, 1997:

CCA Holdings: Common stock Class A, voting, \$.01 par value, 100,000	
shares authorized; 75,515 shares issued and outstanding  Common stock Class B, voting, \$.01 par value, 20,000 shares authorized; 4,300 shares issued and	\$ 1
outstanding  Common stock Class C, nonvoting, \$.01 par value, 5,000 shares authorized; 185 shares issued and outstanding	  1
CCT Holdings:	
Common stock Class A, voting, \$.01 par value, 20,000 shares authorized; 16,726 shares issued and	
outstanding  Common stock Class B, voting, \$.01 par value, 4,000 shares authorized; 3,000 shares issued and	
outstanding  Common stock Class C, nonvoting, \$.01 par value, 1,000 shares authorized; 275 shares issued and outstanding	
CC-LB:	
Common stock Class A, voting, \$.01 par value, 31,000 shares authorized, 27,850 shares issued and	
outstanding  Common stock Class B, voting, \$.01 par value, 2,000 shares authorized, 1,500 shares issued and	
outstanding  Common stock Class C, nonvoting, \$.01 par value, 2,000 shares authorized, 650 shares issued and outstanding	
Total common stock	\$ 1 ===

#### CCA HOLDINGS

The Class A Voting Common Stock (CCA Class A Common Stock) and Class C Nonvoting Common Stock (CCA Class C Common Stock) have certain preferential rights upon liquidation of CCA Holdings. In the event of liquidation, dissolution or "winding up" of CCA Holdings, holders of CCA Class A and Class C Common Stock are entitled to a preference of \$1,000 per share. After such amount is paid, holders of Class B Voting Common Stock (CCA Class B Common Stock) are entitled to receive \$1,000 per share. Thereafter, Class A and Class C shareholders shall ratably receive the remaining proceeds.

If upon liquidation, dissolution or "winding up" the assets of CCA Holdings are insufficient to permit payment to Class A and Class C shareholders for their full preferential amounts, all assets of CCA Holdings shall then be distributed ratably to Class A and Class C shareholders. Furthermore, if the proceeds from liquidation are inadequate to pay Class B shareholders their full preferential amounts, the proceeds are to be distributed on a pro rata basis to Class B shareholders.

Upon the occurrence of any Conversion Event (as defined within the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation) Class C shareholders may convert any or all of their outstanding shares into the same number of Class A shares. Furthermore, CCA Holdings may automatically convert outstanding Class C shares into the same number of Class A shares.

CCA Holdings is restricted from making cash dividends on its common stock until the balance outstanding under the HC Crown Note is repaid.

Charter and Kelso entered into a Stockholders' Agreement providing for certain restrictions on the transfer, sale or purchase of CCA Holdings' common stock.

#### CCT HOLDINGS

The Class A Voting Common Stock (CCT Class A Common Stock) and Class C Nonvoting Common Stock (CCT Class C Common Stock) have certain preferential rights upon liquidation of CCT Holdings. In the event of liquidation, dissolution or "winding up" of CCT Holdings, holders of CCT Class A Common Stock and Class C Common Stock are entitled to a preference of \$1,000 per share. After such amount is paid, holders of Class B Voting Common Stock (CCT Class B Common Stock) are entitled to receive \$1,000 per share. Thereafter, Class A and Class C shareholders shall ratably receive the remaining proceeds.

If upon liquidation, dissolution or "winding up" the assets of CCT Holdings are insufficient to permit payment to Class A Common Stock and Class C shareholders for their full preferential amount, all assets of the Company shall then be distributed ratably to Class A and Class C shareholders. Furthermore, if the proceeds from liquidation are inadequate to pay Class B shareholders their full preferential amount, the proceeds are to be distributed on a pro rata basis to Class B shareholders.

Upon the occurrence of any Conversion Event (as defined within the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation), Class C shareholders may convert any or all of their outstanding shares into the same number of Class A shares. Furthermore, CCT Holdings may automatically convert outstanding Class C shares into the same number of Class A shares.

CCT Holdings is restricted from making cash dividends on its common stock until the balance outstanding under the note payable to seller is repaid.

Charter and Kelso entered into a Stockholders' Agreement providing for certain restrictions on the transfer, sale or purchase of CCT Holdings' common stock.

#### CC-LB

The Class A Voting Common Stock (CC-LB Class A Common Stock) and Class C Nonvoting Common Stock (CC-LB Class C Common Stock) have certain preferential rights upon liquidation of CC-LB. In the event of liquidation, dissolution or "winding up" of CC-LB, holders of CC-LB Class A Common Stock and Class C Common Stock are entitled to a preference of \$1,000 per share. After such amount is paid, holders of Class B Voting Common Stock (CC-LB Class B Common Stock) are entitled to receive \$1,000 per share. Thereafter, Class A, Class B and Class C shareholders shall ratably receive the remaining proceeds.

If upon liquidation, dissolution or "winding up" the assets of CC-LB are insufficient to permit payment to Class A and Class C shareholders for their full preferential amount, all assets of the Company shall then be distributed ratably to Class A and Class C shareholders. Furthermore, if the proceeds from liquidation are inadequate to pay Class B shareholders their full preferential amount, the proceeds are to be distributed on a pro rata basis to Class B shareholders.

CC-LB Class C Common Stock may be converted into CC-LB Class A Common Stock upon the transfer of CC-LB Class C Common Stock to a person not affiliated with the seller. Furthermore, CC-LB may automatically convert outstanding Class C shares into the same number of Class A shares.

### 11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

Charter provides management services to the Company under the terms of a contract which provides for annual base fees equal to \$9,277 and \$9,485 for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, and for the year ended December 31, 1997, respectively, plus an additional fee equal to 30% of the excess, if any, of operating cash flow (as defined in the management agreement) over the projected operating cash flow. Payment of the additional fee is deferred due to restrictions provided within the Company's credit agreements. Deferred management fees bear interest at 8.0% per annum. The additional fees for the periods from

January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, and the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1996, totaled \$2,160, \$1,990 and \$1,255, respectively. In addition, the Company receives financial advisory services from an affiliate of Kelso, under terms of a contract which provides for fees equal to \$1,064 and \$1,113 per annum as of January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, and December 31, 1997, respectively. Management and financial advisory service fees currently payable of \$2,281 are included in payables to manager of cable television systems -- related party at December 31, 1997.

The Company pays certain acquisition advisory fees to an affiliate of Kelso and Charter, which typically equal approximately 1% of the total purchase price paid for cable television systems acquired. Total acquisition fees paid to the affiliate of Kelso for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, were \$-0-. Total acquisition fees paid to the affiliate of Kelso in 1997 and 1996 were \$-0- and \$1,400, respectively. Total acquisition fees paid to Charter for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, were \$-0-. Total acquisition fees paid to Charter in 1997 and 1996 were \$-0- and \$1,400, respectively.

The Company and all entities managed by Charter collectively utilize a combination of insurance coverage and self-insurance programs for medical, dental and workers' compensation claims. Medical coverage provides for \$2,435 aggregate stop loss protection and a loss limitation of \$100 per person per year. Workers' compensation coverage provides for \$800 aggregate stop loss protection and a loss limitation of \$150 per person per year. Charges are determined by independent actuaries at the present value of the actuarially computed present and future liabilities for such benefits. The Company is allocated its share of the charges monthly based upon its total number of employees, historical claims and medical cost trend rates. Management considers this allocation to be reasonable for the operations of the Company. For the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, the Company expensed \$1,950 relating to insurance allocations. During 1997 and 1996, the Company expensed \$1,689 and \$2,065, respectively, relating to insurance allocations.

Beginning in 1996, the Company and other entities managed by Charter employed the services of Charter's National Data Center (the "National Data Center"). The National Data Center performs certain customer billing services and provides computer network, hardware and software support to the Company and other affiliated entities. The cost of these services is allocated based on the number of customers. Management considers this allocation to be reasonable for the operations of the Company. For the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, the Company expensed \$843 relating to these services. During 1997 and 1996, the Company expensed \$723 and \$466 relating to these services, respectively.

CCE-I maintains a regional office. The regional office performs certain operational services on behalf of CCE-I and other affiliated entities. The cost of these services is allocated to CCE-I and affiliated entities based on their number of customers. Management considers this allocation to be reasonable for the operations of CCE-I. From the period January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, the Company expensed \$1,926 relating to these services. During 1997 and 1996, CCE-I expensed \$861 and \$799, respectively, relating to these services.

### 12. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES:

### LEASES

The Company leases certain facilities and equipment under noncancelable operating leases. Lease and rental costs charged to expense for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, was \$2,222. Rent expense incurred under these leases during 1997 and 1996 was \$1,956 and \$1,704, respectively.

The Company also rents utility poles in its operations. Generally, pole rentals are cancelable on short notice, but the Company anticipates that such rentals will recur. Rent expensed incurred for pole attachments for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, was \$2,430. Rent expense incurred for pole attachments during 1997 and 1996 was \$2,601 and \$2,330, respectively.

#### LITIGATION

The Company is a party to lawsuits that arose in the ordinary course of conducting its business. In the opinion of management, after consulting with legal counsel, the outcome of these lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

#### 13. REGULATION IN THE CABLE TELEVISION INDUSTRY:

The cable television industry is subject to extensive regulation at the federal, local and, in some instances, state levels. The Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 (the "1984 Cable Act"), the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (the "1992 Cable Act" and together with the 1984 Cable Act, the "Cable Acts"), and the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "1996 Telecom Act"), establish a national policy to guide the development and regulation of cable television systems. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has principal responsibility for implementing the policies of the Cable Acts. Many aspects of such regulation are currently the subject of judicial proceedings and administrative or legislative proposals. Legislation and regulations continue to change, and the Company cannot predict the impact of future developments on the cable television industry.

The 1992 Cable Act and the FCC's rules implementing that act generally have increased the administrative and operational expenses of cable television systems and have resulted in additional regulatory oversight by the FCC and local or state franchise authorities. The Cable Acts and the corresponding FCC regulations have established rate regulations.

The 1992 Cable Act permits certified local franchising authorities to order refunds of basic service tier rates paid in the previous twelve-month period determined to be in excess of the maximum permitted rates. As of December 23, 1998, the amount refunded by the Company has been insignificant. The Company may be required to refund additional amounts in the future.

The Company believes that it has complied in all material respects with the provisions of the 1992 Cable Act, including the rate setting provisions promulgated by the FCC. However, in jurisdictions that have chosen not to certify, refunds covering the previous twelve-month period may be ordered upon certification if the Company is unable to justify its basic rates. The Company is unable to estimate at this time the amount of refunds, if any, that may be payable by the Company in the event certain of its rates are successfully challenged by franchising authorities or found to be unreasonable by the FCC. The Company does not believe that the amount of any such refunds would have a material adverse effect on the financial position or results of operations of the Company.

The 1996 Telecom Act, among other things, immediately deregulated the rates for certain small cable operators and in certain limited circumstances rates on the basic service tier, and as of March 31, 1999, deregulates rates on the cable programming service tier (CPST). The FCC is currently developing permanent regulations to implement the rate deregulation provisions of the 1996 Telecom Act. The Company cannot predict the ultimate effect of the 1996 Telecom Act on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

The FCC may further restrict the ability of cable television operators to implement rate increases or the United States Congress may enact legislation that could delay or suspend the scheduled March 1999 termination of CPST rate regulation. This continued rate regulation, if adopted, could limit the rates charged by the Company.

A number of states subject cable television systems to the jurisdiction of centralized state governmental agencies, some of which impose regulation of a character similar to that of a public utility. State governmental agencies are required to follow FCC rules when prescribing rate regulation, and thus, state regulation of cable television rates is not allowed to be more restrictive than the federal or local regulation. The Company is subject to state regulation in Connecticut.

#### 14. INCOME TAXES:

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the estimated future tax consequence attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured using the enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. Deferred income tax expense or benefit is the result of changes in the liability or asset recorded for deferred taxes. A valuation allowance must be established for any portion of a deferred tax asset for which it is more likely than not that a tax benefit will not be realized.

For the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, and the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1996, no current provision (benefit) for income taxes was recorded. The effective income tax rate is less than the federal rate of 35% primarily due to providing a valuation allowance on deferred income tax assets.

Deferred taxes are comprised of the following at December 31, 1997:

Deferred income tax assets:	
Accounts receivable	\$ 252
Other assets	7,607
Accrued expenses	4,740
Deferred revenue	624
Deferred management fees	1,654
Tax loss carryforwards	80,681
Tax credit carryforward	1,360
Valuation allowance	(40,795)
Total deferred income tax assets	56,123
Deferred income tax liabilities:	
Property, plant and equipment	(38,555)
Franchise costs	(117,524)
Other	(11,407)
Total deferred income tax liabilities	(167,486)
Net deferred income tax liability	\$(111,363)
	=======

At December 31, 1997, the Company had net operating loss (NOL) carryforwards for regular income tax purposes aggregating \$204,400, which expire in various years from 1999 through 2012. Utilization of the NOLs carryforwards is subject to certain limitations.

### 15. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS:

The Company's employees may participate in the Charter Communications, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the "401(k) Plan"). Employees that qualify for participation can contribute up to 15% of their salary, on a before tax basis, subject to a maximum contribution limit as determined by the Internal Revenue Service. The Company contributes an amount equal to 50% of the first 5% of contributions by each employee. For the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, the Company contributed \$585 to the 401(k) plan. During 1997 and 1996, the Company contributed approximately \$499 and \$435 to the 401(k) Plan, respectively.

Certain employees of the Company are participants in the 1996 Charter Communications/Kelso Group Appreciation Rights Plan (the "Plan"). The Plan covers certain key employees and consultants within the

group of companies and partnerships controlled by affiliates of Kelso and managed by Charter. The Plan permits the granting of up to 1,000,000 units, of which 705,000 were outstanding at December 31, 1997. Unless otherwise provided in a particular instance, units vest at a rate of 20% per annum. The Plan entitles participants to receive payment of the appreciated unit value for vested units, upon the occurrence of certain events specified in the Plan (i.e. change in control, employee termination) The units do not represent a right to an equity interest to any entities within the CCA Group. Compensation expense is based on the appreciated unit value and is amortized over the vesting period.

As a result of the acquisition of Charter and the Company, the Plan was terminated, all outstanding units became 100% vested and all amounts were paid by Charter in 1999. For the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, the Company recorded \$5,684 of expense, included in management fees, and a contribution from Charter related to the Appreciation Rights Plan.

#### 16. ACCOUNTING STANDARD NOT YET IMPLEMENTED:

In June 1998, the Financial Accounting Standards Board adopted SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." SFAS No. 133 establishes accounting and reporting standards requiring that every derivative instrument (including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts) be recorded in the balance sheet as either an asset or liability measured at its fair value and that changes in the derivative's fair value be recognized currently in earnings unless specific hedge accounting criteria are met. Special accounting for qualifying hedges allows a derivative's gains and losses to offset related results on the hedged item in the income statement, and requires that a company must formally document, designate and assess the effectiveness of transactions that receive hedge accounting. SFAS No. 133 is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 1999. The Company has not yet quantified the impacts of adopting SFAS No. 133 on its consolidated financial statements nor has it determined the timing or method of its adoption of SFAS No. 133. However, SFAS No. 133 could increase volatility in earnings (loss).

#### 17. SUBSEQUENT EVENT:

Subsequent to December 23, 1998, CCA Holdings, CCT Holdings and CC-LB converted to limited liability companies and are now known as CCA Holdings LLC, CCT Holdings LLC and Charter Communications Long Beach, LLC, respectively.

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To CharterComm Holdings, L.P.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of CharterComm Holdings, L.P. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1997, and the related consolidated statements of operations, partners' capital and cash flows for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, and for the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1996. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of CharterComm Holdings, L.P. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1997, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, and for the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1996, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

St. Louis, Missouri, February 5, 1999

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET -- DECEMBER 31, 1997 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

#### ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS: Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,742
accounts of \$330 Prepaid expenses and other	3,158 342
Total current assets	6,242
INVESTMENT IN CABLE TELEVISION PROPERTIES:	
Property, plant and equipmentFranchises, net of accumulated amortization of \$119,968	235,808 480,201
	716,009
OTHER ASSETS	16,176
	\$738,427 ======
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL	
OUDDENT LIABILITIES.	
CURRENT LIABILITIES: Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 5,375 30,507
Payables to manager of cable television systems related party	1,120
Total current liabilities	37,002
DEFERRED REVENUE	1,719
LONG-TERM DEBT, less current maturities	666,662
DEFERRED MANAGEMENT FEES	7,805
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	5,111
REDEEMABLE PREFERRED LIMITED UNITS 577.81 units, issued and outstanding	20,128
PARTNERS' CAPITAL:	
General Partner	
outstanding	
Total partners' capital	
	\$738,427

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{\textbf{F-65}}}$ 

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1998, THROUGH	YEAR I DECEMBI	ER 31
	DECEMBER 23, 1998	1997	1996
REVENUES	\$196,801	\$175,591	\$120,280
OPERATING EXPENSES: Operating costs General and administrative Depreciation and amortization Management fees related party.	83,745 14,586 86,741 14,780	75,728 12,607 76,535 8,779	50,970 9,327 53,133 6,014
Income (loss) from operations	199,852  (3,051)	173,649  1,942	119,444  836
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE): Interest income	211 (66,121) (1,895)	182 (61,498)	233 (41,021) (468)
	(67,805)	(61,299)	(41,256)
Loss before extraordinary item EXTRAORDINARY ITEM Loss on early retirement of debt	(70,856) (6,264)	(59,357) 	(40,420) 
Net lossREDEMPTION PREFERENCE ALLOCATION:	(77,120)	(59, 357)	(40,420)
Special Limited Partner units			(829) (4,081)
UNITS	20,128	2,553	4,063
Net loss applicable to partners' capital accounts	\$(56,992) ======	\$(56,804) ======	\$(41,267) ======
NET LOSS ALLOCATION TO PARTNERS' CAPITAL ACCOUNTS: General Partner	\$(56,992) 	\$(21,708) (35,096)	\$(38,391) (2,876)
	\$(56,992) ======	\$(56,804) ======	\$(41,267) ======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements. F-66

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PARTNERS' CAPITAL (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	GENERAL PARTNER	COMMON LIMITED PARTNERS	TOTAL
BALANCE, December 31, 1995	30,703	\$ 2,202 2,300 (2,876)	,
BALANCE, December 31, 1996	,	1,626 33,470 (35,096)	33,470
BALANCE, December 31, 1997	,	 	4,920 (56,992)
BALANCE, December 23, 1998	\$(52,072) ======	\$	\$(52,072)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-67}}$ 

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	JANUARY 1, 1998, THROUGH DECEMBER 23, 1998	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,	
		1997	1996
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Net loss	\$ (77,120)	\$ (59,357)	\$ (40,420)
Extraordinary item Loss on early retirement of	0.004		
debt  Depreciation and amortization  Amortization of debt issuance costs, debt discount and	6,264 86,741	76,535	53,133
<pre>interest rate cap agreements Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisition</pre>	14,563 1,714	14,212 203	9,564 367
Accounts receivable, net	2,000	369	(303)
Prepaid expenses and other	(203)	943	245
Accounts payable and accrued expensesPayables to manager of cable television systems,	(1,970)	3,988	9,911
including deferred management fees	9,456	3,207	,
Deferred revenue Other operating activities	770 5,378	(82)	452 
Net cash provided by operating activities	47,593	(82)   40,018	36,428
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Purchases of property, plant and equipment Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired Other investing activities	(85 044)		(48 324)
Net cash used in investing activities	(85,664)	(230,164)	(195,779)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Borrowings of long-term debt	547,400 (505,300)	231,250 (67,930)	260,576
Payment of debt issuance costs	(3,651)	29,800 (3,593)	(11,732)
Payment of Special Limited Partnership units			(43, 243)
Repayments of note payable related party Payments for interest rate cap agreements		'  	(15,000) (35)
Net cash provided by financing activities	38,449	189,527	
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period		(619) 3,361	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	\$ 3,120 ======	\$ 2,742 =======	\$ 3,361
CASH PAID FOR INTEREST	\$ 61,559 ======	\$ 42,538 =======	\$ 28,860 ======

PERIOD FROM

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{\textbf{F-68}}}$ 

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

#### ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

CharterComm Holdings, L.P. (CharterComm Holdings) was formed in March 1996 with the contributions of Charter Communications Southeast Holdings, L.P. (Southeast Holdings), Charter Communications, L.P. (CC-I) and Charter Communications II, L.P. (CC-II). This contribution was accounted for as a reorganization under common control and, accordingly, the consolidated financial statements and notes have been restated to include the results and financial position of Southeast Holdings, CC-I and CC-II.

Through December 23, 1998, CharterComm Holdings was owned 75.3% by affiliates of Charterhouse Group International, Inc., a privately owned investment firm (collectively referred to herein as "Charterhouse"), indirectly owned 5.7% by Charter Communications, Inc. (Charter), manager of the Partnership's (as defined below) cable television systems, and owned 19.0% primarily by other institutional investors.

Effective December 23, 1998, Paul G. Allen acquired 94% of Charter through a series of transactions. In conjunction with Mr. Allen's acquisition, Charter acquired 100% of the outstanding partnership interests in CharterComm Holdings on December 23, 1998.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of CharterComm Holdings and its subsidiaries collectively referred to as the "Partnership" herein. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

In 1998, the Partnership through its subsidiaries provided cable television service to customers in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

#### CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Partnership considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At December 31, 1997, cash equivalents consist primarily of repurchase agreements. These investments are carried at cost that approximates market value.

#### PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment is recorded at cost, including all direct and certain indirect costs associated with the construction of cable television transmission and distribution facilities, and the cost of new customer installation. The costs of disconnecting a customer are charged to expense in the period incurred. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred, and equipment replacement and betterments are capitalized.

Depreciation is provided on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the related assets as follows:

Cable distribution systems	3-15 years
Buildings and leasehold improvements	5-15 years
Vehicles and equipment	3-5 years

In 1997, the Partnership shortened the estimated useful lives of certain property, plant and equipment for depreciation purposes. As a result, an additional \$4,775 of depreciation was recorded during 1997.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

#### **FRANCHISES**

Costs incurred in obtaining and renewing cable franchises are deferred and amortized over the lives of the franchises. Costs relating to unsuccessful franchise applications are charged to expense when it is determined that the efforts to obtain the franchise will not be successful. Franchise rights acquired through the purchase of cable television systems represent management's estimate of fair value and are generally amortized using the straight-line method over a period of 15 years. In addition, approximately \$100,000 of franchise rights are being amortized over a period of 3 to 11 years.

#### OTHER ASSETS

Debt issuance costs are being amortized to interest expense over the term of the related debt. The interest rate cap costs are being amortized over the terms of the agreement, which approximates three years.

#### IMPAIRMENT OF ASSETS

If facts and circumstances suggest that a long-lived asset may be impaired, the carrying value is reviewed. If a review indicates that the carrying value of such asset is not recoverable based on projected undiscounted cash flows related to the asset over its remaining life, the carrying value of such asset is reduced to its estimated fair value.

#### REVENUES

Cable television revenues from basic and premium services are recognized when the related services are provided.

Installation revenues are recognized to the extent of direct selling costs incurred. The remainder, if any, is deferred and amortized to income over the estimated average period that customers are expected to remain connected to the cable television system. As of December 31, 1997, no installation revenue has been deferred, as direct selling costs exceeded installation revenue.

Fees collected from programmers to guarantee carriage are deferred and amortized to income over the life of the contracts. Local governmental authorities impose franchise fees on the Partnership ranging up to a federally mandated maximum of 5.0% of gross revenues. On a monthly basis, such fees are collected from the Partnership's customers and are periodically remitted to local franchises. Franchise fees collected and paid are reported as revenue.

### INTEREST RATE HEDGE AGREEMENTS

The Partnership manages fluctuations in interest rates by using interest rate hedge agreements, as required by certain debt agreements. Interest rate swaps, caps and collars are accounted for as hedges of debt obligations, and accordingly, the net settlement amounts are recorded as adjustments to interest expense in the period incurred. Premiums paid for interest rate caps are deferred, included in other assets, and are amortized over the original term of the interest rate agreement as an adjustment to interest expense.

The Partnership's interest rate swap agreements require the Partnership to pay a fixed rate and receive a floating rate thereby creating fixed rate debt. Interest rate caps and collars are entered into by the Partnership to reduce the impact of rising interest rates on floating rate debt.

The Partnership's participation in interest rate hedging transactions involves instruments that have a close correlation with its debt, thereby managing its risk. Interest rate hedge agreements have been designed for hedging purposes and are not held or issued for speculative purposes.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

#### OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)

Other, net includes gain and loss on disposition of property, plant and equipment, and other miscellaneous items, all of which are not directly related to the Partnership's primary line of business. In 1996, the Partnership recorded \$367 of nonoperating losses for its portion of insurance deductibles pertaining to damage caused by hurricanes to certain cable television systems.

#### INCOME TAXES

Income taxes are the responsibility of the partners and are not provided for in the accompanying financial statements except for Peachtree Cable TV, Inc. (Peachtree), an indirect wholly owned subsidiary, which is a C corporation and for which taxes are presented in accordance with SFAS No. 109.

#### USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### 2. ACOUISITIONS:

In 1998, the Partnership acquired cable television systems in one transaction for a purchase price net of cash acquired, of \$5,900. The excess cost of properties acquired over the amounts assigned to net tangible assets at the date of acquisition was \$5,000 and is included in franchises.

In 1997, the Partnership acquired cable television systems in three separate transactions for an aggregate purchase price, net of cash acquired, of \$159,600. The excess of the cost of properties acquired over the amounts assigned to net tangible assets at the date of acquisition was \$126,400 and is included in franchises.

In 1996, the Partnership acquired cable television systems in three separate transactions for an aggregate purchase price, net of cash acquired, of \$145,400. The excess of the cost of properties acquired over the amounts assigned to net tangible assets at the date of acquisition was \$118,200 and is included in franchises.

The above acquisitions were accounted for using the purchase method of accounting, and accordingly, results of operations of the acquired assets have been included in the financial statements from the dates of acquisition.

Unaudited pro forma operating results for the 1997 acquisitions as though the acquisitions had been made on January 1, 1997, with pro forma adjustments to give effect to amortization of franchises, interest expense and certain other adjustments are as follows.

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997
	(UNAUDITED)
Revenues Income from operations Net loss	\$182,770 2,608 (61,389)

The unaudited pro forma information does not purport to be indicative of the results of operations had these transactions been completed as of the assumed date or which may be obtained in the future.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

#### 3. DISTRIBUTIONS AND ALLOCATIONS:

For financial reporting purposes, redemption preference allocations, profits and losses are allocated to partners in accordance with the liquidation provision of the applicable partnership agreement.

As stated in the Partnership Agreement, the Partnership may make distributions to the partners out of all available funds at such times and in such amounts as the General Partner may determine in its sole discretion.

#### 4. REDEEMABLE PREFERRED LIMITED UNITS:

As of December 31, 1995, certain Redeemable Preferred Limited Partner units of CC-I and CC-II were outstanding. During 1996, the Partnership issued certain Redeemable Preferred Limited Partner units of CharterComm Holdings.

The Preferred Limited Partners' preference return has been reflected as an addition to the Redeemable Preferred Limited Partner units, and the decrease has been allocated to the General Partner and Common Limited Partner consistent with the liquidation and distribution provisions in the partnership agreements.

At December 23, 1998, the balance related to the CharterComm Holdings Preferred Limited Partner units was as follows:

Contribution, March 1996	\$ 20,052 2,629
Allocation of net loss	
Balance, December 31, 1996	22,681
1997 redemption preference allocation	(0.550)
Allocation of net loss	(2,553)
Balance, December 31, 1997	20,128
1998 redemption preference allocation	
Allocation of net loss	(20,128)
Balance, December 23, 1998	ф
Datance, December 25, 1990	Φ

The 1998 and 1997 redemption preference allocations of \$4,617 and \$4,020, respectively, have not been reflected in the Preferred Limited Partners' capital accounts since the General Partner and Common Limited Partners' capital accounts have been reduced to \$-0-.

### 5. SPECIAL LIMITED PARTNER UNITS (CC-I):

Prior to March 28, 1996, certain Special Limited Partner units of CC-I were outstanding. CC-I's profits were allocated to the Special Limited Partners until allocated profits equaled the unrecovered preference amount (preference amounts range from 6% to 17.5% of the unrecovered initial cost of the partnership units and unrecovered preference amounts per annum). When there was no profit to allocate, the preference return was reflected as a decrease in Partners' Capital.

In accordance with a purchase agreement and through the use of a capital contribution from Charter Communications Southeast, L.P. (Southeast), a wholly owned subsidiary of Southeast Holdings, resulting from the proceeds of the Notes (see Note 9), CC-I paid the Special Limited Partners \$43,243 as full consideration for their partnership interests on March 28, 1996.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

#### 6. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:

Property, plant and equipment consists of the following at December 31, 1997:

Cable distribution systems	5,439
Less Accumulated depreciation	294,945 (59,137)
	\$235,808

Depreciation expense for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, and for the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1996, was \$44,307,\$33,634 and \$16,997, respectively.

#### 7. OTHER ASSETS:

Other assets consist of the following at December 31, 1997:

Debt issuance costs	,
Less Accumulated amortization	21,934 (5,758)
	\$16,176
	======

As a result of the payment and termination of the CC-I Credit Agreement and CC-II Credit Agreement (see Note 9), debt issuance costs of \$6,264 were written off as an extraordinary loss on early retirement of debt for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998.

# 8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES:

Accounts payable and accrued expenses consist of the following at December 31, 1997:

Accrued interest	
Franchise fees	3,524
Programming costs	3,391
Accounts payable	2,479
Capital expenditures	2,099
Salaries and related benefits	2,079
Other	
	\$30,507
	======

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

#### 9. LONG-TERM DEBT:

Long-term debt consists of the following at December 31, 1997:

Senior Secured Discount Debentures	\$146,820 125,000
CC-II	112,200 339,500
	723,520
Less: Current maturities Unamortized discount	
	\$666,662 ======

#### SENIOR SECURED DISCOUNT DEBENTURES

On March 28, 1996, Southeast Holdings and CharterComm Holdings Capital Corporation (Holdings Capital), a wholly owned subsidiary of Southeast Holdings (collectively the "Debentures Issuers"), issued \$146,820 of Senior Secured Discount Debentures (the "Debentures") for proceeds of \$75,000. Proceeds from the Debentures were used to pay fees and expenses related to the issuance of the Debentures and the balance of \$72,400 was a capital contribution to Southeast. The Debentures are secured by all of Southeast Holdings' ownership interest in Southeast and rank pari passu in right and priority of payment to all other existing and future indebtedness of the Debentures Issuers. The Debentures are effectively subordinated to the claims of creditors of Southeast Holdings' subsidiaries, including the Combined Credit Agreement (as defined herein). The Debentures are redeemable at the Debentures Issuers' option at amounts decreasing from 107% to 100% of principal, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, beginning on March 15, 2001. The Debentures Issuers are required to make an offer to purchase all of the Debentures, at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount, together with accrued and unpaid interest, upon a Change in Control, as defined in the Debentures Indenture. No interest is payable on the Debentures prior to March 15, 2001. Thereafter, interest on the Debentures is payable semiannually in arrears beginning September 15, 2001, until maturity on March 15, 2007. The discount on the Debentures is being accreted using the effective interest method at an interest rate of 14% from the date of issuance to March 15, 2001.

## 11 1/4% SENIOR NOTES

Southeast and CharterComm Capital Corporation (Southeast Capital), a wholly owned subsidiary of Southeast (collectively the "Notes Issuers"), issued \$125,000 aggregate principal amount of 11 1/4% Senior Notes (the "Notes"). The Notes are senior unsecured obligations of the Notes Issuers and rank pari passu in right and priority of payment to all other existing and future indebtedness of the Notes Issuers. The Notes are effectively subordinated to the claims of creditors of Southeast's subsidiaries, including the lenders under the Combined Credit Agreement. The Notes are redeemable at the Notes Issuers' option at amounts decreasing from 105.625% to 100% of principal, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption, beginning on March 15, 2001. The Notes Issuers are required to make an offer to purchase all of the Notes, at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount, together with accrued and unpaid interest, upon a Change in Control, as defined in the Notes Indenture. Interest is payable semiannually on March 15 and September 15 until maturity on March 15, 2006.

Southeast and Southeast Holdings are holding companies with no significant assets other than their direct and indirect investments in CC-I and CC-II. Southeast Capital and Holdings Capital were formed solely for

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

the purpose of serving as co-issuers and have no operations. Accordingly, the Notes Issuers and Debentures Issuers must rely upon distributions from CC-I and CC-II to generate funds necessary to meet their obligations, including the payment of principal and interest on the Notes and Debentures.

#### COMBINED CREDIT AGREEMENT

In June 1998, CC-I and CC-II (the "Borrowers") replaced their existing credit agreements and entered into a combined credit agreement (the "Combined Credit Agreement"), which provides for two term loan facilities, one with the principal amount of \$200,000 that matures on June 30, 2007, and the other with the principal amount of \$150,000 that matures on December 31, 2007. The Combined Credit Agreement also provides for a \$290,000 revolving credit facility, with a maturity date of June 30, 2007. Amounts under the Combined Credit Agreement bear interest at the LIBOR Rate or Base Rate, as defined, plus a margin of up to 2.0%. The variable interest rates ranged from 6.69% to 7.31% at December 23, 1998.

Commencing March 31, 2002, and at the end of each calendar quarter thereafter, the available borrowings for the revolving credit facility and the \$200,000 term loan shall be reduced on an annual basis by 11.0% in 2002 and 14.6% in 2003. Commencing March 31, 2002, and at the end of each calendar quarter thereafter, the available borrowings for the \$150,000 term loan shall be reduced on an annual basis by 1.0% in 2002 and 1.0% in 2003. A quarterly commitment fee of between 0.25% and 0.375% per annum is payable on the unborrowed balance of the revolving credit facility.

The Debentures, Notes and Combined Credit Agreement require the Partnership to comply with various financial and nonfinancial covenants including the maintenance of a ratio of debt to annualized operating cash flow, as defined, not to exceed 5.25 to 1 at December 23, 1998. These debt instruments also contain substantial limitations on, or prohibitions of, distributions, additional indebtedness, liens, asset sales and certain other items.

#### CC-I CREDIT AGREEMENT

CC-I maintained a credit agreement (the "CC-I Credit Agreement") with a consortium of banks for borrowings up to \$127,200, consisting of a revolving line of credit of \$63,600 and a term loan of \$63,600. Interest accrued, at CC-I's option, at rates based upon the Base Rate, as defined in the CC-I Credit Agreement, LIBOR, or prevailing bid rates of certificates of deposit plus the applicable margin based upon CC-I's leverage ratio at the time of the borrowings. The variable interest rates ranged from 7.75% to 8.00% and 7.44% to 7.50% at December 31, 1997 and 1996, respectively.

In June 1998, the CC-I Credit Agreement was repaid and terminated in conjunction with the establishment of the Combined Credit Agreement.

## CC-II CREDIT AGREEMENT

CC-II maintained a credit agreement (the "CC-II Credit Agreement") with a consortium of banks for borrowings up to \$390,000, consisting of a revolving credit facility of \$215,000, and two term loans totaling \$175,000. Interest accrued, at CC-II's option, at rates based upon the Base Rate, as defined in the CC-II Credit Agreement, LIBOR, or prevailing bid rates of certificates of deposit plus the applicable margin based upon CC-II's leverage ratio at the time of the borrowings. The variable interest rates ranged from 7.63% to 8.25% and 7.25% to 8.125% at December 31, 1997 and 1996, respectively.

In June 1998, the CC-II Credit Agreement was repaid and terminated in conjunction with the establishment of the Combined Credit Agreement.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

#### 10. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS:

A summary of debt and the related interest rate hedge agreements at December 31, 1997, is as follows:

	CARRYING VALUE	NOTIONAL AMOUNT	FAIR VALUE
DEBT			
Senior Secured Discount Debentures	\$ 95,337	\$	\$115,254
11 1/4% Senior Notes	125,000		136,875
CC-I Credit Agreement	112,200		112,200
CC-II Credit Agreement	339,500		339,500
INTEREST RATE HEDGE AGREEMENTS			
CC-I:			
Swaps		100,000	(797)
CC-II:			
Swaps		170,000	(1,030)
Caps		70,000	
Collars		55,000	(166)

As the CC-I and CC-II Credit Agreements bear interest at current market rates, their carrying amounts approximate fair market values at December 31, 1997. The fair value of the Notes and the Debentures is based on current redemption value.

The weighted average interest pay rate for CC-I interest rate swap agreements was 8.07% at December 31, 1997.

The weighted average interest pay rate for CC-II interest rate swap agreements was 8.03% at December 31, 1997. The weighted average interest rate for CC-II interest cap agreements was 8.48% at December 31, 1997. The weighted average interest rates for CC-II interest rate collar agreements were 9.01% and 7.61% for the cap and floor components, respectively, at December 31, 1997.

The notional amounts of interest rate hedge agreements do not represent amounts exchanged by the parties and, thus, are not a measure of the Partnership's exposure through its use of interest rate hedge agreements. The amounts exchanged are determined by reference to the notional amount and the other terms of the contracts.

The fair value of interest rate hedge agreements generally reflects the estimated amounts that the Partnership would receive or pay (excluding accrued interest) to terminate the contracts on the reporting date, thereby taking into account the current unrealized gains or losses of open contracts. Dealer quotations are available for the Partnership's interest rate hedge agreements.

Management believes that the sellers of the interest rate hedge agreements will be able to meet their obligations under the agreements. In addition, some of the interest rate hedge agreements are with certain of the participating banks under the Partnership's credit facilities thereby reducing the exposure to credit loss. The Partnership has policies regarding the financial stability and credit standing of major counterparties. Nonperformance by the counterparties is not anticipated nor would it have a material adverse effect on the results of operations or the financial position of the Partnership.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

#### 11. INCOME TAXES:

The book value of the Partnership's net assets (excluding Peachtree) exceeds its tax reporting basis by \$2,919 as of December 31, 1997.

As of December 31, 1997, temporary differences and carryforwards that gave rise to deferred income tax assets and liabilities for Peachtree are as follows:

Deferred income tax assets:	
Accounts receivable	\$ 4
Accrued expenses	29
Deferred management fees	111
Deferred revenue	24
Tax loss carryforwards	
Tax credit carryforwards	361
Total deferred income tax assets	823
Deferred income tax liabilities:	
Property, plant and equipment	. , ,
Franchises and other assets	(4,562)
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Total deferred income tax liabilities	(5,934)
Net deferred income tax liability	\$(5,111) ======

#### 12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

Charter provides management services to the Partnership under the terms of contracts which provide for fees equal to 5% of the Partnership's gross service revenues. The debt agreements prohibit payment of a portion of such management fees (40% for both CC-I and CC-II) until repayment in full of the outstanding indebtedness. The remaining 60% of management fees, are paid quarterly through December 31, 1998. Thereafter, the entire fee may be deferred if a multiple of EBITDA, as defined, does not exceed outstanding indebtedness of CC-I and CC-II. In addition, payments due on the Notes and Debentures shall be paid before any deferred management fees are paid. Expenses recognized under the contracts for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, were \$9,860. Expenses recognized under the contracts during 1997 and 1996 were \$8,779 and \$6,014, respectively. Management fees currently payable of \$1,432 are included in payables to manager of cable television systems -- related party at December 31, 1997.

The Partnership and all entities managed by Charter collectively utilize a combination of insurance coverage and self-insurance programs for medical, dental and workers' compensation claims. Medical coverage provides for \$2,435 aggregate stop loss protection and a loss limitation of \$100 per person per year. Workers' compensation coverage provides for \$800 aggregate stop loss protection and a loss limitation of \$150 per person per year. Charges are determined by independent actuaries at the present value of the actuarially computed present and future liabilities for such benefits. The Partnership is allocated its share of the charges monthly based upon its total number of employees, historical claims and medical cost trend rates. Management considers this allocation to be reasonable for the operations of the Partnership. For the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, the Partnership expensed \$1,831 relating to insurance allocations. During 1997 and 1996, the Partnership expensed \$1,524 and \$1,136, respectively, relating to insurance allocations.

The Partnership employs the services of Charter's National Data Center (the "National Data Center"). The National Data Center performs certain customer billing services and provides computer network,

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

hardware and software support for the Partnership and other entities managed by Charter. The cost of these services is allocated based on the number of basic customers. Management considers this allocation to be reasonable for the operations of the Partnership. For the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, the Partnership expensed \$685 relating to these services. During 1997 and 1996, the Partnership expensed \$606 and \$345, respectively, relating to these services.

CC-I, CC-II and other entities managed by Charter maintain regional offices. The regional offices perform certain operational services. The cost of these services is allocated based on number of basic customers. Management considers this allocation to be reasonable for the operations of the Partnership. For the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, the Partnership expensed \$3,009 relating to these services. During 1997 and 1996, the Partnership expensed \$1,992 and \$1,294, respectively, relating to these services.

The Partnership pays certain acquisition advisory fees to Charter and Charterhouse for cable television systems acquired. Total acquisition fees paid to Charter for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, were \$-0-. Total acquisition fees paid to Charter in 1997 and 1996 were \$982 and \$1,738, respectively. Total acquisition fees paid to Charterhouse for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, were \$-0-. Total acquisition fees paid to Charterhouse in 1997 and 1996 were \$982 and \$1,738, respectively.

During 1997, the ownership of CharterComm Holdings changed as a result of CharterComm Holdings receiving a \$25,000 cash contribution from an institutional investor, a \$3,000 cash contribution from Charterhouse and a \$2,000 cash contribution from Charter, as well as the transfer of assets and liabilities of a cable television system through a series of transactions initiated by Charter and Charterhouse. Costs of \$200 were incurred in connection with the cash contributions. These contributions were contributed to Southeast Holdings which, in turn, contributed them to Southeast.

#### 13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES:

#### LEASES

The Partnership leases certain facilities and equipment under noncancelable operating leases. Lease and rental costs charged to expense for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, was \$642. Rent expense incurred under leases during 1997 and 1996 was \$615 and \$522, respectively.

The Partnership also rents utility poles in its operations. Generally, pole rentals are cancelable on short notice, but the Partnership anticipates that such rentals will recur. Rent expense incurred for pole rental attachments for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, was \$3,261. Rent expense incurred for pole attachments during 1997 and 1996 was \$2,930 and \$2,092, respectively.

## LITIGATION

The Partnership is a party to lawsuits that arose in the ordinary course of conducting its business. In the opinion of management, after consulting with legal counsel, the outcome of these lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the Partnership's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

# REGULATION IN THE CABLE TELEVISION INDUSTRY

The cable television industry is subject to extensive regulation at the federal, local and, in some instances, state levels. The Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 (the "1984 Cable Act"), the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (the "1992 Cable Act" and together with the 1984 Cable Act, the "Cable Acts"), and the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "1996 Telecom Act"), establish a national policy to guide the development and regulation of cable television systems. The Federal Communica-

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

tions Commission (FCC) has principal responsibility for implementing the policies of the Cable Acts. Many aspects of such regulation are currently the subject of judicial proceedings and administrative or legislative proposals. Legislation and regulations continue to change, and the Company cannot predict the impact of future developments on the cable television industry.

The 1992 Cable Act and the FCC's rules implementing that act generally have increased the administrative and operational expenses of cable television systems and have resulted in additional regulatory oversight by the FCC and local or state franchise authorities. The Cable Acts and the corresponding FCC regulations have established rate regulations.

The 1992 Cable Act permits certified local franchising authorities to order refunds of basic service tier rates paid in the previous twelve-month period determined to be in excess of the maximum permitted rates. As of December 23, 1998, the amount returned by the Company has been insignificant. The Company may be required to refund additional amounts in the future.

The Company believes that it has complied in all material respects with the provisions of the 1992 Cable Act, including the rate setting provisions promulgated by the FCC. However, in jurisdictions that have chosen not to certify, refunds covering the previous twelve-month period may be ordered upon certification if the Company is unable to justify its basic rates. The Company is unable to estimate at this time the amount of refunds, if any, that may be payable by the Company in the event certain of its rates are successfully challenged by franchising authorities or found to be unreasonable by the FCC. The Company does not believe that the amount of any such refunds would have a material adverse effect on the financial position or results of operations of the Company.

The 1996 Telecom Act, among other things, immediately deregulated the rates for certain small cable operators and in certain limited circumstances rates on the basic service tier, and as of March 31, 1999, deregulates rates on the cable programming service tier (CPST). The FCC is currently developing permanent regulations to implement the rate deregulation provisions of the 1996 Telecom Act. The Company cannot predict the ultimate effect of the 1996 Telecom Act on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

The FCC may further restrict the ability of cable television operators to implement rate increases or the United States Congress may enact legislation that could delay or suspend the scheduled March 1999 termination of CPST rate regulation. This continued rate regulation, if adopted, could limit the rates charged by the Company.

A number of states subject cable television systems to the jurisdiction of centralized state governmental agencies, some of which impose regulation of a character similar to that of a public utility. State governmental agencies are required to follow FCC rules when prescribing rate regulation, and thus, state regulation of cable television rates is not allowed to be more restrictive than the federal or local regulation.

### 14. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS:

The Partnership's employees may participate in Charter Communications, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the "401(k) Plan"). Employees that qualify for participation can contribute up to 15% of their salary, on a before tax basis, subject to a maximum contribution limit as determined by the Internal Revenue Service. The Partnership contributes an amount equal to 50% of the first 5% of contributions by each employee. For the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, the Partnership contributed \$305. During 1997 and 1996, the Partnership contributed \$262 and \$149, respectively.

Certain Partnership employees participate in the 1996 Charter Communications/Charterhouse Group Appreciation Rights Plan (the "Appreciation Rights Plan"). The Appreciation Rights Plan covers certain key

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

employees and consultants within the group of companies and partnerships controlled by Charterhouse and managed by Charter. The Plan permits the granting of up to 1,000,000 units, of which 925,000 were outstanding at December 31, 1997. Unless otherwise provided in a particular instance, units vest at a rate of 20% per annum. The Plan entitles participants to receive payment of the appreciated unit value for vested units, upon the occurrence of certain events specified in the Plan (i.e. change in control, employee termination). The units do not represent a right to an equity interest in CharterComm Holdings. Compensation expense is based on the appreciated unit value and is amortized over the vesting period.

As a result of the acquisition of Charter and the Partnership, the Plan was terminated, all outstanding units became 100% vested and all amounts were paid by Charter in 1999. For the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, the Partnership recorded \$4,920 of expense, included in management fees, and a contribution from Charter related to the Appreciation Rights Plan.

#### 15. ACCOUNTING STANDARD NOT YET IMPLEMENTED:

In June 1998, the Financial Accounting Standards Board adopted SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." SFAS No. 133 establishes accounting and reporting standards requiring that every derivative instrument (including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts) be recorded in the balance sheet as either an asset or liability measured at its fair value and that changes in the derivative's fair value be recognized currently in earnings unless specific hedge accounting criteria are met. Special accounting for qualifying hedges allows a derivative's gains and losses to offset related results on the hedged item in the income statement, and requires that a company must formally document, designate and assess the effectiveness of transactions that receive hedge accounting. SFAS No. 133 is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 1999. The Partnership has not yet quantified the impacts of adopting SFAS No. 133 on its consolidated financial statements nor has it determined the timing or method of its adoption of SFAS No. 133. However, SFAS No. 133 could increase volatility in earnings (loss).

#### 16. SUBSEQUENT EVENT:

Subsequent to December 31, 1998, CharterComm Holdings, L.P. and all of its subsidiaries converted to limited liability companies and are now known as CharterComm Holdings LLC and subsidiaries.

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To Marcus Cable Holdings, LLC:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of operations, members' deficit and cash flows of Marcus Cable Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries for the three months ended March 31, 1999. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the results of operations of Marcus Cable Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries and their cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 1999, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

/s/ ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

St. Louis, Missouri, March 6, 2000

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 1999
REVENUES	\$ 125,180
OPERATING EXPENSES: Operating costs General and administrative Depreciation and amortization Management fees related party	45,309 23,675 51,688 4,381
Income from operations	125,053  127
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):    Interest Income	104 (27,067) (158)
	(27,121)
Loss before extraordinary item EXTRAORDINARY ITEM Loss from early extinguishment of	(26,994)
debt	(107,978)
Net loss	\$(134,972) ======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this consolidated statement.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-82}}$ 

# MARCUS CABLE HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF MEMBERS' DEFICIT (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	MARCUS CABLE PROPERTIES, L.L.C	VULCAN CABLE, INC	MEMBERS' DEFICIT
BALANCE, December 31, 1998	\$(21,355) (5,129)	\$ 125,639 (129,843)	\$ 104,284 (134,972)
BALANCE, March 31, 1999	\$(26,484) ======	\$ (4,204)	\$ (30,688)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this consolidated statement. F-83  $\,$ 

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 1999
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:  Net loss	\$ (134,972)
Depreciation and amortization	51,688 868 14,522
long-term debt	107,978
Accounts receivable	2,650 2,882 (13,170) 9,022
Net cash provided by operating activities	41,468
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Purchases of property, plant and equipment	
Net cash used in investing activities	(57,057)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:  Borrowings of long-term debt	24,246 (1,680,142) 1,680,142
Net cash provided by financing activities	24,246
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	8,657 813
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	\$ 9,470
CASH PAID FOR INTEREST	\$ 12,807

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this consolidated statement.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-84}}$ 

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

#### 1. ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Marcus Cable Holdings, LLC (Marcus Holdings), a Delaware limited liability company, was formed in February 1999 as parent of Marcus Cable Company, L.L.C. (MCCLLC), formerly Marcus Cable Company, L.P. (MCCLP). MCCLP was formed as a Delaware limited partnership and was converted to a Delaware limited liability company on June 9, 1998. Marcus Holdings and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company") derive their primary source of revenues by providing various levels of cable television programming and services to residential and business customers. The Company's operations are conducted through Charter Cable Operating Company, LLC, formerly Marcus Cable Operating Company, L.L.C., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. The Company operates cable television systems primarily in Texas, Wisconsin, Indiana, California and Alabama.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of MCCLLC and its subsidiary limited liability companies and corporations, representing the financial statements of the Company for the period presented. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

On April 23, 1998, Vulcan Cable, Inc. and Paul G. Allen (collectively referred to as "Vulcan") acquired all of the outstanding limited partnership interest and substantially all of the general partner interest in MCCLP for cash payments of \$1,392,000 (the "Vulcan Acquisition"). Under the terms of the purchase agreement, the owner of the remaining 0.6% general partner interest in the Company (the "Minority Interest"), which represents 100% of the voting control of the Company, could cause Vulcan to purchase the 0.6% general partner interest under certain conditions, or Vulcan could cause the Minority Interest to sell its interest to Vulcan under certain conditions at a fair value of not less than \$8,000. On March 31, 1999, Vulcan acquired voting control of the Company by its acquisition of the Minority Interest for cash consideration.

Effective December 23, 1998, through a series of transactions, Mr. Allen acquired approximately 94% of Charter Communications, Inc. (Charter) (renamed Charter Investment, Inc.). Beginning in October 1998, Charter began to manage the operations of the Company.

In March 1999, Charter transferred all of its cable television operating subsidiaries to a subsidiary, Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (Charter Holdings) in connection with the issuance of Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes totaling \$3.6 billion. These operating subsidiaries were then transferred to Charter Communications Operating, LLC (Charter Operating). On April 7, 1999, the cable television operating subsidiaries of the Company were transferred to Charter Operating subsequent to the purchase by Mr. Allen of the Minority Interest.

As a result of the Vulcan Acquisition, the Company recognized severance and stay-on bonus compensation of \$16,034 for the year ended December 31, 1998. As of December 31, 1998, 35 employees and officers of the Company had been terminated and \$13,634 had been paid under severance and bonus arrangements. By March 31, 1999, 50 additional employees were terminated and the remaining balance of \$2,400 was paid in April 1999.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- CONTINUED

#### PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment is recorded at cost, including all direct and certain indirect costs associated with the construction of cable television transmission and distribution facilities, and the cost of new customer installation. The costs of disconnecting a customer are charged to expense in the period incurred. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred and equipment replacements and betterments are capitalized.

Depreciation is provided by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets as follows:

Cable distribution systems	3-10 years
Buildings and leasehold improvements	5-15 years
Vehicles and equipment	3- 5 years

Depreciation expense for the three months ended March 31, 1999 was \$33,696.

#### FRANCHISES

Costs incurred in obtaining and renewing cable television franchises are deferred and amortized over the estimated lives of the franchises. Costs relating to unsuccessful franchise applications are charged to expense when it is determined that the efforts to obtain the franchise will not be successful. Franchise rights acquired through the purchase of cable television systems represent management's estimate of fair value and are amortized using the straight-line method over a period of 15 years. The period of 15 years is management's best estimate of the useful lives of the franchises and assumes substantially all of those franchises that expire during the period will be renewed by the Company. Amortization expense for the three months ended March 31, 1999 was \$17,992.

#### OTHER ASSETS

Debt issuance costs are amortized to interest expense over the term of the related  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{debt}}\xspace.$ 

#### IMPAIRMENT OF ASSETS

If facts and circumstances suggest that a long-lived asset may be impaired, the carrying value is reviewed. If a review indicates that the carrying value of such asset is not recoverable based on projected undiscounted cash flows related to the asset over its remaining life, the carrying value of such asset is reduced to its estimated fair value.

# REVENUES

Cable television revenues from basic and premium services are recognized when the related services are provided.

Installation revenues are recognized to the extent of direct selling costs incurred. The remainder, if any, is deferred and amortized to income over the estimated average period that customers are expected to remain connected to the cable television system. As of March 31, 1999, no installation revenue has been deferred as direct selling costs exceeded installation revenue.

### INCOME TAXES

Income taxes are the responsibility of the individual members and are not provided for in the accompanying financial statements. The Company's subsidiary corporations are subject to federal income tax but have had no operations since inception and therefore, no taxable income.

#### USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)

Upon completion of the Vulcan Acquisition, Vulcan owned 99.4% of MCCLP through direct ownership of all LP Units and through 80% ownership of Marcus Cable Properties, Inc. ("MCPI"), the general partner of Marcus Cable Properties, L.P. ("MCPLP"), the general partner of MCCLP. The Minority Interest owned the voting common stock, or the remaining 20% of MCPI.

On June 9, 1998, MCCLP was converted into a Delaware limited liability company with two members: Vulcan Cable, Inc., with 96.2% ownership, and Marcus Cable Properties, L.L.C. ("MCPLLC") (formerly MCPLP), with 3.8% ownership. Vulcan Cable, Inc. owns approximately 25.6% and MCPI owns approximately 74.4% of MCPLLC, with Vulcan's interest in MCPI unchanged. As there was no change in ownership interests, the historical partners' capital balances at June 9, 1998 were transferred to and became the initial equity of MCCLLC, and thus the accompanying statement of members' equity has been presented as if the conversion of MCCLP into MCCLLC occurred on April 23, 1998, the date of the Vulcan Acquisition (see Note 1).

As of March 31, 1999, MCCLLC has 100 issued and outstanding membership units. Income and losses of MCCLLC are allocated to the members in accordance with their ownership interests. Members are not personally liable for obligations of MCCLLC.

#### 4. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company and Charter entered into a management agreement on October 6, 1998 whereby Charter began to manage the day-to-day operations of the Company. In consideration for the management consulting services provided by Charter, Marcus paid Charter an annual fee equal to 3% of the gross revenues of the cable system operations plus reimbursement for out of pocket costs and expenses incurred by Charter in performing services under the management agreement. For the three months ended March 31, 1999, management fees under this agreement were \$4,381. In connection with the transfer of the Company's operating subsidiaries to Charter Operating, the annual fee paid by Marcus to Charter increased to 3.5%.

# 5. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

The Company sponsored a 401(k) plan for its employees whereby employees that qualified for participation under the plan could contribute up to 15% of their salary, on a before tax basis, subject to a maximum contribution limit as determined by the Internal Revenue Service. The Company matched participant contributions up to a maximum of 2% of a participant's salary. As a result of the Vulcan Acquisition, participants became fully vested in Company matching contributions

In connection with Vulcan's acquisition of Charter, the Marcus Plan's assets were frozen as of December 23, 1998 and employees became fully vested in company matching contributions after the Vulcan Acquisition. Effective January 1, 1999, the Company's employees with two months of service are eligible to participate in the Charter Communications, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the "Charter Plan"). Employees that qualify for participation in the Charter Plan can contribute up to 15% of their salary, on a before tax basis, subject to a maximum contribution limit as determined by the Internal Revenue Service. The Company contributes an amount equal to 50% of the first 5% of contributions by each employee. For the three months ended March 31, 1999, the Company made contributions to the Charter Plan of \$237.

#### 6. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### LEASES

The Company leases certain facilities and equipment under noncancelable operating leases. Lease and rental costs charged to expense for the three months ended March 31, 1999 were \$584. The Company also rents utility poles in its operations. Generally, pole rentals are cancelable on short notice, but the Company anticipates that such rentals will recur. Rent expense for pole attachments for the three months ended March 31, 1999 was \$955.

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In Alabama, Indiana, Maryland, Texas and Wisconsin, customers have filed putative class action lawsuits on behalf of all of the Company's customers residing in those states who are or were customers, and who have been charged a processing fee for delinquent payment of their cable bill. The plaintiffs challenge the legality of the processing fee and seek declaratory judgment, injunctive relief and unspecified damages. The Company is in the process of finalizing a global settlement of these cases, which settlement must be approved by a court. Unless a global settlement is consummated and approved, the Company intends to vigorously defend the actions. At this stage, the Company is not able to project the final costs of settlement, the expenses of defending the actions or the potential outcome of the actions, including the impact on the consolidated financial position or results of operations.

The Company is also party to lawsuits, which are generally incidental to its business. In the opinion of management, after consulting with legal counsel, the outcome of these lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

#### REGULATION IN THE CABLE TELEVISION INDUSTRY

The cable television industry is subject to extensive regulation at the federal, local and, in some instances, state levels. The Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 (the "1984 Cable Act"), the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (the "1992 Cable Act" and together with the 1984 Cable Act, the "Cable Acts"), and the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "1996 Telecom Act"), establish a national policy to guide the development and regulation of cable television systems. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has principal responsibility for implementing the policies of the Cable Acts. Many aspects of such regulation are currently the subject of judicial proceedings and administrative or legislative proposals. Legislation and regulations continue to change, and the Company cannot predict the impact of future developments on the cable television industry.

The 1992 Cable Act and the FCC's rules implementing that act generally have increased the administrative and operational expenses of cable television systems and have resulted in additional regulatory oversight by the FCC and local or state franchise authorities. The Cable Acts and the corresponding FCC regulations have established rate regulations.

The 1992 Cable Act permits certified local franchising authorities to order refunds of basic service tier rates paid in the previous twelve-month period determined to be in excess of the maximum permitted rates. As of December 31, 1998, the amount refunded by the Company has been insignificant. The Company may be required to refund additional amounts in the future.

The Company believes that it has complied in all material respects with the provisions of the 1992 Cable Act, including the rate setting provisions promulgated by the FCC. However, in jurisdictions that have chosen not to certify, refunds covering the previous twelve-month period may be ordered upon certification if the Company is unable to justify its basic rates. The Company is unable to estimate at this time the amount of refunds, if any, that may be payable by the Company in the event certain of its rates are successfully challenged by franchising authorities or found to be unreasonable by the FCC. The Company does not believe

that the amount of any such refunds would have a material adverse effect on the financial position or results of operations of the Company.

The 1996 Telecom Act, among other things, immediately deregulated the rates for certain small cable operators and in certain limited circumstances rates on the basic service tier, and as of March 31, 1999, deregulates rates on the cable programming service tier (CPST). The FCC is currently developing permanent regulations to implement the rate deregulation provisions of the 1996 Telecom Act. The Company cannot predict the ultimate effect of the 1996 Telecom Act on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

The FCC may further restrict the ability of cable television operators to implement rate increases or the United States Congress may enact legislation that could delay or suspend the scheduled March 1999 termination of CPST rate regulation. This continued rate regulation, if adopted, could limit the rates charged by the Company.

A number of states subject cable television systems to the jurisdiction of centralized state governmental agencies, some of which impose regulation of a character similar to that of a public utility. State governmental agencies are required to follow FCC rules when prescribing rate regulation, and thus, state regulation of cable television rates is not allowed to be more restrictive than the federal or local regulation.

#### 7. LONG-TERM DEBT

In March 1999, concurrent with the issuance of Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes (see Note 1), Charter and the Company extinguished all long-term debt, excluding borrowings of Charter and the Company under their respective credit agreements, and refinanced all existing credit agreements at various subsidiaries of Charter and the Company with a new credit agreement entered into by Charter Operating. The excess of the amount paid over the carrying value of the Company's long-term debt, net of unamortized debt issuance costs, was recorded as Extraordinary item -- loss on early extinguishment of debt in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations.

#### 8. ACCOUNTING STANDARD NOT IMPLEMENTED

In June 1998, the Financial Accounting Standards Boards adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities. SFAS No. 133 establishes accounting and reporting standards requiring that every derivative instrument (including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts) be recorded in the balance sheet as either an asset or liability measured at its fair value and that changes in the derivative's fair value be recognized currently in earnings unless specific hedge accounting criteria are met. Special accounting for qualifying hedges allows a derivative's gains and losses to offset related results on the hedged item in the income statement, and requires that a company must formally document, designate and assess the effectiveness of transactions that receive hedge accounting. SFAS No. 133, as amended by SFAS No. 137, is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2000. The Company has not yet quantified the impacts of adopting SFAS No. 133 on its consolidated financial statements nor has it determined the timing or method of its adoption of SFAS No. 133. However, SFAS No. 133 could increase volatility of earnings (loss).

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Members
Marcus Cable Holdings, LLC:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Marcus Cable Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1998 and 1997 and the related consolidated statements of operations, members' equity/partners' capital and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 1998. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Marcus Cable Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1998 and 1997, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 1998, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Dallas, Texas
February 19, 1999
(except for the fourth and seventh paragraphs of Note 1
which are as of August 25, 1999 and April 7, 1999, respectively)

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (IN THOUSANDS)

	DECEMBER 31,	
	1998	1997 
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 813	\$ 1,607
and \$1,904 in 1997	16,055	23,935
Prepaid expenses and other	6,094	2,105
Total current assets	22,962	27,647
Property, plant and equipment	741,021	706,626
Franchises	783,742	945,125
Noncompetition agreements	4,425	6,770
Other assets	52,928	64,300
	\$1,605,078	\$1,750,468 =======
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY/PARTNERS' CAPITAL		
Current liabilities:		
Current maturities of long-term debt		\$ 67,499
Accrued liabilities	66,985	68,754
Total current liabilities	144,485	136,253
Long-term debt	1,354,919	1,531,927
Other long-term liabilities	1,390	2,261
Members' equity/partners' capital	104,284	80,027
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	\$1,605,078 ======	\$1,750,468 =======

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements. F-91  $\,$ 

# MARCUS CABLE HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (IN THOUSANDS)

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
		1997	
Revenues:			
Cable services	\$ 499,265 555	\$ 473,701 5,614	\$ 432,172 2,335
Total revenues	499,820	479,315	434,507
Operating expenses: Selling, service and system management General and	193,725	176,515	157,197
administrativeTransaction and severance costs	77,913 135,379	72,351	73,017
Management fees related party Depreciation and amortization	3,341 215,789	,	166,429
Total operating expenses	626,147	437,337	396,643
Operating income (loss)	(126,327)	41,978	37,864
Other (income) expense: Interest expense	159,985 (201,278)	151,207 	144,376 (6,442)
Total other (income) expense	(41,293)	151,207	137,934
Loss before extraordinary item  Extraordinary item loss on early retirement of	(85,034)	(109,229)	(100,070)
debt	(9,059)		
Net loss	\$ (94,093) 	\$(109,229) 	. , ,

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements. F-92  $\,$ 

# MARCUS CABLE HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF MEMBERS' EQUITY/PARTNERS' CAPITAL (IN THOUSANDS)

December 31, 1998	  \$	  \$	683  \$(21,355)	17,286  \$125,639	17,969  \$ 104,284
Reorganization of limited partnership to limited liability company Net income April 23, 1998 to	22,038	9,997	(22,038)	(9,997)	
Net loss January 1, 1998 to April 22, 1998	(224)	(111,838)		 118,350	(112,062) 118,350
Balance at December 31, 1997	(21,814)	101,841			80,027
Balance at December 31, 1996					189,256 (109,229)
Balance at December 31, 1995 Net loss		\$ 310,722 (99,870)			\$ 289,326 (100,070)
	GENERAL PARTNERS	CLASS B LIMITED PARTNERS	MARCUS CABLE PROPERTIES, L.L.C.	VULCAN CABLE, INC.	TOTAL

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.  ${\mbox{F-93}} \\$ 

# MARCUS CABLE HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (IN THOUSANDS)

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,			
		1997 		
Cash flows from operating activities: Net loss	\$ (94,093)	\$(109,229)	\$(100,070)	
Extraordinary item loss on early retirement of debt		188,471 72,657		
Accounts receivable, net	7,880 (4,017) 413 (1,769)	(6,439) 95 (385) 9,132	(70) (574) (502) (3,063)	
Net cash provided by operating activities:	14,400	154,302	118,986	
Cash flows from investing activities: Acquisition of cable systems Proceeds from sale of assets, net of cash acquired and selling costs	(57,500)	(53,812)	(10,272)	
Other	(689)			
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities:	118,520	(251,087)	(100,273)	
Cash flows from financing activities: Borrowings under Senior Credit Facility. Repayments under Senior Credit Facility. Repayments of notes and debentures. Payment of debt issuance costs. Cash contributed by member. Payments on other long-term liabilities.	217,750 (359,500) (109,344) (99)	226,000 (131,250)  (1,725)  (667)	65,000 (95,000) 	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		92,358	(30,088)	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(794) 1,607	(4,427) 6,034		
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the $period \ldots \ldots$	\$ 813		\$ 6,034	
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information: Interest paid				

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

#### (1) ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Marcus Cable Holdings, LLC ("MCHLLC"), a Delaware limited liability company, was formed in February 1999 as parent of Marcus Cable Company, L.L.C. ("MCCLLC"), formerly Marcus Cable Company, L.P. ("MCCLP"). MCCLP was formed as a Delaware limited partnership and was converted to a Delaware limited liability company on June 9, 1998 (See Note 3). MCHLLC and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company") derive their primary source of revenues by providing various levels of cable television programming and services to residential and business customers. The Company's operations are conducted through Marcus Cable Operating Company, L.L.C. ("MCOC"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. The Company operates its cable television systems primarily in Texas, Wisconsin, Indiana, California and Alabama.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of MCHLLC, which is the predecessor of MCCLLC, and its subsidiary limited liability companies and corporations. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

On April 23, 1998, Vulcan Cable, Inc. and Paul G. Allen (collectively referred to as "Vulcan") acquired all of the outstanding limited partnership interests and substantially all of the general partner interest in MCCLP for cash payments of \$1,392,000 ("the Vulcan Acquisition"). Under the terms of the purchase agreement, the owner of the remaining 0.6% general partner interest in the Company (the "Minority Interest"), which represents 100% of the voting control of the Company, could cause Vulcan to purchase the 0.6% general partner interest under certain conditions, or Vulcan could cause the Minority Interest to sell its interest to Vulcan under certain conditions, at a fair value of not less than \$8,000.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements do not reflect the application of purchase accounting for the Vulcan Acquisition because the Securities and Exchange Commission staff challenged such accounting treatment since, as of December 31, 1998, Vulcan had not acquired voting control of the Company. On March 31, 1999, Vulcan acquired voting control of the Company by its acquisition of the Minority Interest for cash consideration.

In connection with the Vulcan Acquisition, the Company incurred transaction costs of approximately \$119,345, comprised primarily of \$90,200 of compensation paid to employees of the Company by Vulcan in settlement of specially designated Class B units in MCCLP ("EUnit") granted in past periods by the general partner of MCCLP, \$24,000 of transaction fees paid to certain equity partners for investment banking services and \$5,200 of expenses for professional fees. These transaction costs have been included in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 1998.

Effective December 23, 1998, through a series of transactions, Paul G. Allen acquired approximately 94% of Charter Communications, Inc. ("Charter"). Beginning in October 1998, Charter managed the operations of the Company.

In March 1999, Charter transferred all of its cable television operating subsidiaries to a subsidiary, Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (Charter Holdings) in connection with the issuance of Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes totaling \$3.6 billion. These operating subsidiaries were then transferred to Charter Communications Operating, LLC ("Charter Operating"). On April 7, 1999, the cable operations of the Company were transferred to Charter Operating subsequent to the purchase by Paul G. Allen of the Minority Interest.

As a result of the Vulcan Acquisition, the Company recognized severance and stay-on bonus compensation of \$16,034, which is included in Transaction and Severance Costs in the accompanying statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 1998. As of December 31, 1998, 35 employees and officers of the Company had been terminated and \$13,634 had been paid under severance and bonus arrangements. By

March 31, 1999, an additional 50 employees will be terminated. The remaining balance of \$2,400 is to be paid by April 30, 1999 and an additional \$400 in stay-on bonuses will be recorded as compensation in 1999 as the related services are provided.

#### (2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### (a) CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At December 31, 1998 and 1997, cash equivalents consist of certificates of deposit and money market funds. These investments are carried at cost which approximates market value.

#### (b) PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment is recorded at cost, including all direct and certain indirect costs associated with the construction of cable television transmission and distribution facilities, and the cost of new customer installation. The costs of disconnecting a customer are charged to expense in the period incurred. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred and equipment replacements and betterments are capitalized.

Depreciation is provided by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets as follows:

Cable distribution systems	3-10	years
Buildings and leasehold improvements	5-15	years
Vehicles and equipment	3-5	vears

#### (c) FRANCHISES

Costs incurred in obtaining and renewing cable franchises are deferred and amortized over the estimated lives of the franchises. Costs relating to unsuccessful franchise applications are charged to expense when it is determined that the efforts to obtain the franchise will not be successful. Franchise rights acquired through the purchase of cable television systems represent management's estimate of fair value and are amortized using the straight-line method over a period of 15 years. The period of 15 years is management's best estimate of the useful lives of the franchises and assumes substantially all of those franchises that expire during the period will be renewed by the Company. Accumulated amortization was \$317,335 and \$264,600 at December 31, 1998 and 1997, respectively.

## (d) NONCOMPETITION AGREEMENTS

Noncompetition agreements are amortized using the straight-line method over the term of the respective agreements. Accumulated amortization was \$20,267 and \$19,144 at December 31, 1998 and 1997, respectively.

# (e) OTHER ASSETS

Debt issuance costs are amortized to interest expense over the term of the related debt. Going concern value of acquired cable systems is amortized using the straight-line method over a period up to 10 years.

# (f) IMPAIRMENT OF ASSETS

If facts and circumstances suggest that a long-lived asset may be impaired, the carrying value is reviewed. If a review indicates that the carrying value of such asset is not recoverable based on projected undiscounted

cash flows related to the asset over its remaining life, the carrying value of such asset is reduced to its estimated fair value.

# (g) REVENUES

Cable television revenues from basic and premium services are recognized when the related services are provided.

Installation revenues are recognized to the extent of direct selling costs incurred. The remainder, if any, is deferred and amortized to income over the estimated average period that customers are expected to remain connected to the cable television system. As of December 31, 1998 and 1997, no installation revenue has been deferred, as direct selling costs exceeded installation revenue

Management fee revenues are recognized concurrently with the recognition of revenues by the managed cable television system, or as a specified monthly amount as stipulated in the management agreement. Incentive management fee revenue is recognized upon performance of specified actions as stipulated in the management agreement.

#### (h) INCOME TAXES

Income taxes are the responsibility of the individual members and are not provided for in the accompanying financial statements. The Company's subsidiary corporations are subject to federal income tax but have had no operations and therefore, no taxable income since inception.

#### (i) INTEREST RATE HEDGE AGREEMENTS

The Company manages fluctuations in interest rates by using interest rate hedge agreements, as required by certain of its debt agreements. Interest rate swaps and caps are accounted for as hedges of debt obligations, and accordingly, the net settlement amounts are recorded as adjustments to interest expense in the period incurred.

The Company's interest rate swap agreements require the Company to pay a fixed rate and receive a floating rate thereby creating thereby creating fixed rate debt. Interest rate caps are entered into by the Company to reduce the impact of rising interest rates on floating rate debt.

The Company's participation in interest rate hedging transactions involves instruments that have a close correlation with its debt, thereby managing its risk. Interest rate hedge agreements have been designed for hedging purposes and are not held or issued for speculative purposes.

# (j) USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# (k) ACCOUNTING STANDARD NOT IMPLEMENTED

In June 1998, the Financial Accounting Standards Boards adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities. SFAS No. 133 establishes accounting and reporting standards requiring that every derivative instrument (including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts) be recorded in the balance sheet as either an asset or liability measured at its fair value and that changes in the derivative's fair value be

recognized currently in earnings unless specific hedge accounting criteria are met. Special accounting for qualifying hedges allows a derivative's gains and losses to offset related results on the hedged item in the income statement, and requires that a company must formally document, designate and assess the effectiveness of transactions that receive hedge accounting. SFAS No. 133, as amended by SFAS No. 137, is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2000. The Company has not yet quantified the impacts of adopting SFAS No. 133 on its consolidated financial statements nor has it determined the timing or method of its adoption of SFAS No. 133. However, SFAS No. 133 could increase volatility of earnings (loss).

### (3) CAPITAL STRUCTURE

#### PARTNERS' CAPITAL

# (a) CLASSES OF PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS

The MCCLP partnership agreement (the "Partnership Agreement") provided for Class B Units and Convertible Preference Units. Class B Units consisted of General Partner Units ("GP Units") and Limited Partner Units ("LP Units"). To the extent that GP Units had the right to vote, GP Units voted as Class B Units together with Class B LP Units. Voting rights of Class B LP Units were limited to items specified under the Partnership Agreement. Prior to the dissolution of the Partnership on June 9, 1998, there were 18,848.19 GP Units and 294,937.67 Class B LP Units outstanding.

The Partnership Agreement also provided for the issuance of a class of Convertible Preference Units. These units were entitled to a general distribution preference over the Class B LP Units and were convertible into Class B LP Units. The Convertible Preference Units could vote together with Class B Units as a single class, and the voting percentage of each Convertible Preference Unit, at a given time, was based on the number of Class B LP Units into which such Convertible Preference Unit is then convertible. MCCLP had issued 7,500 Convertible Preference Units with a distribution preference and conversion price of two thousand dollars per unit.

The Partnership Agreement permitted the General Partner, at its sole discretion, to issue up to 31,517 Employee Units (classified as Class B Units) to key individuals providing services to the Company. Employee Units were not entitled to distributions until such time as all units have received certain distributions as calculated under provisions of the Partnership Agreement ("subordinated thresholds"). At December 31, 1997 28,033.20 Employee Units were outstanding with a subordinated threshold ranging from \$1,600 to \$1,750 per unit (per unit amounts in whole numbers). In connection with the Vulcan Acquisition, the amount paid to EUnit holders of \$90,200 was recognized as Transaction and Severance Costs in the year ended December 31, 1998.

## (b) ALLOCATION OF INCOME AND LOSS TO PARTNERS

MCCLP incurred losses from inception. Losses were allocated as follows:

- (1) First, among the partners whose capital accounts exceed their unreturned capital contributions in proportion to such excesses until each such partner's capital account equals its unreturned capital contribution; and
- (2) Next, to the holders of Class B Units in accordance with their unreturned capital contribution percentages.

The General Partner was allocated a minimum of 0.2% to 1% of income or loss at all times, depending on the level of capital contributions made by the partners.

MEMBERS' EQUITY

Upon completion of the Vulcan Acquisition, Vulcan collectively owned 99.4% of MCCLP through direct ownership of all LP Units and through 80% ownership of Marcus Cable Properties, Inc. ("MCPI"), the general partner of Marcus Cable Properties, L.P. ("MCPLP"), the general partner of MCCLP. The Minority Interest owned the voting common stock, or the remaining 20% of MCPI. In July 1998, Vulcan contributed \$20,000 in cash to the Company relating to certain employee severance arrangements.

On June 9, 1998, MCCLP was converted into a Delaware limited liability company with two members: Vulcan Cable, Inc., with 96.2% ownership, and Marcus Cable Properties, L.L.C. ("MCPLLC") (formerly MCPLP), with 3.8% ownership. Vulcan Cable, Inc. owns approximately 25.6% and MCPI owns approximately 74.4% of MCPLLC, with Vulcan's interest in MCPI unchanged. As there was no change in ownership interests, the historical partners' capital balances at June 9, 1998 were transferred to and became the initial equity of MCCLLC, and thus the accompanying statement of members' equity has been presented as if the conversion of MCCLP into MCCLLC occurred on April 23, 1998, the date of the Vulcan Acquisition (see Note 1).

As of December 31, 1998, MCCLLC has 100 issued and outstanding membership units. Income and losses of MCCLLC are allocated to the members in accordance with their ownership interests. Members are not personally liable for obligations of MCCLLC.

#### (4) ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSITIONS

In 1998, the Company acquired cable television systems in the Birmingham, Alabama area for a purchase price of \$57,500. The excess of the cost of properties acquired over the amounts assigned to net tangible assets and noncompetition agreements as of the date of acquisition was approximately \$44.603 and is included in franchises.

Additionally, in 1998, the Company completed the sale of certain cable television systems for an aggregate net sales price of \$401,432, resulting in a total gain of \$201,278.

In 1997, the Company acquired cable television systems in the Dallas-Ft. Worth, Texas area for a purchase price of \$35,263. The excess of the cost of properties acquired over the amounts assigned to net tangible assets as of the date of acquisition was \$15,098 and is included in franchises.

Additionally, in July 1997, the Company completed an exchange of cable television systems in Indiana and Wisconsin. According to the terms of the trade agreement, in addition to the contribution of its systems, the Company paid \$18,549.

In 1996, the Company acquired cable television systems in three separate transactions for an aggregate purchase price of \$10,272. The excess of the cost of properties acquired over the amounts assigned to net tangible assets as of the date of acquisition was \$4,861 and is included in franchises.

Additionally, in 1996, the Company completed the sale of cable television systems in Washington, D.C. for a sale price of \$20,638. The sale resulted in a gain of \$6,442.

The above acquisitions were accounted for using the purchase method of accounting and, accordingly, results of operations of the acquired assets have been included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements from the dates of acquisition. The purchase prices were allocated to tangible and intangible assets based on estimated fair market values at the dates of acquisition. The cable system trade discussed above was accounted for as a nonmonetary exchange and, accordingly, the additional cash contribution was allocated to tangible and intangible assets based on recorded amounts of the nonmonetary assets relinquished.

Unaudited pro forma operating results as though 1998 and 1997 acquisitions and divestitures discussed above had occurred on January 1, 1997, with adjustments to give effect to amortization of franchises, interest expense and certain other adjustments are as follows for the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997:

	1998	1997
	(UNAUD	ITED)
Revenues		
Operating income (loss)	(148,472)	9,064
Net loss	(150,841)	(142,143)

# (5) PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment consists of the following at December 31:

	1998	1997
Cable distribution systems	\$ 996,804 40,243 18,861	\$ 878,721 37,943 17,271
Accumulated depreciation	1,055,908 (314,887)	933,935 (227,309)
	\$ 741,021 ======	\$ 706,626 ======

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 1998, 1997 and 1996 was \$129,663, \$96,220, and \$72,281, respectively.

# (6) OTHER ASSETS

Other assets consist of the following at December 31, 1998 and 1997:

	1998	1997
Debt issuance costs	. ,	\$ 45,225 37,274 1,090
Accumulated amortization	79,030	83,589 (19,289)
	\$ 52,928 ======	\$ 64,300 ======

# (7) ACCRUED LIABILITIES

Accrued liabilities consist of the following at December 31, 1998 and 1997:

	1998	1997
Accrued operating liabilities	. ,	\$27,923 9,704
Accrued franchise fees	8,907	10,131
Accrued property taxes	,	5,125
Accrued interest	3,752	7,949
Other accrued liabilities	13,867	7,922
	\$66,985	\$68,754
	======	======

#### (8) LONG-TERM DEBT

The Company has outstanding the following borrowings on long-term debt arrangements at December 31, 1998 and 1997:

		1998		1997
Senior Credit Facility	\$	808,000	\$	949,750
13 1/2% Senior Subordinated Discount Notes		383,236		336,304
14 1/4% Senior Discount Notes		241,183		213,372
11 7/8% Senior Debentures		·		100,000
	1,	432,419	1	,599,426
Less current maturities		77,500		67,499
	\$1, ===	354,919	\$1 ==	,531,927 ======

The Company, through MCOC, maintains a senior credit facility ("Senior Credit Facility"), which provides for two term loan facilities, one with a principal amount of \$490,000 that matures on December 31, 2002 ("Tranche A") and the other with a principal amount of \$300,000 million that matures on April 30, 2004 ("Tranche B"). The Senior Credit Facility provides for scheduled amortization of the two term loan facilities which began in September 1997. The Senior Credit Facility also provides for a \$360,000 revolving credit facility ("Revolving Credit Facility"), with a maturity date of December 31, 2002. Amounts outstanding under the Senior Credit Facility bear interest at either the: i) Eurodollar rate, ii) prime rate, or iii) CD base rate or Federal Funds rate, plus a margin of up to 2.25%, which is subject to certain quarterly adjustments based on the ratio of MCOC's total debt to annualized operating cash flow, as defined. The variable interest rates ranged from 6.23% to 7.75% and 5.97% to 8.00% at December 23, 1998, and December 31, 1997, respectively. A quarterly commitment fee ranging from 0.250% to 0.375% per annum is payable on the unused commitment under the Senior Credit Facility.

On October 16, 1998, the Company entered into an agreement to amend its Senior Credit Facility. The amendment provides for, among other items, a reduction in the permitted leverage and cash flow ratios, a reduction in the interest rate charge under the Senior Credit Facility and a change in the restriction related to the use of cash proceeds from asset sales to allow such proceeds to be used to redeem the 11 7/8% Senior Debentures.

In 1995, the Company issued \$299,228 of 14 1/4% Senior Discount Notes due December 15, 2005 (the "14 1/4% Notes") for net proceeds of \$150,003. The 14 1/4% Notes are unsecured and rank pari passu to the 11 7/8% Debentures (defined below). The 14 1/4% Notes are redeemable at the option of MCHLLC at amounts decreasing from 107% to 100% of par beginning on June 15, 2000. No interest is payable until December 15, 2000. Thereafter interest is payable semi-annually until maturity. The discount on the 14 1/4% Notes is being accreted using the effective interest method. The unamortized discount was \$85,856 at December 31, 1997.

In 1994, the Company, through MCOC, issued \$413,461 face amount of 13 1/2% Senior Subordinated Discount Notes due August 1, 2004 (the "13 1/2% Notes") for net proceeds of \$215,000. The 13 1/2% Notes are unsecured, are guaranteed by MCHLLC and are redeemable, at the option of MCOC, at amounts decreasing from 105% to 100% of par beginning on August 1, 1999. No interest is payable on the 13 1/2% Notes until February 1, 2000. Thereafter, interest is payable semi-annually until maturity. The discount on the 13 1/2% Notes is being accreted using the effective interest method. The unamortized discount was \$77,157 at December 31, 1997.

In 1993, the Company issued \$100,000 principal amount of 11 7/8% Senior Debentures due October 1, 2005 (the "11 7/8% Debentures"). The 11 7/8% Debentures were unsecured and were redeemable at the option of the Company on or after October 1, 1998 at amounts decreasing from 105.9% to 100% of par at October 1, 2002, plus accrued interest, to the date of redemption. Interest on the 11 7/8% Debentures was payable semi-annually each April 1 and October 1 until maturity.

On July 1, 1998, \$4,500 face amount of the 14 1/4% Notes and \$500 face amount of the 11 7/8% Notes were tendered for gross tender payments of \$3,472 and \$520 respectively. The payments resulted in a gain on the retirement of the debt of \$753. On December 11, 1998, the 11 7/8% Notes were redeemed for a gross payment of \$107,668, including accrued interest. The redemption resulted in a loss on the retirement of the debt of \$9,059.

The 14 1/4% Notes, 13 1/2% Notes, 11 7/8% Debentures and Senior Credit Facility are all unsecured and require the Company and/or its subsidiaries to comply with various financial and other covenants, including the maintenance of certain operating and financial ratios. These debt instruments also contain substantial limitations on, or prohibitions of, distributions, additional indebtedness, liens, asset sales and certain other items.

#### (9) FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying and fair values of the Company's significant financial instruments as of December 31, 1998 and 1997 are as follows:

	1998		1997	
	CARRYING VALUE	FAIR VALUE	CARRYING VALUE	FAIR VALUE
Senior Credit Facility	\$808,000	\$808,000	\$949,750	\$949,750
13 1/2% Notes	383,236	418,629	336,304	381,418
14 1/4% Notes	241,183	279,992	213,372	258,084
11 7/8% Debentures			100,000	108,500

The carrying amount of the Senior Credit Facility approximates fair value as the outstanding borrowings bear interest at market rates. The fair values of the 14 1/4% Notes, 13 1/2% Notes, and 11 7/8% Debentures, are based on quoted market prices. The Company had interest rate swap agreements covering a notional amount of \$500,000 at December 31, 1998 and 1997. The fair value of such swap agreements was (\$5,761) at December 31, 1998.

The weighted average interest pay rate for the interest rate swap agreements was 5.7% at December 31, 1998, and 1997. Certain of these agreements allow for optional extension by the counterparty or for automatic extension in the event that one month LIBOR exceeds a stipulated rate on any monthly reset date. Approximately \$100,000 notional amount included in the \$500,000 notional amount described above is also modified by an interest rate cap agreement which resets monthly.

The notional amounts of the interest rate hedge agreements do not represent amounts exchanged by the parties and, thus, are not a measure of the Company's exposure through its use of interest rate hedge agreements. The amounts exchanged are determined by reference to the notional amount and the other terms of the contracts.

The fair values of the interest rate hedge agreements generally reflect the estimated amounts that the Company would receive or (pay) (excluding accrued interest) to terminate the contracts on the reporting date, thereby taking into account the current unrealized gains or losses of open contracts. Dealer quotations are available for the Company's interest rate hedge agreements.

Management believes that the sellers of the interest rate hedge agreements will be able to meet their obligations under the agreements. In addition, some of the interest rate hedge agreements are with certain of the participating banks under the Company's Senior Credit Facility thereby reducing the exposure to credit loss. The Company has policies regarding the financial stability and credit standing of the major counterparties. Nonperformance by the counterparties is not anticipated nor would it have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

#### (10) RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company and Charter entered into a management agreement on October 6, 1998 whereby Charter began to manage the day-to-day operations of the Company. In consideration for the management consulting services provided by Charter, Marcus pays Charter an annual fee equal to 3% of the gross revenues of the cable system operations, plus expenses. From October 6, 1998 to December 31, 1998, management fees under this agreement were \$3,341.

Prior to the consummation of the Vulcan Acquisition, affiliates of Goldman Sachs owned limited partnership interests in MCCLP. Maryland Cable Partners, L.P. ("Maryland Cable"), which was controlled by an affiliate of Goldman Sachs, owned the Maryland Cable systems. MCOC managed the Maryland Cable systems under the Maryland Cable Agreement. Pursuant to such agreement, MCOC earned a management fee equal to 4.7% of the revenues of Maryland Cable.

Effective January 31, 1997, Maryland Cable was sold to a third party. Pursuant to the Maryland Cable Agreement, MCOC recognized incentive management fees of \$5,069 during the twelve months ended December 31, 1997 in conjunction with the sale. Although MCOC is no longer involved in the active management of the Maryland Cable systems, MCOC has entered into an agreement with Maryland Cable to oversee the activities, if any, of Maryland Cable through the liquidation of the partnership. Pursuant to such agreement, MCOC earns a nominal monthly fee. During the year ended December 31, 1998, MCOC earned total management fees of \$555. Including the incentive management fees noted above, during the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1996, MCOC earned total management fees of \$5,614 and \$2,335, respectively.

#### (11) EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

The Company sponsors a 401(k) plan for its employees whereby employees that qualify for participation under the plan can contribute up to 15% of their salary, on a before tax basis, subject to a maximum contribution limit as determined by the Internal Revenue Service. The Company matches participant contributions up to a maximum of 2% of a participant's salary. For the years ended December 31, 1998, 1997 and 1996, the Company made contributions to the plan of \$765, \$761 and \$480, respectively.

#### (12) COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### LEASES

The Company leases certain facilities and equipment under noncancelable operating leases. Lease and rental costs charged to expense for the years ended December 31, 1998, 1997 and 1996 were \$3,394, \$3,230, and \$2,767, respectively. The Company also rents utility poles in its operations. Generally, pole rentals are cancelable on short notice, but the Company anticipates that such rentals will recur. Rent expense for pole attachments for the years ended December 31, 1998, 1997 and 1996 were \$4,081, \$4,314, and \$4,008, respectively.

### REGULATION IN THE CABLE TELEVISION INDUSTRY

The cable television industry is subject to extensive regulation at the federal, local and, in some instances, state levels. The Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 (the "1984 Cable Act"), the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (the "1992 Cable Act" and together with the 1984 Cable Act, the "Cable Acts"), and the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "1996 Telecom Act"), establish a national policy to guide the development and regulation of cable television systems. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has principal responsibility for implementing the policies of the Cable Acts. Many aspects of such regulation are currently the subject of judicial proceedings and administrative or legislative proposals. Legislation and regulations continue to change, and the Company cannot predict the impact of future developments on the cable television industry.

The 1992 Cable Act and the FCC's rules implementing that act generally have increased the administrative and operational expenses of cable television systems and have resulted in additional regulatory oversight by the FCC and local or state franchise authorities. The Cable Acts and the corresponding FCC regulations have established rate regulations.

The 1992 Cable Act permits certified local franchising authorities to order refunds of basic service tier rates paid in the previous twelve-month period determined to be in excess of the maximum permitted rates. As of December 23, 1998, the amount returned by the Company has been insignificant. The Company may be required to refund additional amounts in the future.

The Company believes that it has complied in all material respects with the provisions of the 1992 Cable Act, including the rate setting provisions promulgated by the FCC. However, in jurisdictions that have chosen not to certify, refunds covering the previous twelve-month period may be ordered upon certification if the Company is unable to justify its basic rates. The Company is unable to estimate at this time the amount of refunds, if any, that may be payable by the Company in the event certain of its rates are successfully challenged by franchising authorities or found to be unreasonable by the FCC. The Company does not believe that the amount of any such refunds would have a material adverse effect on the financial position or results of operations of the Company.

The 1996 Telecom Act, among other things, immediately deregulated the rates for certain small cable operators and in certain limited circumstances rates on the basic service tier, and as of March 31, 1999, deregulates rates on the cable programming service tier (CPST). The FCC is currently developing permanent regulations to implement the rate deregulation provisions of the 1996 Telecom Act. The Company cannot predict the ultimate effect of the 1996 Telecom Act on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

The FCC may further restrict the ability of cable television operators to implement rate increases or the United States Congress may enact legislation that could delay or suspend the scheduled March 1999 termination of CPST rate regulation. This continued rate regulation, if adopted, could limit the rates charged by the Company.

A number of states subject cable television systems to the jurisdiction of centralized state governmental agencies, some of which impose regulation of a character similar to that of a public utility. State governmental agencies are required to follow FCC rules when prescribing rate regulation, and thus, state regulation of cable television rates is not allowed to be more restrictive than the federal or local regulation.

#### LITIGATION

In Alabama, Indiana, Texas and Wisconsin, customers have filed punitive class action lawsuits on behalf of all person residing in those respective states who are or were potential customers of the Company's cable television service, and who have been charged a processing fee for delinquent payment of their cable bill. The actions challenge the legality of the processing fee and seek declaratory judgment, injunctive relief and unspecified damages. In Alabama and Wisconsin, the Company has entered into joint speculation and case management orders with attorneys for plaintiffs. A Motion to Dismiss is pending in Indiana. The Company intends to vigorously defend the actions. At this stage of the actions, the Company is not able to project the expenses of defending the actions or the potential outcome of the actions, including the impact on the consolidated financial position or results of operations.

The Company is also party to lawsuits which are generally incidental to its business. In the opinion of management, after consulting with legal counsel, the outcome of these lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

# (13) SUBSEQUENT EVENT (UNAUDITED)

In March 1999, concurrent with the issuance of Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes, the combined company (Charter and the Company, see note 1) extinguished all long-term debt, excluding borrowings of Charter and the Company under their respective credit agreements, and refinanced all existing credit agreements at various subsidiaries of the Company and Charter with a new credit agreement entered into by a wholly owned subsidiary of the combined company.

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Directors of Renaissance Media Group LLC

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Renaissance Media Group LLC (the "Company") as of April 30, 1999 and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in members' equity, and cash flows for the four months ended April 30, 1999. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Company at April 30, 1999, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for the four months then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

New York, New York June 4, 1999 except for Note 11, as to which the date is June 29, 1999

# RENAISSANCE MEDIA GROUP LLC

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

(IN THOUSANDS)

	APRIL 30, 1999
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,400 520 492 416 76,250 (10,706)
Cable television franchises Less: accumulated amortization	65,544  238,429 (16,754)  221,675
Intangible assets Less: accumulated amortization	17,544 (1,525)
Net investment in cable television systems  Total assets	303,238  \$310,066
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY Accounts payable	\$ 546 3,222 657 650 213,402
Total liabilities	218,477
Members' equity: Paid-in capital Accumulated deficit	108,600 (17,011)
Total members' equity	91,589
Total liabilities and members' equity	\$310,066 ======

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

# RENAISSANCE MEDIA GROUP LLC CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (IN THOUSANDS)

	FOUR MONTHS ENDED APRIL 30, 1999
Revenues Costs and expenses:	\$20,396
Service costs Selling, general and administrative Depreciation and amortization	6,325 3,057 8,912
Operating income	2,102 122 (6,321)
(Loss) before credit for taxes	(4,097) 65
Net (loss)	\$(4,032) ======

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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# RENAISSANCE MEDIA GROUP LLC CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY (IN THOUSANDS)

	PAID-IN CAPITAL	ACCUMULATED DEFICIT	TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY
Balance December 31, 1998	\$108,600	\$(12,979)	\$95,621
Net (loss)		(4,032)	(4,032)
Balance April 30, 1999	\$108,600	\$(17,011)	\$91,589
	======	=======	======

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(IN THOUSANDS)

	FOUR MONTHS ENDED APRIL 30, 1999
OPERATING ACTIVITIES Net (loss)	\$(4,032)
Depreciation and amortization	8,912 3,528 322
Accounts receivable trade, net	206 92 (75) (1,496) (3,449) 49 (150)
Net cash provided by operating activities	3,907
INVESTING ACTIVITIES Purchased cable television systems: Property, plant and equipment. Cable television franchises. Escrow deposit. Capital expenditures. Other intangible assets.	(830) (1,940) 150 (4,250) 16
Net cash used in investing activities	(6,854)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES Repayment of advances from Holdings  Net cash used in financing activities	(135)  (135)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(3,082) 8,482
Cash and cash equivalents at April 30, 1999	\$ 5,400
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES Interest paid	\$ 4,210 ======

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(ALL DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

#### 1. ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Renaissance Media Group LLC ("Group") a wholly owned subsidiary of Renaissance Media Holdings LLC ("Holdings"), was formed in March 1998 to own and operate cable television systems in small and medium sized markets, which provide programming, and other related services, to subscribers through its hybrid coaxial and fiber optic distribution plant for a monthly fee. Group and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Renaissance Media (Louisiana) LLC ("Louisiana"), Renaissance Media (Tennessee) LLC ("Tennessee"), and Renaissance Media LLC ("Media") are collectively referred to as the "Company". On April 9, 1998, the Company acquired six cable television systems (the "Acquisition") from TWI Cable, Inc., a subsidiary of Time Warner Inc. ("Time Warner"). Prior to the Acquisition, the Company had no operations other than start-up related activities.

On February 23, 1999, Holdings, Charter Communications, Inc. ("Charter"), now known as Charter Investment, Inc. and Charter Communications, LLC ("Buyer" or "CC LLC") executed a purchase agreement (the "Charter Purchase Agreement"), providing for Holdings to sell and Buyer to purchase, all of the outstanding limited liability company membership interests in Group held by Holdings (the "Charter Transaction") subject to certain covenants and restrictions pending satisfaction of certain conditions prior to closing. The purchase price was \$459,000, consisting of \$348,000 in cash and \$111,000 in assumed debt. On April 30, 1999, the Charter Transaction was consummated.

These financial statements have been prepared as of and for the four months ended April 30, 1999 immediately prior to the consummation of the Charter Transaction.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

During 1998, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement No. "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" ("SFAS No. 133"). SFAS No. 133 establishes accounting and reporting standards requiring that every derivative instrument (including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts) be recorded in the balance sheet as either an asset or liability measured at its fair value and that changes in the derivative's fair value be recognized currently in earnings unless specific hedge accounting criteria are met. Special accounting for qualifying hedges allows a derivative's gains and losses to offset related results on the hedged item in the income statement, and requires that a company must formally document, designate and assess the effectiveness of transactions that receive hedge accounting. SFAS No. "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities -- Deferral of the Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 133 -- An Amendment of FASB Statement No. 133" has delayed the effective date of SFAS No. 133 to fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2000. The adoption of SFAS No. 133 is not expected to have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

# PRINCIPLES OF CONSOLIDATION

The consolidated financial statements of the Company include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries. Significant inter-company accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

### CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

A significant portion of the customer base is concentrated within the local geographical area of each of the individual cable television systems. The Company generally extends credit to customers and the ultimate collection of accounts receivable could be affected by the local economy. Management performs continuous credit evaluations of its customers and may require cash in advance or other special arrangements from certain

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#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### (ALL DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

customers. Management does not believe that there is any significant credit risk which could have a material effect on the Company's financial condition.

#### CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and investments in short-term, highly liquid securities, which have maturities when purchased of three months or less.

### PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment is recorded at purchased and capitalized cost. Capitalized internal costs principally consist of employee costs and interest on funds borrowed during construction. Capitalized labor, materials and associated overhead amounted to approximately \$721 for the four months ended April 30, 1999. Replacements, renewals and improvements to installed cable plant are capitalized. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred. Depreciation expense for the four months ended April 30, 1999 amounted to \$3,434.

Property, plant and equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated service lives:  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

Buildings and leasehold improvements	5-30 years
Cable systems, equipment and subscriber devices	5-30 years
Transportation equipment	3-5 years
Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	5-10 years

#### Property, plant and equipment at April 30, 1999 consisted of:

Land Buildings and leasehold improvements	\$ 436 1,445
Cable systems, equipment and subscriber devices  Transportation equipment	64,658 2,301
Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	923
Construction in progress	6,487
Less: accumulated depreciation	76,250 (10,706)
Total	\$65,544 ======

# CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISES AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Cable television franchise costs include the assigned fair value, at the date of acquisition, of the franchises from purchased cable television systems. Intangible assets include goodwill, deferred financing and other intangible assets. Cable television franchises and intangible assets are amortized using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Cable television franchises	15	years
Goodwill	25	years
Deferred financing and other intangible assets	2-10	years

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

(ALL DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

Intangible assets at April 30, 1999 consisted of:

Goodwill  Deferred financing costs  Other intangible assets	8,307 629
	17,544
Less: accumulated amortization	(1,525)
Total	\$16,019

The Company reviews the carrying value of its long-lived assets, including property, plant and equipment, cable television franchises and intangible assets, whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. To the extent the estimated future cash inflows attributable to the asset, less estimated future cash outflows, is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent that the carrying value of such asset is greater than its fair value.

#### REVENUES AND COSTS

Subscriber fees are recorded as revenue in the period the related services are provided and advertising revenues are recognized in the period the related advertisements are exhibited. Rights to exhibit programming are purchased from various cable networks. The costs of such rights are generally expensed as the related services are made available to subscribers.

#### ADVERTISING COSTS

Advertising costs are expensed upon the first exhibition of the related advertisements and are recorded net of marketing credits earned from launch incentive and cooperative advertising programs.

During the four months ended April 30, 1999 the company earned marketing credits in excess of advertising expense incurred. Advertising expense and marketing credits amounted to \$263 and \$306, respectively, for the four months ended April 30, 1999.

# ESTIMATES USED IN FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# 3. ACQUISITIONS

# BAYOU VISION, INC.

On February 3, 1999, Media acquired the cable television assets of Bayou Vision, Inc. and Gulf South Cable, Inc. serving approximately 1,950 subscribers in the Villages of Estherwood, Morse and Mermentau and Acadia and Livingston Parish, Louisiana. The cash purchase price was approximately \$2,700 and was paid out of available Company funds.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

(ALL DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

#### 4. DEBT

As of April 30, 1999, debt consisted of:

10% Senior Discount Notes at accreted value (a)	. ,
	\$213,402
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- (a) On April 9, 1998, the Company issued \$163,175 principal amount at maturity, \$100,012 initial accreted value, of 10% senior discount notes due 2008 (the "Notes"). The Notes pay no cash interest until April 15, 2003. From and after April 15, 2003 the Notes will bear interest, payable semi-annually in cash, at a rate of 10% per annum on April 15 and October 15 of each year, commencing October 15, 2003. The Notes are due on April 15, 2008. The fair market value of the Notes at April 30, 1999 was \$116,262. See Note 11 regarding the offer to repurchase the Notes.
- (b) On April 9, 1998, Media entered into a credit agreement among Morgan Stanlev & Co. Incorporated as Placement Agent, Morgan Stanley Senior Funding Inc., as Syndication Agent, the Lenders, CIBC Inc., as Documentation Agent and Bankers Trust Company as Administrative Agent (the "Credit Agreement"). T aggregate commitments under the Credit Agreement total \$150,000, consisting of a \$40,000 revolver (the "Revolver"), \$60,000 Tranche A Term Loans and \$50,000 Tranche B Term Loans (collectively the "Term Loans"). The Revolver and Term Loans are collateralized by a first lien position on all present and future assets and the member's interest of Media, Louisiana and Tennessee. The Credit Agreement provides for interest at varying rates based upon various borrowing options and the attainment of certain financial ratios and for commitment fees of 1/2% on the unused portion of the revolver. Management believes the terms are comparable to those that could be obtained from third parties. The effective interest rate, including commitment fees and amortization of related deferred financing costs and the interest-rate cap, for the four months ended April 30, 1999 was 7.58%. See Note 11 regarding the repayment of amounts outstanding under the Credit Agreement upon consummation of the Charter Transaction. The Credit Agreement and the indenture pursuant to which the Notes were issued contain restrictive covenants on the Company regarding additional indebtedness, investment guarantees, loans, acquisitions, dividends and merger or sale of the subsidiaries and require the maintenance of certain financial ratios.

# 5. INTEREST RATE CAP AGREEMENT

The Company purchases interest rate cap agreements that are designed to limit its exposure to increasing interest rates and are designated to its floating rate debt. The strike price of these agreements exceeds the current market levels at the time they are entered into. The interest rate indices specified by the agreements have been and are expected to be highly correlated with the interest rates the Company incurs on its floating rate debt. Payments to be received as a result of the specified interest rate index exceeding the strike price are accrued in other assets and are recognized as a reduction of interest expense (the accrual accounting method). The cost of these agreements is included in other assets and amortized to interest expense ratably during the life of the agreement. Upon termination of interest rate cap agreements, any gain is deferred in other liabilities and amortized over the remaining term of the original contractual life of the agreement as a reduction of interest expense.

The Company purchased an interest rate cap agreement from Morgan Stanley Capital Services Inc. The carrying value as of April 30, 1999 was \$34. The fair value of the interest rate cap was \$0 as of April 30, 1999.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

(ALL DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

The following table summarizes the interest rate cap agreement:

NOTIONAL				INITIAL	FIXED RATE
PRINCIPAL		EFFECTIVE	TERMINATION	CONTRACT	(PAY
AMOUNT	TERM	DATE	DATE	COST	RATE)
\$100,000	2 Years	12/1/97	12/1/99	\$100	7.25%

#### TAXES

For the four months ended April 30, 1999, the credit for taxes has been calculated on a separate company basis. The components of the credit for taxes are as follows:

	FOUR MONTHS ENDED APRIL 30, 1999
Federal: Current Deferred.	\$
State:	 (65)
(Credit) for taxes	\$(65) ====

The Company's current state tax credit results from overpayment in 1998 of franchise tax in Tennessee and Mississippi and tax on capital in New York.

The Company has a net operating loss ("NOL") carry-forward for income tax purposes which is available to offset future taxable income. This NOL totals approximately \$22,324 and will expire in the year 2018 and 2019 at \$14,900 and \$7,424 respectively. The Company has established a valuation allowance to offset the entire potential future tax benefit of the NOL carry-forward and, therefore, has recognized no deferred tax asset with respect to the NOL.

Louisiana and Tennessee have elected to be treated as corporations for federal income tax purposes and have not recorded any tax benefit for their losses as the realization of these losses by reducing future taxable income in the carry forward period is uncertain at this time.

# 7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

# (A) Transactions with Morgan Stanley entities

In connection with the Acquisition, Media entered into the Credit Agreement with Morgan Stanley Senior Funding Inc. and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated (collectively the "Morgan Stanley Entities") acted as the Placement Agent for the Notes. In connection with these services the Morgan Stanley Entities received customary fees and expense reimbursement comparable to that of a third party exchange.

# (B) Transactions with Time Warner and related parties

In connection with the Acquisition, Media entered into an agreement with Time Warner (the "Time Warner Agreement"), pursuant to which Time Warner managed the Company's programming in exchange for providing the Company access to certain Time Warner programming arrangements (the "Programming Arrangements"). Management believes that programming rates made available to the Company through its

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

(ALL DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

relationship with Time Warner are lower than rates that the Company could obtain separately. Such volume rates will not continue to be available after the Charter Transaction.

For the four months ended April 30, 1999, the Company incurred approximately \$2,716 in costs under the Programming Arrangements. In addition, the Company has incurred programming costs of approximately \$958 for programming services owned directly or indirectly by Time Warner entities for the four months ended April 30, 1999.

#### (C) Transactions with board member

The Company has utilized the law firm of one of its board members for legal services for the Acquisition, financing agreements and various ongoing legal matters. These fees totaled approximately \$154 for the four months ended April 30, 1999.

#### 8. ACCRUED EXPENSES

Accrued expenses as of April 30, 1999 consist of the following:

Accrued franchise fees	3	544 516 340 231 43
	\$3,2	

#### 9. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

The Company sponsors a defined contribution plan which covers substantially all employees (the "Plan"). The Plan provides for contributions from eligible employees up to 15% of their compensation subject to Internal Revenue Code limitations. The Company's contribution to the Plan is limited to 50% of each eligible employee's contribution up to 10% of his or her compensation. The Company has the right in any year to set the amount of the Company's contribution percentage. Company matching contributions to the Plan for the four months ended April 30, 1999 were approximately \$54. All participant contributions and earnings are fully vested upon contribution and Company contributions and earnings vest 20% per year of employment with the Company, becoming fully vested after five years.

In connection with the Charter Transaction, the Plan's assets were frozen as of April 30, 1999, and employees became fully vested. Effective July 1, 1999, the Company's employees with two months of service are eligible to participate in the Charter Communications, Inc. 401(k) Plan.

## 10. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

# (A) Leases

The Company had rental expense under various lease and rental agreements primarily for offices, tower sites and warehouses of approximately \$59 for the four months ended April 30, 1999. In addition, the Company rents utility poles in its operations generally under short term arrangements, but the Company expects these arrangements to recur. Total rent expense for utility poles was approximately \$272 for the four months ended April 30, 1999.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

(ALL DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

Future minimum annual rental payments under noncancellable leases are as follows:

2000	
2001	21
Total	

# (B) Employment Agreements

Media entered into employment agreements with six senior executives, who are also investors in Holdings, for the payment of salaries and bonuses. In connection with the Charter Transaction, the employment agreements with the six senior executives were terminated with no liability to the Company.

#### (C) Other Agreements

In exchange for certain flexibility in establishing cable rate pricing structures for regulated services that went into effect on January 1, 1996, Time Warner agreed with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to invest in certain upgrades to its cable infrastructure (consisting primarily of materials and labor in connection with the plant upgrades up to 750 MHz) by November 30, 2000. This agreement with the FCC (the "FCC Agreement") has been assumed by the Company as part of the Acquisition and did not terminate as a result of the Charter Transaction. The Company has agreed to invest approximately \$25,100 in upgrades to its cable infrastructure in accordance with the FCC Agreement.

The Company has spent approximately \$3,650 on such upgrades as of April 30,1999.

#### 11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Charter Transaction was consummated at the close of business on April 30, 1999. In connection with the closing of the Charter Transaction, all amounts outstanding under the Credit Agreement, including accrued interest and unpaid fees, were paid in full and the Credit Agreement was terminated. The effects of the debt repayment and the CC LLC capital contribution will be reflected in the consolidated financial statements of the Company for periods subsequent to April 30, 1999.

In connection with the closing of the Charter Transaction, the Time Warner Agreement was terminated on April 30, 1999 and Media paid Time Warner \$650 for deferred marketing credits owed to program providers under the Programming Arrangements. See Note 7 (Transactions with Time Warner and related parties).

On May 28, 1999, as a result of the Charter Transaction (i.e., change of control) and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the indenture governing the Notes, the Company made an offer (the "Tender Offer") to purchase any and all of the Notes at 101% of their accreted value, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, through June 28, 1999. The Tender Offer expired on June 23, 1999, whereby 48,762 notes (\$1,000 face amount at maturity) were validly tendered and accepted for purchase. On June 28, 1999, Charter Communications Operating, LLC, the indirect parent of Group, paid a sum of \$34,223 for all of the Notes validly tendered. Accordingly, the Company recorded this payment for the extinguishment of debt as a capital contribution.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

(ALL DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

# 12. MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (UNAUDITED)

Effective May 1, 1999, the Company is charged a management fee equal to 3.5% of revenues, as stipulated in the previous management agreement between Charter and Charter Communications Operating, LLC ("CCO"), the indirect parent of Group. To the extent that management fees charged to the Company are greater/(less) than the proportionate share (based on basic subscribers) of corporate expenses incurred by Charter on behalf of the Company, Group will record distributions to/(capital contributions from) Charter. On November 12, 1999, Charter and CCO entered into a revised management agreement eliminating the 3.5% management fee and entitling Charter to reimbursement from CCO of all of its costs incurred in connection with the performance of its services under the revised management agreement.

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Directors of Renaissance Media Group LLC

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Renaissance Media Group LLC as of December 31, 1998 and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in members' equity, and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 1998. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Renaissance Media Group LLC at December 31, 1998, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

New York, New York February 22, 1999 except for Note 11, as to which the date is February 24, 1999

# RENAISSANCE MEDIA GROUP LLC CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1998 (IN THOUSANDS)

# ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,482
accounts of \$92)	726
Accounts receivable other	584 340
Escrow deposit	150
Property, plant and equipmentLess: Accumulated depreciation	71,246 (7,294)
	63,952
Cable television franchises Less: Accumulated amortization	236,489 (11,473)
	225,016
Intangible assetsLess: Accumulated amortization	17,559 (1,059)
	16,500
Total investment in cable television systems	305,468
Total assets	\$315,750 ======
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY	
Accounts payable	\$ 2,042 6,670 608 800 135 209,874
Total Liabilities	220,129
Members' Equity: Paid in capital Accumulated deficit.	108,600 (12,979)
Total members' equity	95,621
Total liabilities and members' equity	\$315,750 ======

<sup>(</sup>a) includes accrued costs from transactions with affiliated companies of \$921.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.  ${\scriptsize \textbf{F-120}}$ 

# RENAISSANCE MEDIA GROUP LLC CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998 (IN THOUSANDS)

REVENUES	\$ 41,524
COSTS & EXPENSES	
Service Costs(a)	13,326
Selling, General & Administrative	7,711
Depreciation & Amortization	19,107
Operating Income	1,380
Interest Income	158
Interest (Expense) (b)	(14,358)
(Loss) Before Provision for Taxes	(12,820)
Provision for Taxes	135
Net (Loss)	\$(12,955)
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<sup>(</sup>a) includes costs from transactions with affiliated companies of \$7,523.

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<sup>(</sup>b) includes \$676 of amortization of deferred financing costs.

# RENAISSANCE MEDIA GROUP LLC CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998 (IN THOUSANDS)

	PAID		TOTAL
	IN	ACCUMULATED	MEMBER'S
	CAPITAL	(DEFICIT)	EQUITY
Contributed Members' Equity Renaissance Media Holdings			
LLC and Renaissance Media LLC	\$ 15,000	\$ (24)	\$14,976
Additional capital contributions	93,600		93,600
Net (Loss)		(12,955)	(12,955)
Balance December 31, 1998	\$108,600	\$(12,979)	\$95,621
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# RENAISSANCE MEDIA GROUP LLC CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998 (IN THOUSANDS)

OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Net (loss)Adjustments to non-cash and non-operating items:	\$(12,955)
Depreciation and amortization	19,107
Accretion on Senior Discount Notes	7,363 730
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	700
Accounts receivable trade, net	(726)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(584) (338)
Accounts payable	2,031
Accrued expenses	6,660 608
Deferred marketing support	800
Net cash provided by operating activities	22,696
Net bush provided by operating activities	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Purchased cable television systems:	
Property, plant and equipment	(65,580)
Cable television franchises	(235, 412)
Cash paid in excess of identifiable assets  Escrow deposit	(8,608) (150)
Capital expenditures	(5,683)
Cable television franchises	(1,077) (526)
other intangible assets	(320)
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(317,036)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	,
Debt acquisition costs  Principal repayments on bank debt	(8,323) (7,500)
Advances from Holdings	33
Proceeds from bank debtProceeds from 10% Senior Discount Notes	110,000 100,012
Capital contributions	108,600
Net cash provided by financing activities	302,822
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	8,482
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1997	·
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1998	\$ 8,482
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES:	======
INTEREST PAID	\$ 4,639
	=======

See accompanying notes to financial statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{\textbf{F-123}}}$ 

# ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Renaissance Media Group LLC ("Group") was formed on March 13, 1998 by Renaissance Media Holdings LLC ("Holdings"). Holdings is owned by Morgan Stanley Capital Partners III, L.P. ("MSCP III"), Morgan Stanley Capital Investors, L.P. ("MSCI"), MSCP III 892 Investors, L.P. ("MSCP Investors" and, collectively, with its affiliates, MSCP III and MSCI and their respective affiliates, the "Morgan Stanley Entities"), Time Warner and the Management Investors. On March 20, 1998, Holdings contributed to Group its membership interests in two wholly-owned subsidiaries; Renaissance Media (Louisiana) LLC ("Louisiana") and Renaissance Media (Tennessee"), which were formed on January 7, 1998. Louisiana and Tennessee acquired a 76% interest and 24% interest, respectively, in Renaissance Media LLC ("Media") from Morgan Stanley Capital Partners III, Inc. ("MSCP"), on February 13, 1998 through an acquisition of entities under common control accounted for as if it were a pooling of interests. As a result, Media became a subsidiary of Group and Holdings. Group and its aforementioned subsidiaries are collectively referred to as the "Company". On April 9, 1998, the Company acquired (the "Acquisition") six cable television systems (the "Systems") from TWI Cable, Inc. ("TWI Cable"), a subsidiary of Time Warner Inc. ("Time Warner"). See Note 3. Prior to this Acquisition, the Company had no operations other than start-up related activities.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

During fiscal 1998, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" ("FAS 133").

FAS 133 provides a comprehensive and consistent standard for the recognition and measurement of derivatives and hedging activities. The Company will adopt FAS 133 as of January 1, 2000. The impact of the adoption on the Company's consolidated financial statements is not expected to be material.

#### PRINCIPLES OF CONSOLIDATION

The consolidated financial statements of the Company include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries. Significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

### CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

A significant portion of the customer base is concentrated within the local geographical area of each of the individual cable television systems. The Company generally extends credit to customers and the ultimate collection of accounts receivable could be affected by the local economy. Management performs continuous credit evaluations of its customers and may require cash in advance or other special arrangements from certain customers. Management does not believe that there is any significant credit risk which could have a material effect on the Company's financial condition.

#### REVENUE AND COSTS

Subscriber fees are recorded as revenue in the period the related services are provided and advertising revenues are recognized in the period the related advertisements are exhibited. Rights to exhibit programming are purchased from various cable networks. The costs of such rights are generally expensed as the related services are made available to subscribers.

#### ADVERTISING COSTS

Advertising costs are expensed upon the first exhibition of the related advertisements. Advertising expense amounted to \$491 in 1998.

#### CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and investments in short-term, highly liquid securities, which have maturities when purchased of three months or less.

# PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment is recorded at purchased and capitalized cost. Capitalized internal costs principally, consist of employee costs and interest on funds borrowed during construction. Capitalized labor, materials and associated overhead amounted to approximately \$1,429 in 1998. Replacements, renewals and improvements to installed cable plant are capitalized. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred. Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 1998 amounted to \$7,314. Property, plant and equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated service lives:

Buildings and leasehold improvements	5 -	30	vears
			,
Cable systems, equipment and subscriber devices	5 -	30	years
Transportation equipment	3 -	5	years
Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	5 -	10	vears

#### Property, plant and equipment at December 31, 1998 consisted of:

Land  Buildings and leasehold improvements  Cable systems, equipment and subscriber devices  Transportation equipment  Furniture, Fixtures and office equipment  Construction in progress.	\$ 432 1,347 62,740 2,181 904 3,642
Less: accumulated depreciation	71,246

### CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISES AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Cable television franchise costs include the assigned fair value, at the date of acquisition, of the franchises from purchased cable television systems. Intangible assets include goodwill, deferred financing and other intangible assets. Cable television franchises and intangible assets are amortized using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Cable television franchises	15 years
Goodwill	25 years
Deferred financing and other intangible assets	2 - 10 vears

Intangible assets at December 31, 1998 consisted of:

Goodwill  Deferred Financing Costs  Other intangible assets	8,323
Less: accumulated amortization	17,559 (1,059)
Total	\$16,500

The Company periodically reviews the carrying value of its long-lived assets, including property, plant and equipment, cable television franchises and intangible assets, whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. To the extent the estimated future cash inflows attributable to the asset, less estimated future cash outflows, is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent that the carrying value of such asset is greater than its fair value.

#### ESTIMATES USED IN FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### 3. ACQUISITIONS

#### TWI CABLE

On April 9, 1998, the Company acquired six cable television systems from TWI Cable. The systems are clustered in southern Louisiana, western Mississippi and western Tennessee. This Acquisition represented the first acquisition by the Company. The purchase price for the systems was \$309,500 which was paid as follows: TWI Cable received \$300,000 in cash, inclusive of an escrow deposit of #15,000, and a \$9,500 (9,500 units) equity interest in Renaissance Media Holdings LLC, the parent company of Group. In addition to the purchase price, the Company incurred approximately \$1,385 in transaction costs, exclusive of financing costs.

The Acquisition was accounted for using the purchase method and, accordingly, results of operations are reported from the date of the Acquisition (April 9, 1998). The excess of the purchase price over the estimated fair value of the tangible assets acquired has been allocated to cable television franchises and goodwill in the amount of \$235,387 and \$8,608, respectively.

# DEFFNER CABLE

On August 31, 1998, the Company acquired the assets of Deffner Cable, a cable television company located in Gadsden, Tennessee. The purchase price was \$100 and was accounted for using the purchase method. The allocation of the purchase price is subject to change, although management does not believe that any material adjustment to such allocation is expected.

### BAYOU VISION, INC.

On February 3, 1999, Media acquired the cable television assets of Bayou Vision, Inc. and Gulf South Cable, Inc. serving approximately 1,950 subscribers in the Villages of Estherwood, Morse and Mermentau and Acadia and Livingston Parish, Louisiana. The cash purchase price was approximately \$2,700 and was paid out of available Company funds.

Unaudited Pro Forma summarized results of operations for the Company for the year ended December 31, 1998 and 1997, assuming the Acquisition, Notes (as hereinafter defined) offering and Credit Agreement (as hereinafter defined) had been consummated on January 1, 1998 and 1997, are as follows:

	YEAR ENDED	DECEMBER 31
	1997 	1998
Revenues	\$ 50,987 53,022	\$ 56,745 55,210
Operating (loss) income	` ' '	1,535 (19,699)
Net (Loss)	\$(21,775)	\$(18,164)

#### 4. DEBT

As of December 31, 1998, debt consisted of:

10.00% Senior Discount Notes at Accreted Value(a)	\$107,374
Credit Agreement(b)	102,500
	\$209,874

- (a) On April 9, 1998, in connection with the Acquisition described in Note 3, the Company issued \$163,175 principal amount at maturity, \$100,012 initial accreted value, of 10.00% senior discount notes due 2008 ("Notes"). The Notes pay no interest until April 15, 2003. From and after April 15, 2003 the Notes will bear interest, payable semi-annually in cash, at a rate of 10% per annum on April 15 and October 15 of each year, commencing October 15, 2003. The Notes are due on April 15, 2008.
- (b) On April 9, 1998, Renaissance Media entered into a credit agreement among Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated as Placement Agent, Morgan Stanley Senior Funding Inc., as Syndication Agent, the Lenders, CIBC Inc., as Documentation Agent and Bankers Trust Company as Administrative Agent (the "Credit Agreement"). The aggregate commitments under the Credit Agreement total \$150,000, consisting of a \$40,000 revolver, \$60,000 Tranche A Term Loans and \$50,000 Tranche B Term Loans (collectively the "Term Loans"). The revolving credit and term loans are collateralized by a first lien position on all present and future assets and the member's interest of Media, Louisiana and Tennessee. The Credit Agreement provides for interest at varying rates based upon various borrowing options and the attainment of certain financial ratios and for commitment fees of 1/2% on the unused portion of the revolver. The effective interest rate, including commitment fees and amortization of related deferred financing costs and the interest-rate cap, for the year ended December 31, 1998 was 8.82%.

On April 9, 1998, \$110,000 was borrowed under the Credit Agreement's Tranche A and B Term Loans. On June 23, 1998, \$7,500 was repaid resulting in \$102,500 of outstanding Tranche A and B Term Loans as of December 31, 1998.

As of December 31, 1998, the Company had unrestricted use of the \$40,000 revolver. No borrowings had been made by the Company under the revolver through that date.

(ALL DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

Annual maturities of borrowings under the Credit Agreement for the years ending December 31 are as follows:

1999	\$ 776	
2000	1,035	
2001	2,701	
2002	9,506	
2003	11,590	
2004	11,590	
Thereafter	65,302	
	102,500	
Less: Current portion	(776)	)
	\$101,724	
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The Credit Agreement and the Indenture pursuant to which the Notes were issued contain restrictive covenants on the Company and subsidiaries regarding additional indebtedness, investment guarantees, loans, acquisitions, dividends and merger or sale of the subsidiaries and require the maintenance of certain financial ratios.

Total interest cost incurred for the year ended December 31, 1998, including commitment fees and amortization of deferred financing and interest-rate cap costs was \$14,358, net of capitalized interest of \$42.

#### 5. INTEREST RATE-CAP AGREEMENT

The Company purchases interest-rate cap agreements that are designed to limit its exposure to increasing interest rates and are designated to its floating rate debt. The strike price of these agreements exceeds the current market levels at the time they are entered into. The interest rate indices specified by the agreements have been and are expected to be highly correlated with the interest rates the Company incurs on its floating rate debt. Payments to be received as a result of the specified interest rate index exceeding the strike price are accrued in other assets and are recognized as a reduction of interest expense (the accrual accounting method). The cost of these agreements is included in other assets and amortized to interest expense ratably during the life of the agreement. Upon termination of an interest-rate cap agreement, any gain is deferred in other liabilities and amortized over the remaining term of the original contractual life of the agreement as a reduction of interest expense.

On December 1, 1997, the Company purchased an interest-rate cap agreement from Morgan Stanley Capital Services Inc. The carrying value as of December 31, 1998 was \$47. The fair value of the interest-rate cap, which is based upon the estimated amount that the Company would receive or pay to terminate the cap agreement as of December 31, 1998, taking into consideration current interest rates and the credit worthiness of the counterparties, approximates its carrying value.

The following table summarizes the interest-rate cap agreement:

NOTIONAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	TERM	EFFECTIVE DATE	TERMINATION DATE	INITIAL CONTRACT COST	FIXED RATE (PAY RATE)	
\$100,000	2 years	12/1/97	12/1/99	\$100	7.25%	

#### TAXES

For the year ended December 31, 1998, the provision for income taxes has been calculated on a separate company basis. The components of the provision for income taxes are as follows:

	YEAR ENDED
	DECEMBER 31, 1998
Federal:	
Current	\$
Deferred	
State:	
Current	135
Deferred	
Provision for income taxes	\$135
	====

The Company's current state tax liability results from its obligation to pay franchise tax in Tennessee and Mississippi and tax on capital in New York.

The Company has a net operating loss ("NOL") carryforward for income tax purposes which is available to offset future taxable income. This NOL totals approximately \$14,900 and expires in the year 2018. The Company has established a valuation allowance to offset the entire potential future tax benefit of the NOL carryforward and, therefore, has recognized no deferred tax asset with respect to the NOL.

Louisiana and Tennessee have elected to be treated as corporations for federal income tax purposes and have not recorded any tax benefit for their losses as the realization of theses losses by reducing future taxable income in the carry forward period is uncertain at this time.

#### 7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

# (a) TRANSACTIONS WITH MORGAN STANLEY ENTITIES

In connection with the Acquisition, Media entered into the Credit Agreement with Morgan Stanley Senior Funding Inc. and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated acted as the Placement Agent for the Notes. In connection with these services the Morgan Stanley Entities received customary fees and expense reimbursement.

# (b) TRANSACTIONS WITH TIME WARNER AND RELATED PARTIES

In connection with the Acquisition, Media entered into an agreement with Time Warner, pursuant to which Time Warner manages the Company's programming in exchange for providing the Company access to certain Time Warner programming arrangements.

# (c) Transactions with Management

Prior to the consummation of the Acquisition described in Note 3, Media paid fees in 1998 to six senior executives of the Company who are investors in the Company (the "Management Investors") for services rendered prior to their employment by Media relating to the Acquisition and the Credit Agreement. These fees totaled \$287 and were recorded as transaction and financing costs.

#### (d) DUE TO MANAGEMENT INVESTORS

Prior to the formation of the Company, the Management Investors advanced \$1,000 to Holdings, which was used primarily for working capital purposes. Upon formation of the Company, Holdings contributed certain assets and liabilities to Group and the \$1,000 advance from the Management Investors was recorded as paid in capital.

#### (e) TRANSACTIONS WITH BOARD MEMBER

The Company has utilized the law firm of one of its board members for legal services for the Acquisition, financing agreements and various ongoing legal matters. These fees totaled approximately \$1,348 for the year ended December 31, 1998.

#### 8. ACCRUED EXPENSES

Accrued expenses as of December 31, 1998 consist of the following:

Accrued programming costs	\$1,986
Accrued interest	1,671
Accrued franchise fees	1,022
Accrued legal and professional fees,	254
Accrued salaries, wages and benefits	570
Accrued property and sales tax	637
Other accrued expenses	
	\$6,670
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#### 9. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

Effective April 9, 1998, the Company began sponsoring a defined contribution plan which covers substantially all employees (the "Plan"). The Plan provides for contributions from eligible employees up to 15% of their compensation. The Company's contribution to the Plan is limited to 50% of each eligible employee's contribution up to 10% of his or her compensation. The Company has the right in any year to set the amount of the Company's contribution percentage. Company matching contributions to the Plan for the year ended December 31, 1998 were approximately \$97. All participant contributions and earnings are fully vested upon contribution and company contributions and earnings vest 20% per year of employment with the Company, becoming fully vested after five years.

# 10. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

### (a) LEASES

The Company had rental expense under various lease and rental agreements primarily for offices, tower sites and warehouses of approximately \$125 in 1998. In addition, the Company rents utility poles in its operations generally under short term arrangements, but the Company expects these arrangements to recur.

Total rent expense for utility poles was approximately \$620 in 1998. Future minimum annual rental payments under noncancellable leases are as follows:

1999	\$162
2000	38
2001	24
2002	20
2003 and thereafter	66
Total	\$310
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#### (b) EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS

Media has entered into employment agreements with six senior executives who are also investors in Holdings. Under the conditions of five of the agreements the employment term is five years, expiring in April 2003 and requires Media to continue salary payments (including any bonus) through the term if the executive's employment is terminated by Media without cause, as defined in the employment agreement. Media's obligations under the employment agreements may be reduced in certain situations based on actual operating performance relative to the business plan, death or disability or by actions of the other senior executives.

The employment agreement for one senior executive has a term of one year and may be renewed annually. This agreement has been renewed through April 8, 2000.

#### (c) OTHER AGREEMENTS

In exchange for certain flexibility in establishing cable rate pricing structures for regulated services that went into effect on January 1, 1996, Time Warner agreed with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to invest in certain upgrades to its cable infrastructure (consisting primarily of materials and labor in connection with the plant upgrades up to 750 megahertz) by 1999 (approximately \$23 million). This agreement with the FCC has been assumed by the Company as part of the Acquisition.

#### 11. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On February 23, 1999, Holdings entered into an agreement with Charter Communications, LLC and Charter Communications, Inc., to sell 100% of its members' equity in the Company for approximately \$459,000, subject to certain closing conditions. This transaction is expected to close during the third quarter of 1999.

# 12. YEAR 2000 ISSUES (UNAUDITED)

The Company relies on computer systems, related software applications and other control devices in operating and monitoring all major aspects of its business, including, but not limited to, its financial systems (such as general ledger, accounts payable, payroll and fixed asset modules), subscriber billing systems, internal networks and telecommunications equipment. The Company also relies, directly and indirectly, on the external systems of various independent business enterprises, such as its suppliers and financial organizations, for the accurate exchange of data.

The Company continues to assess the likely impact of Year 2000 issues on its business operations, including its material information technology ("IT") and non-IT applications. These material applications

include all billing and subscriber information systems, general ledger software, payroll systems, accounting software, phone switches and certain headend applications, all of which are third party supported.

The Company believes it has identified all systems that may be affected by Year 2000 Issues. Concurrent with the identification phase, the Company is securing compliance determinations relative to all identified systems. For those systems that the Company believes are material, compliance programs have been received or such systems have been certified by independent parities as Year 2000 compliant. For those material systems that are subject to compliance programs, the Company expects to receive Year 2000 certifications from independent parties by the second quarter 1999. Determinations of Year 2000 compliance requirements for less mission critical systems are in progress and are expected to be completed in the second quarter of 1999.

With respect to third parties with which the Company has a material relationship, the Company believes its most significant relationships are with financial institutions, who receive subscriber monthly payments and maintain Company bank accounts, and subscriber billing and management systems providers. We have received compliance programs which if executed as planned should provide a high degree of assurance that all Year 2000 issues will be addressed by mid 1999.

The Company has not incurred any material Year 2000 costs to date, and excluding the need for contingency plans, does not expect to incur any material Year 2000 costs in the future because most of its applications are maintained by third parties who have borne Year 2000 compliance costs.

The Company cannot be certain that it or third parties supporting its systems have resolved or will resolve all Year 2000 issues in a timely manner. Failure by the Company or any such third party to successfully address the relevant Year 2000 issues could result in disruptions of the Company's business and the incurrence of significant expenses by the Company. Additionally, the Company could be affected by any disruption to third parties with which the Company does business if such third parties have not successfully addressed their Year 2000 issues.

Failure to resolve Year 2000 issues could result in improper billing to the Company's subscribers which could have a major impact on the recording of revenue and the collection of cash as well as create significant customer dissatisfaction. In addition, failure on the part of the financial institutions with which the Company relies on for its cash collection and management services could also have a significant impact on collections, results of operations and the liquidity of the Company.

The Company has not yet finalized contingency plans necessary to handle the most likely worst case scenarios. Before concluding as to possible contingency plans, the Company must determine whether the material service providers contemplate having such plans in place. In the event that contingency plans from material service providers are not in place or are deemed inadequate, management expects to have such plans in place by the third quarter of 1999.

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Directors of TWI Cable, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying combined balance sheet of the Picayune MS, Lafourche LA, St. Tammany LA, St. Landry LA, Pointe Coupee LA, and Jackson TN cable television systems, (collectively, the "Combined Systems") included in TWI Cable, Inc. ("TWI Cable"), as of April 8, 1998, and the related combined statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the period from January 1, 1998 through April 8, 1998. These combined financial statements are the responsibility of the Combined Systems' management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these combined financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined financial position of the Combined Systems, included in TWI Cable, at April 8, 1998, and the combined results of their operations and their cash flows for the period from January 1, 1998 through April 8, 1998, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

New York, New York February 22, 1999

# COMBINED BALANCE SHEET (IN THOUSANDS)

	APRIL 8	8, 1998
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ASSETS	•	7
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	7
Receivables, less allowance of \$116		576
Prepaid expenses and other assets		438
Property, plant and equipment, net		, 992
Cable television franchises, net		, 907
Goodwill and other intangibles, net	50,	, 023
Total assets	\$282,	, 943
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts payable	\$	63
Accrued programming expenses		978
Accrued franchise fees		616
Subscriber advance payments and deposits		593
Deferred income taxes	61,	, 792
Other liabilities		747
Total liabilities	,	, 789
Total net assets	218,	, 154
Total liabilities and net assets	\$282, ====	

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements. F-134  $\,$ 

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (IN THOUSANDS)

	FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH APRIL 8, 1998
REVENUES COSTS AND EXPENSES:	\$15,221
Operating and programming	3,603
Selling, general and administrative	4,134
Depreciation and amortization	5,031
(Gain) on disposal of fixed assets	(96)
Total costs and expenses	12,672
Operating income	2,549
Provision for income taxes	1,191
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Net income	\$ 1,358 ======

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements. F-135  $\,$ 

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (IN THOUSANDS)

Balance at December 31, 1997	\$224,546
Repayment of advances from Parent	(17,408)
Advances from Parent	9,658
Net income	1,358
Balance at April 8, 1998	\$218,154

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements. F-136  $\,$ 

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (IN THOUSANDS)

	FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH APRIL 8, 1998
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Net income	\$ 1,358
Income tax expense	1,191
Depreciation and amortization	
(Gain) on disposal of fixed assets	(96)
Receivables, prepaids and other assets	289
liabilities	(770)
Other balance sheet changes	(4)
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Net cash provided by operations	6,999
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Capital expenditures	(613)
Net cash used in investing activities	(613)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Net repayment of advances from Parent	(7,750)
Net cash (used in) financing activities	(7,750)
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	1,371
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 7
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See accompanying notes to combined financial statements. F-137  $\,$ 

#### NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

The cable television systems operating in the metropolitan areas of Picayune, Mississippi; Lafourche, Louisiana; St. Tammany, Louisiana; St. Landry, Louisiana; Pointe Coupee, Louisiana; and Jackson, Tennessee (the "Combined Systems") are principally engaged in the cable television business under non-exclusive franchise agreements, which expire at various times beginning in 1999. The Combined Systems' operations consist primarily of selling video programming which is distributed to subscribers for a monthly fee through a network of coaxial and fiber-optic cables.

Prior to January 4, 1996, the Combined Systems were included in certain subsidiaries of Cablevision Industries Corporation ("CVI"). On January 4, 1996, CVI merged into a wholly owned subsidiary of Time Warner Inc. (the "CVI Merger"). On October 1, 1996, Time Warner Inc. ("Time Warner") completed a reorganization amongst certain of its wholly owned cable television subsidiaries whereby CVI was renamed TWI Cable Inc. ("TWI Cable").

#### BASIS OF PRESENTATION

TWI Cable has sold the Combined Systems to Renaissance Media Holdings LLC ("Renaissance") pursuant to an Asset Purchase Agreement with Renaissance, dated November 14, 1997 (see Note 8). Accordingly, the accompanying combined financial statements of the Combined Systems reflect the "carved out" historical financial position, results of operations, cash flows and changes in net assets of the operations of the Combined Systems as if they had been operating as a separate company. Effective as of January 1, 1996, the Combined Systems' financial statements reflect the new basis of accounting arising from Time Warner's merger with CVI. Based on Time Warner's allocation of the purchase price, the assets and liabilities of the Combined Systems were revalued resulting in goodwill allocated to the Combined Systems of approximately \$52,971,000, which is being amortized over its estimated life of 40 years. In addition, approximately \$220,981,000 was allocated to cable television franchises and other intangible assets, which is being amortized over periods up to 20 years.

The combined statements have been adjusted to include the allocation of certain corporate expenses incurred by Time Warner Cable and/or TWI Cable on the Combined Systems' behalf, based upon the number of Combined System subscribers managed by Time Warner Cable and the ratio of Combined System subscribers to total TWI Cable subscribers, respectively. These allocations reflect all costs of doing business that the Combined Systems would have incurred on a stand alone basis as disclosed in Note 3. Management believes that these allocations are reasonable.

## BASIS OF COMBINATION

The combined financial statements include the assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses, income, loss and cash flows of the Combined Systems, as if the Combined Systems were a single company. Significant intercompany accounts and transactions between the Combined Systems have been eliminated. Significant accounts and transactions with Time Warner and its affiliates are disclosed as related party transactions (see Note 3).

#### USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of combined financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the combined financial statements and footnotes thereto. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

#### CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

A significant portion of the customer base is concentrated within the local geographical area of each of the individual cable television systems. The Combined Systems generally extend credit to customers and the ultimate collection of accounts receivable could be affected by the local economy. Management performs continuous credit evaluations of its customers and may require cash in advance or other special arrangements from certain customers. Management does not believe that there is any significant credit risk which could have a material effect on the financial condition of the Combined Systems.

#### REVENUE AND COSTS

Subscriber fees are recorded as revenue in the period the related services are provided and advertising revenues are recognized in the period the related advertisements are exhibited. Rights to exhibit programming are purchased from various cable networks. The costs of such rights are generally expensed as the related services are made available to subscribers.

#### FRANCHISE FEES

Local governmental authorities impose franchise fees on the cable television systems owned by the Combined Systems ranging up to a federally mandated maximum of 5.0% of gross revenues. On a monthly basis, such fees are collected from the Combined Systems' customers and such fees are not included as revenue or as a franchise fee expense.

#### ADVERTISING COSTS

Advertising costs are expensed upon the first exhibition of the related advertisements. Advertising expense amounted to \$105,000 for the period from January 1, 1998 through April 8, 1998.

#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

The Combined Systems participate in a cash management system with affiliates whereby cash receipts are transferred to a centralized bank account from which centralized payments to various suppliers and creditors are made on behalf of the Combined Systems. The excess of such cash receipts over payments is included in net assets. Amounts shown as cash represent the Combined Systems' net cash receipts not transferred to the centralized account as of December 31, 1996 and 1997. The average net intercompany payable balances was \$166,522,000 for the period from January 1, 1998 through April 8, 1998.

For purposes of this statement, cash and cash equivalents includes all highly liquid investments purchased with original maturities of three months or less.

# PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost. Additions to property, plant and equipment generally include material, labor, overhead and interest. Depreciation is provided on the straight-line method over estimated useful lives as follows:

Buildings and improvements	5-20 years
Cable television equipment	5-15 years
Furniture, fixtures and other equipment	3-10 years

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

Property, plant and equipment consist of:

	APRIL 8, 1998
	(IN THOUSANDS)
	(IN THOUSANDS)
Land and buildings	\$ 2,255
Cable television equipment	40,276
Furniture, fixtures and other equipment	2,308
Construction in progress	1,183
	46,022
Less accumulated depreciation	(10,030)
Total	\$ 35,992
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#### INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The Combined Systems amortized goodwill over periods up to 40 years and cable television franchises over periods up to 20 years, both using the straight-line method. For the period from January 1, 1998 through April 8, 1998 amortization of goodwill amounted to \$360,000 and amortization of cable television franchises amounted to \$3,008,000. Accumulated amortization of intangible assets amounted to \$28,114,000 at April 8, 1998.

#### **IMPAIRMENT**

Management separately reviews the carrying value of acquired long-lived assets for each acquired entity on a quarterly basis to determine whether an impairment may exist. Management considers relevant cash flow and profitability information, including estimated future operating results, trends and other available information, in assessing whether the carrying value of long-lived assets can be recovered. Upon a determination that the carrying value of long-lived assets will not be recovered from the undiscounted future cash flows of the acquired business, the carrying value of such long-lived assets would be considered impaired and would be reduced by a charge to operations in the amount of the impairment. An impairment charge is measured as a deficiency in estimated discounted future cash flows of the acquired business to recover the carrying value related to the long-lived assets.

# INCOME TAXES

Income taxes have been provided using the liability method prescribed by FASB Statement No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes." Under the liability method, deferred income taxes reflect tax carryforwards and the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities for financial statements and income tax purposes, as determined under enacted tax laws and rates.

# 2. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

Following the CVI Merger, the Combined Systems began participation in the Time Warner Cable Pension Plan (the "Pension Plan"), a non-contributory defined benefit pension plan, and the Time Warner Cable Employee Savings Plan (the "Savings Plan") which are administered by a committee appointed by the Board of Representatives of Time Warner Entertainment Company, L.P. ("TWE"), an affiliate of Time Warner, and which cover substantially all employees.

Benefits under the Pension Plan are determined based on formulas which reflect an employee's years of service and compensation levels during the employment period. Pension expense for the period from January 1, 1998 through April 8, 1998 totaled \$61,000.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

The Combined Systems' contributions to the Savings Plan are limited to 6.67% of an employee's eligible compensation during the plan year. The Board of Representatives of TWE has the right in any year to set the maximum amount of the Combined Systems' contribution. Defined contribution plan expense for the period from January 1, 1998 through April 8, 1998 totaled \$38,000.

The Combined Systems have no material obligations for other post retirement benefits.

#### 3. RELATED PARTIES

In the normal course of conducting business, the Combined Systems had various transactions with Time Warner and its affiliates, generally on terms resulting from a negotiation between the affected units that in management's view resulted in reasonable allocations.

#### PROGRAMMING

Included in the Combined Systems' operating expenses are charges for programming and promotional services provided by Home Box Office, Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. and other affiliates of Time Warner. These charges are based on customary rates and are in the ordinary course of business. These charges totaled \$1,164,000 for the period from January 1, 1998 through April 8, 1998. Accrued related party expenses for these programming and promotional services included in accrued programming expenses approximated \$409,000 for the period from January 1, 1998 through April 8, 1998.

#### MANAGEMENT FEES

TWI Cable entered into a management service arrangement with Time Warner Cable ("TWC"), pursuant to which TWC is responsible for the management and operation of TWI Cable, which includes the Combined Systems. The management fees paid to TWC by TWI Cable are based on an allocation of the corporate expenses of TWC's cable division in proportion to the respective number of subscribers of all cable systems managed by TWC's cable division. The allocation of the TWI Cable management fee to the Combined Systems approximated \$486,000 for the period from January 1, 1998 through April 8, 1998.

Other divisional expenses allocated to the Combined Systems approximated \$299,000 for the period from January 1, 1998 through April 8, 1998.

### 4. INTEREST EXPENSE

Prior to the CVI Merger, the Jackson, Tennessee system was included in Cablevision Industries Limited Partnership and Combined Entities ("CILP"). The Jackson system was charged interest expense in connection with CILP's (a) senior and subordinated bank credit agreements; and (b) senior unsecured subordinated Series A and Series B notes payable to CVI. The remaining five systems comprising the Combined Systems were included in Cablevision Industries of the Southeast, Inc. and Combined Entities ("CIOS"). These systems were charged interest expense in connection with CIOS's (a) bank revolving credit agreement; and (b) junior and senior subordinated debt to CVI.

# 5. INCOME TAXES

Effective January 4, 1996, the Combined Systems are included in the consolidated federal income tax return of Time Warner. Prior to January 4, 1996, the Combined Systems were included in the consolidated

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

federal income tax return of CVI. The provision for income taxes has been calculated on a separate company basis. The components of the provision for income taxes are as follows:

	FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH APRIL 8, 1998	
	(IN THOUSANDS)	
Federal:		
Current	\$	
Deferred	962	
State:		
Current		
Deferred	229	
Net provision for income taxes	\$1,191	
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The Combined Systems did not, and will not, have a tax sharing agreement with either Time Warner, TWI Cable or CVI. Therefore, the Combined Systems have not and will not be compensated for the utilization of the Combined Systems' tax losses, by Time Warner, TWI Cable or CVI. In addition, the Combined Systems have not and will not be required to make payments to either Time Warner or TWI Cable for the current tax provision of the Combined Systems.

The differences between the income tax provision expected at the U.S. federal statutory income tax rate and the total income tax provision are due to nondeductible goodwill amortization and state taxes.

Significant components of the Combined Systems' deferred tax assets and liabilities, as calculated on a separate company basis, are as follows:

	APRIL 8, 1998
	(IN THOUSANDS)
Deferred tax liabilities: Amortization	\$57,817 4,181
Total gross deferred tax liabilities	61,998
Deferred tax assets:	
Tax loss carryforwardsAllowance for doubtful accounts	160 46
Total deferred tax assets	206
Net deferred tax liability	\$61,792 =====

On a separate company basis, the Combined Systems have tax loss carryforwards of approximately \$400,000 at April 8, 1998. However, if the Combined Systems are acquired in an asset purchase, the tax loss carryforwards, and net deferred tax liabilities relating to temporary differences will not carry over to Renaissance (see Note 8).

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

# 6. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Combined Systems had rental expense of approximately \$244,000 for the period from January 1, 1998 through April 8, 1998 under various lease and rental agreements for offices, utility poles, warehouses and computer equipment. Future minimum annual rental payments under noncancellable leases will approximate \$1,000,000 annually over the next five years.

In exchange for certain flexibility in establishing cable rate pricing structures for regulated services that went into effect on January 1, 1996, TWC has agreed with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to invest in certain upgrades to its cable infrastructure (consisting primarily of materials and labor in connection with the plant upgrades up to 750 megahertz) over the next three years (approximately \$25 million at December 31, 1997). This agreement with the FCC, which extends to the Combined Systems, will be assumed by Renaissance as it relates to the Combined Systems in accordance with the Asset Purchase Agreement.

#### 7. OTHER LIABILITIES

Other liabilities consist of:

	APRIL 8, 1998  (IN THOUSANDS)
Compensation.  Data Processing Costs.  Sales and other taxes.  Copyright Fees.  Pole Rent.  Other.	161 146
Total	\$747 ====

#### 8. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

The sale of the Combined Systems, in connection with the Asset Purchase Agreement with Renaissance, closed on April 9, 1998 at the purchase price of \$309,500,000.

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Board of Directors of TWI Cable Inc.

We have audited the accompanying combined balance sheets of the Picayune MS, Lafourche LA, St. Tammany LA, St. Landry LA, Pointe Coupee LA, and Jackson TN cable television systems, (collectively, the "Combined Systems") included in TWI Cable, Inc. ("TWI Cable"), as of December 31, 1996 and 1997, the related combined statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the years then ended. In addition, we have audited the combined statement of operations and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 1995 of the Predecessor Combined Systems. These combined financial statements are the responsibility of the Combined Systems' or the Predecessor's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these combined financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Combined Systems, included in TWI Cable or the Predecessor, at December 31, 1996 and 1997, and the combined results of their operations and their cash flows for the years ended December 31, 1995, 1996 and 1997, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

New York, New York March 16, 1998

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## COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS (IN THOUSANDS)

	DECEMBER 31,	
	1996	1997
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 570	\$ 1,371
ended December 31, 1996 and 1997, respectively  Prepaid expenses and other assets	794 45	1,120 183
Property, plant and equipment, net	36,966	36,944
Cable television franchises, net	209,952 51,722	198,913 50,383
GOOGWIII and Other Intangibles, net	51,722	
Total assets	\$300,049	\$288,914
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	======	======
Accounts payable	\$ 1,640 847 736 66	\$ 652 904 835 407
Deferred income taxes	58,340 945	60,601 969
Total liabilities Total net assets	62,574 237,475	64,368 224,546
Total liabilities and net assets	\$300,049 ======	\$288,914 ======

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements. F-145  $\,$ 

## PICAYUNE MS, LAFOURCHE LA, ST. TAMMANY LA, ST. LANDRY LA, POINTE COUPEE LA, AND JACKSON TN CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS

## COMBINED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (IN THOUSANDS)

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,			
	1995 1996		1997	
	(PREDECESSOR)	(INCLUDED IN	TWI CABLE INC.)	
REVENUES	\$43,549	\$47,327	\$50,987	
Operating and programming	13,010	12,413	12,101	
Selling, general and administrative	9,977	12,946	13,823	
Depreciation and amortization	17,610	18,360	18,697	
(Gain) loss on disposal of fixed assets	,	(244)	620	
Total costs and expenses	40,597	43,475	45,241	
Operating income	2,952 11,871	3,852	5,746	
(Loss) income before income tax (benefit) expense Income tax (benefit) expense	(8,919) (3,567)	3,852 1,502	5,746 2,262	
Net (loss) income	\$(5,352)	\$ 2,350	\$ 3,484	

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements. F-146  $\,$ 

## COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (IN THOUSANDS)

Contribution by Parent	\$250,039
Repayment of advances from Parent	
Advances from Parent	,
Net income	,
Balance at December 31, 1996	237,475
Repayment of advances from Parent	
Advances from Parent	34,248
Net income	3,484
Balance at December 31, 1997	\$224,546

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements. F-147  $\,$ 

## PICAYUNE MS, LAFOURCHE LA, ST. TAMMANY LA, ST. LANDRY LA, POINTE COUPEE LA, AND JACKSON TN CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS

## COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (IN THOUSANDS)

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	1995	1996	1997
	(PREDECESSOR)		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Net (loss) income	\$(5,352)	\$ 2,350	\$ 3,484
<pre>Income tax (benefit) expense</pre>	(3,567)	1,502	2,262
Depreciation and amortization	17,610	18,360	18,697
(Gain) loss on disposal of fixed assets		(244)	620
Receivables, prepaids and other assets Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other	(196)	944	(464)
liabilities	(972)	176	(466)
Other balance sheet changes			(529)
Net cash provided by operations	7,523	23,088	23,604
Purchase of Predecessor cable systems, net of cash			
acquired		(249, 473)	
Capital expenditures	(7,376)	(8,170)	(6,390)
Net cash used in investing activitiesFINANCING ACTIVITIES:	(7,376)	(257,643)	(6,390)
Advance from Parent for purchase of Predecessor		250,039	
Net repayment of advances from Parent		(14,914)	(16,413)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		235,125	(16,413)
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	147	570	801
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	419	0	570
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 566	\$ 570	\$ 1,371
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See accompanying notes to combined financial statements. F-148  $\,$ 

### NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

The cable television systems operating in the metropolitan areas of Picayune, Mississippi; Lafourche, Louisiana; St. Tammany, Louisiana; St. Landry, Louisiana; Pointe Coupee, Louisiana; and Jackson, Tennessee (the "Combined Systems") are principally engaged in the cable television business under non-exclusive franchise agreements, which expire at various times beginning in 1999. The Combined Systems' operations consist primarily of selling video programming which is distributed to subscribers for a monthly fee through a network of coaxial and fiber-optic cables.

Prior to January 4, 1996, the Combined Systems were included in certain subsidiaries of Cablevision Industries Corporation ("CVI"). On January 4, 1996, CVI merged into a wholly owned subsidiary of Time Warner Inc. (the "CVI Merger"). On October 1, 1996, Time Warner Inc. ("Time Warner") completed a reorganization amongst certain of its wholly owned cable television subsidiaries whereby CVI was renamed TWI Cable Inc. ("TWI Cable").

### BASIS OF PRESENTATION

TWI Cable has committed to sell the Combined Systems to Renaissance Media Holdings LLC ("Renaissance") pursuant to an Asset Purchase Agreement with Renaissance, dated November 14, 1997. Accordingly, the accompanying combined financial statements of the Combined Systems reflect the "carved out" historical financial position, results of operations, cash flows and changes in net assets of the operations of the Combined Systems as if they had been operating as a separate company. Effective as of January 1, 1996, the Combined Systems' financial statements reflect the new basis of accounting arising from Time Warner's merger with CVI. Based on Time Warner's allocation of the purchase price, the assets and liabilities of the Combined Systems were revalued resulting in goodwill allocated to the Combined Systems of approximately \$52,971,000, which is being amortized over its estimated life of 40 years. In addition, approximately \$220,981,000 was allocated to cable television franchises and other intangible assets, which is being amortized over periods up to 20 years. The Combined Systems' financial statements through December 31, 1995 reflect the historical cost of their assets and liabilities and results of their operations.

The combined statements have been adjusted to include the allocation of certain corporate expenses incurred by Time Warner Cable and/or TWI Cable on the Combined Systems' behalf, based upon the number of Combined System subscribers managed by Time Warner Cable and the ratio of Combined System subscribers to total TWI Cable subscribers, respectively. These allocations reflect all costs of doing business that the Combined Systems would have incurred on a stand alone basis as disclosed in Note 3. Management believes that these allocations are reasonable.

## BASIS OF COMBINATION

The combined financial statements include the assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses, income, loss and cash flows of the Combined Systems, as if the Combined Systems were a single company. Significant intercompany accounts and transactions between the Combined Systems have been eliminated. Significant accounts and transactions with Time Warner and its affiliates are disclosed as related party transactions (see Note 3).

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

### USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of combined financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the combined financial statements and footnotes thereto. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

A significant portion of the customer base is concentrated within the local geographical area of each of the individual cable television systems. The Combined Systems generally extend credit to customers and the ultimate collection of accounts receivable could be affected by the local economy. Management performs continuous credit evaluations of its customers and may require cash in advance or other special arrangements from certain customers. Management does not believe that there is any significant credit risk which could have a material effect on the financial condition of the Combined Systems.

## REVENUE AND COSTS

Subscriber fees are recorded as revenue in the period the related services are provided and advertising revenues are recognized in the period the related advertisements are exhibited. Rights to exhibit programming are purchased from various cable networks. The costs of such rights are generally expensed as the related services are made available to subscribers.

### FRANCHISE FEES

Local governmental authorities impose franchise fees on the cable television systems owned by the Combined Systems ranging up to a federally mandated maximum of 5.0% of gross revenues. On a monthly basis, such fees are collected from the Combined Systems' customers. Prior to January 1997, franchise fees were not separately itemized on customers' bills. Such fees were considered part of the monthly charge for basic services and equipment, and therefore were reported as revenue and expense in the Combined Systems' financial results. Management began the process of itemizing such fees on all customers' bills beginning in January 1997. In conjunction with itemizing these charges, the Combined Systems began separately collecting the franchise fee on all revenues subject to franchise fees. As a result, such fees are no longer included as revenue or as franchise fee expense. The net effect of this change is a reduction in 1997 revenue and franchise fee expense of approximately \$1,500,000 versus the comparable period in 1996.

## ADVERTISING COSTS

Advertising costs are expensed upon the first exhibition of the related advertisements. Advertising expense amounted to \$308,000,\$632,000 and \$510,000 for the years ended 1995, 1996 and 1997, respectively.

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

The Combined Systems participate in a cash management system with affiliates whereby cash receipts are transferred to a centralized bank account from which centralized payments to various suppliers and creditors are made on behalf of the Combined Systems. The excess of such cash receipts over payments is included in net assets. Amounts shown as cash represent the Combined Systems' net cash receipts not transferred to the centralized account as of December 31, 1996 and 1997. The average net intercompany payable balances were \$173,348,000 and \$170,438,000 for the years ended December 31, 1996 and 1997, respectively.

## NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

For purposes of this statement, cash and cash equivalents includes all highly liquid investments purchased with original maturities of three months or less.

### PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost. Additions to property, plant and equipment generally include material, labor, overhead and interest. Depreciation is provided on the straight-line method over estimated useful lives as follows:

Buildings and improvements	5-20 years
Cable television equipment	5-15 years
Furniture, fixtures and other equipment	3-10 years

Property, plant and equipment consist of:

	DECEMBER 31,	
	1996	1997
Land and buildings	\$ 2,003	\$ 2,265
Cable television equipment	32,324	39,589
Furniture, fixtures and other equipment	1,455	2,341
Construction in progress	5,657	1,028
	41,439	45,223
Less accumulated depreciation	(4,473)	(8,279)
Total	\$36,966	\$36,944

## INTANGIBLE ASSETS

During 1996 and 1997, the Combined Systems amortized goodwill over periods up to 40 years and cable television franchises over periods up to 20 years, both using the straight-line method. Prior to the CVI Merger, goodwill and cable television franchises were amortized over 15 years using the straight-line method. For the years ended 1995, 1996, and 1997, amortization of goodwill amounted to \$8,199,000, \$1,325,000, and \$1,325,000, respectively, and amortization of cable television franchises amounted to \$1,284,000, \$11,048,000, and \$11,048,000, respectively. Accumulated amortization of intangible assets at December 31, 1996 and 1997 amounted to \$12,373,000 and \$24,746,000, respectively.

## IMPAIRMENT

Management separately reviews the carrying value of acquired long-lived assets for each acquired entity on a quarterly basis to determine whether an impairment may exist. Management considers relevant cash flow and profitability information, including estimated future operating results, trends and other available information, in assessing whether the carrying value of long-lived assets can be recovered. Upon a determination that the carrying value of long-lived assets will not be recovered from the undiscounted future cash flows of the acquired business, the carrying value of such long-lived assets would be considered impaired and would be reduced by a charge to operations in the amount of the impairment. An impairment charge is measured as a deficiency in estimated discounted future cash flows of the acquired business to recover the carrying value related to the long-lived assets.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

#### INCOME TAXES

Income taxes have been provided using the liability method prescribed by FASB Statement No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes." Under the liability method, deferred income taxes reflect tax carryforwards and the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities for financial statements and income tax purposes, as determined under enacted tax laws and rates.

### 2. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

Following the CVI Merger, the Combined Systems began participation in the Time Warner Cable Pension Plan (the "Pension Plan"), a non-contributory defined benefit pension plan, and the Time Warner Cable Employee Savings Plan (the "Savings Plan") which are administered by a committee appointed by the Board of Representatives of Time Warner Entertainment Company, L.P. ("TWE"), an affiliate of Time Warner, and which cover substantially all employees.

Benefits under the Pension Plan are determined based on formulas which reflect an employee's years of service and compensation levels during the employment period. Pension expense for the years ended December 31, 1996 and 1997 totaled \$184,000 and \$192,000, respectively.

The Combined Systems' contributions to the Savings Plan are limited to 6.67% of an employee's eligible compensation during the plan year. The Board of Representatives of TWE has the right in any year to set the maximum amount of the Combined Systems' contribution. Defined contribution plan expense for the years ended December 31, 1996 and 1997 totaled \$107,000 and \$117,000, respectively.

Prior to the CVI Merger, substantially all employees were eligible to participate in a profit sharing plan or a defined contribution plan. The profit sharing plan provided that the Combined Systems may contribute, at the discretion of their board of directors, an amount up to 15% of compensation for all eligible participants out of its accumulated earnings and profits, as defined. Profit sharing expense amounted to approximately \$31,000 for the year ended December 31, 1995.

The defined contribution plan contained a qualified cash or deferred arrangement pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k). This plan provided that eligible employees may contribute from 2% to 10% of their compensation to the plan. The Combined Systems matched contributions of up to 4% of the employees' compensation. The expense for this plan amounted to approximately \$96,000 for the year ended December 31, 1995.

The Combined Systems have no material obligations for other post retirement benefits.

## 3. RELATED PARTIES

In the normal course of conducting business, the Combined Systems had various transactions with Time Warner and its affiliates, generally on terms resulting from a negotiation between the affected units that in management's view resulted in reasonable allocations.

## PROGRAMMING

Included in the Combined Systems' 1996 and 1997 operating expenses are charges for programming and promotional services provided by Home Box Office, Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. and other affiliates of Time Warner. These charges are based on customary rates and are in the ordinary course of business. For the year ended December 31, 1996 and 1997, these charges totaled \$3,260,000 and \$3,458,000, respectively. Accrued related party expenses for these programming and promotional services included in accrued

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

programming expenses approximated \$327,000 and \$291,000 for the years ended December 31, 1996 and 1997, respectively. There were no such programming and promotional service related party transactions in 1995.

#### MANAGEMENT FEES

TWI Cable entered into a management service arrangement with Time Warner Cable ("TWC"), pursuant to which TWC is responsible for the management and operation of TWI Cable, which includes the Combined Systems. The management fees paid to TWC by TWI Cable are based on an allocation of the corporate expenses of TWC's cable division in proportion to the respective number of subscribers of all cable systems managed by TWC's cable division. The allocation of the TWI Cable management fee to the Combined Systems approximated \$1,432,000 and \$1,715,000 for the years ended December 31, 1996 and 1997, respectively.

Other divisional expenses allocated to the Combined Systems approximated \$1,301,000 and \$1,067,000 for the years ended December 31, 1996 and 1997, respectively.

## 4. INTEREST EXPENSE

Prior to the CVI Merger, the Jackson, Tennessee system was included in Cablevision Industries Limited Partnership and Combined Entities ("CILP"). The Jackson system was charged interest expense in connection with CILP's (a) senior and subordinated bank credit agreements; and (b) senior unsecured subordinated Series A and Series B notes payable to CVI. The remaining five systems comprising the Combined Systems were included in Cablevision Industries of the Southeast, Inc. and Combined Entities ("CIOS"). These systems were charged interest expense in connection with CIOS's (a) bank revolving credit agreement; and (b) junior and senior subordinated debt to CVI.

### 5. INCOME TAXES

Effective January 4, 1996, the Combined Systems are included in the consolidated federal income tax return of Time Warner. Prior to January 4, 1996, the Combined Systems were included in the consolidated federal income tax return of CVI. The provision (benefit) for income taxes has been calculated on a separate company basis. The components of the provision (benefit) for income taxes are as follows:

	YEAR EN	DED DECEMB	ER 31,
	1995	1996	1997
	(IN	THOUSANDS	)
FEDERAL:	_	_	
Current Deferred	\$ (2,881)	\$ 1,213	\$ 1,826
STATE: Current			
Deferred	(686)	289	436
Net provision (benefit) for income			
taxes	\$(3,567) =====	\$1,502 =====	\$2,262 =====

The Combined Systems did not, and will not, have a tax sharing agreement with either Time Warner, TWI Cable or CVI. Therefore, the Combined Systems have not and will not be compensated for the utilization of the Combined Systems' tax losses, by Time Warner, TWI Cable or CVI. In addition, the

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

Combined Systems have not and will not be required to make payments to either Time Warner or TWI Cable for the current tax provision of the Combined Systems.

The differences between the income tax provision (benefit) expected at the U.S. federal statutory income tax rate and the total income tax provision (benefit) are due to nondeductible goodwill amortization and state taxes.

Significant components of the Combined Systems' deferred tax assets and liabilities, as calculated on a separate company basis, are as follows:

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,	
	1996	1997
	(IN TH	OUSANDS)
DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES:		
AmortizationDepreciation	\$61,266 3,576	\$58,507 4,060
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Total gross deferred tax		
liabilities	64,842	62,567
DEFERRED TAX ASSETS:		
Tax loss carryforwards	6,474	1,920
Allowance for doubtful accounts	28	46
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Total deferred tax assets	6,502	1,966
Net deferred tax liability	\$58,340 ======	\$60,601 =====

On a separate company basis, the Combined Systems have tax loss carryforwards of approximately \$4.8 million at December 31, 1997. However, if the Combined Systems are acquired in an asset purchase, the tax loss carryforwards, and net deferred tax liabilities relating to temporary differences will not carry over to Renaissance (see Note 8).

## 6. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Combined Systems had rental expense of approximately \$642,000, \$824,000, and \$843,000 for the years ended December 31, 1995, 1996 and 1997, respectively, under various lease and rental agreements for offices, utility poles, warehouses and computer equipment. Future minimum annual rental payments under noncancellable leases will approximate \$1,000,000 annually over the next five years.

In exchange for certain flexibility in establishing cable rate pricing structures for regulated services that went into effect on January 1, 1996, TWC has agreed with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to invest in certain upgrades to its cable infrastructure (consisting primarily of materials and labor in connection with the plant upgrades up to 750 megahertz) over the next three years (approximately \$22 million). This agreement with the FCC, which extends to the Combined Systems, will be assumed by Renaissance as it relates to the Combined Systems in accordance with the Asset Purchase Agreement.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

## 7. OTHER LIABILITIES

Other liabilities consist of:

	DECEMBER 31,	
	1996	1997
	(IN TH	OUSANDS)
Compensation	\$217	\$250
Data Processing Costs	100	90
Sales and other taxes	101	90
Copyright Fees	85	83
Pole Rent	66	63
Other	376	393
Total	\$945	\$969
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## 8. SUBSEQUENT EVENT (UNAUDITED)

The sale of the Combined Systems, in connection with the Asset Purchase Agreement with Renaissance, closed on April 9, 1998 at the purchase price of \$309,500,000.

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To Greater Media, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying combined statements of income, changes in net assets and cash flows of Greater Media Cablevision Systems (see Note 1) (collectively, the "Combined Systems") included in Greater Media, Inc., for the nine months ended June 30, 1999. These combined financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these combined financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the results of operations of the Combined Systems and their cash flows for the nine months ended June 30, 1999, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

/s/ ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

St. Louis, Missouri, March 6, 2000

## COMBINED STATEMENT OF INCOME (IN THOUSANDS)

	NINE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1999
REVENUES	\$62,469
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Operating  General and administrative  Corporate charges- related party  Depreciation and amortization	26,248 9,150 3,175 7,398
	45,971
Income from operations	16,498
OTHER EXPENSE: Interest expense, net	(705) (365)
INCOME BEFORE PROVISION IN LIEU OF INCOME TAXES	15,428 6,646
NET INCOME	\$ 8,782 ======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these combined statements. F-157  $\,$ 

## COMBINED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (IN THOUSANDS)

BALANCE, September 30, 1998	\$54,131
Net income	
Provision in lieu of income taxes	6,646
Net payments to affiliates	(34)
BALANCE, June 30, 1999	\$69,525
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these combined statements. \$F-158\$

## COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (IN THOUSANDS)

	NINE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1999
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:  Net income	\$ 8,782
Depreciation and amortization	7,398 6,646 465
Accounts receivable, prepaid expenses and other current assets	(1,431) 10 (178)
revenue	218
Net cash provided by operating activities	21,910
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Capital expenditures	(13,797) (512)
Net cash used in investing activities	(14,309)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Net payments to affiliates	(34)
Net cash used in financing activities	(34)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	7,567 4,080
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	\$ 11,647
CASH PAID FOR NON-AFFILIATE INTEREST	======= \$ 264 ======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these combined statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-159}}$ 

## GREATER MEDIA CABLEVISION SYSTEMS NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (IN THOUSANDS)

### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Organization, Basis of Presentation and Operations

Greater Media Cablevision Systems is comprised of the following Massachusetts-based cable television systems: Auburn, Boylston, Chicopee, Dudley, East Longmeadow, Easthampton, Grafton, Hampden, Holden, Leicester, Ludlow, Millbury, Northborough, Northbridge, Oxford, Paxton, Southampton, Southborough, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Upton, Webster, West Boylston, West Brookfield, Westborough, Wilbraham and Worcester (the "Combined Systems"). The Combined Systems are wholly-owned by Greater Media Cablevision, Inc. (the "Company"). The combined financial statements do not include the accounts of Greater Philadelphia Cablevision, Inc. or Greater Philadelphia Cablevision Limited Partnership, which are also wholly-owned by the Company. The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Greater Media, Inc. (the "Parent"). On June 30, 1999, Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications Holdings Company, LLC purchased the Combined Systems for an aggregate purchase price of \$500 million plus a working capital adjustment (the "Charter Sale"). Effective with this change of ownership, the Combined Systems will be managed by Charter Investment, Inc.

Significant intercompany accounts and transactions between the Combined Systems have been eliminated in the combined financial statements.

The Combined Systems primarily provide cable television services to subscribers in central and western Massachusetts.

### Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

## Property, Plant and Equipment

Maintenance and repair costs are expensed when incurred. For financial reporting purposes, depreciation is provided on the straight-line method based on the following estimated useful lives:

Land improvements	20 years
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	3-15 years
Buildings	15-40 years
Trunk and distribution systems	7-12 years

Depreciation expense for the nine months ended June 30, 1999, was \$7,343.

## Intangible Assets

Intangible assets consist primarily of goodwill, which is amortized over forty years, and costs incurred in obtaining and renewing cable franchises, which are amortized over the life of the respective franchise agreements. Amortization expense for the nine months ended June 30, 1999, was \$55.

## Revenues

Cable television revenues from basic and premium services are recognized when the related services are provided.

#### Segments

Segments have been identified based upon management responsibility. The Company operates in one segment, cable services.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### 2. INCOME TAXES

The Combined Systems are included in the consolidated federal income tax return of the Parent. The Parent is responsible for tax payments applicable to the Combined Systems. The combined financial statements reflect a provision in lieu of income taxes as if the Combined Systems were filing on a separate company basis. Accordingly, the Combined Systems have included the provision in lieu of income taxes as a component of net assets.

The provision in lieu of income taxes approximates the amount of tax computed using U.S. statutory rates, after reflecting state income tax expense.

## 3. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company and each of its subsidiaries are guarantors of the Parent's  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{debt}}\xspace.$ 

The combined statements include charges for certain corporate expenses incurred by the Parent on behalf of the Combined Systems. Such charges amounted to \$3,175 for the nine months ended June 30, 1999. Management believes that this cost is reasonable and reflects costs of doing business that the Combined Systems would have incurred on a stand-alone basis.

### 4. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

## 401(k) Plan

The Combined Systems' employees participate in the Greater Media, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the "401(k) Plan"). Employees that qualify for participation can contribute up to 12% of their salary, on a before tax basis, subject to a maximum contribution limit as determined by the Internal Revenue Service. The Combined Systems' contribute an amount equal to 50% of the participant's contribution, limited to the lessor of 3% of the participant's compensation or \$1 per year. In connection with the Charter Sale, all employees became fully vested. Following the Charter Sale, the Company's 401(k) plan was merged into Charter Communication, Inc.'s.

The Combined Systems expense relating to the 401(k) Plan for the nine months ended June 30, 1999, was \$123.

## PENSION

Certain employees of the Combined Systems participate in a pension plan sponsored by the Parent. The Combined Systems allocable share of the pension expense amounted to \$57 for the nine months ended June 30, 1999. As a result of the Charter Sale, the Combined Systems' employees became fully vested with respect to their plan benefits. No additional benefits will accrue to such employees in the future. In addition,

the Parent is responsible for the allocable pension liability and will continue to administer the plan on behalf of the Combined Systems' employees.

### 5. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### Leases

The Combined Systems lease certain facilities and equipment under noncancelable operating leases. Rent expense incurred for the nine months ended June 30, 1999, was \$249.

The Company also rents utility poles in its operations. Generally, pole rentals are cancelable on short notice, but the Company anticipates that such rentals will recur. Rent expense incurred for pole rental attachments for the nine months ended June 30, 1999, was \$479.

#### Litigation

The Combined Systems are a party to lawsuits that arise in the ordinary course of conducting its business. In the opinion of management, after consulting with legal counsel, the outcome of these lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the Combined Systems' combined financial position or results of operations.

## Regulation in the Cable Television Industry

The cable television industry is subject to extensive regulation at the federal, local and, in some instances, state levels. The Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 (the "1984 Cable Act"), the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (the "1992 Cable Act" and together with the 1984 Cable Act, the "Cable Acts"), and the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "1996 Telecom Act"), establish a national policy to guide the development and regulation of cable television systems. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has principal responsibility for implementing the policies of the Cable Acts. Many aspects of such regulation are currently the subject of judicial proceedings and administrative or legislative proposals. Legislation and regulations continue to change, and the Combined Systems cannot predict the impact of future developments on the cable television industry.

The 1992 Cable Act and the FCC's rules implementing that act generally have increased the administrative and operational expenses of cable television systems and have resulted in additional regulatory oversight by the FCC and local or state franchise authorities. The Cable Acts and the corresponding FCC regulations have established rate regulations.

The 1992 Cable Act permits certified local franchising authorities to order refunds of basic service tier rates paid in the previous twelve-month period determined to be in excess of the maximum permitted rates. The Combined Systems may be required to refund additional amounts in the future.

The Combined Systems believe that it has complied in all material respects with the provisions of the 1992 Cable Act, including the rate setting provisions promulgated by the FCC. However, in jurisdictions that have chosen not to certify, refunds covering the previous twelve-month period may be ordered upon certification if the Combined Systems are unable to justify its basic rates. The Combined Systems are unable to estimate at this time the amount of refunds, if any, that may be payable by the Combined Systems in the event certain of its rates are successfully challenged by franchising authorities or found to be unreasonable by the FCC. The Combined Systems do not believe that the amount of any such refunds would have a material adverse effect on the financial position or results of operations of the Combined Systems.

The 1996 Telecom Act, among other things, immediately deregulated the rates for certain small cable operators and in certain limited circumstances rates on the basic service tier, and as of March 31, 1999, deregulated rates on the cable programming service tier (CPST). The FCC has taken the position that it will still adjudicate pending CPST complaints but will strictly limit its review, and possible refund orders, to the time period predating the sunset date, March 31, 1999. The Combined Systems do not believe any adjudications regarding their pre-sunset complaints will have a material adverse effect on the Combined Systems' financial position or results of operations.

A number of states subject cable television systems to the jurisdiction of centralized state governmental agencies, some of which impose regulation of a character similar to that of a public utility. State governmental agencies are required to follow FCC rules when prescribing rate regulation, and thus, state regulation of cable television rates is not allowed to be more restrictive than the federal or local regulation.

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To Greater Media, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying combined balance sheets of Greater Media Cablevision Systems (see Note 1) (collectively, the "Combined Systems") included in Greater Media, Inc., as of September 30, 1998 and 1997, and the related combined statements of income, changes in net assets, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 1998. These combined financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these combined financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined financial position of the Combined Systems, as of September 30, 1998 and 1997, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 1998, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

Roseland, New Jersey March 2, 1999

## COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS (IN THOUSANDS)

	SEPTEMBER 30,	
		1997
Current assets: Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,080	\$ 3,680
of \$308 (unaudited), \$244 and \$337)  Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,755 2,746	1,949
Total current assets	9,581 54,468 2,690 77	8,368 41,971 1,647 103
Total assets	\$66,816 =====	\$52,089 ======
Current liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued expenses Customers' prepayments and deferred installation	\$ 7,125	\$ 5,299
revenue	1,910	1,815
Total current liabilities	9,035 3,650 54,131	7,114 3,920 41,055
Total liabilities and net assets	\$66,816 ======	\$52,089 ======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these combined balance sheets.  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left$ 

## COMBINED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (IN THOUSANDS)

	YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		
	1998	1997	1996
NET REVENUES	\$77,127	\$73,436	\$66,816
OPERATING EXPENSES: Operating expenses General and administrative Corporate charges Depreciation and amortization		31,115 11,211 3,696 7,368	
	55,605	53,390	50,499
Income from operations	21,522	20,046	16,317
Interest expense, net	(504) (532)	(307) (957)	(764) (366)
INCOME BEFORE PROVISION IN LIEU OF INCOME TAXES Provision in lieu of income taxes (Note 6)	20,486 8,008	18,782 7,964	15,187 5,987
Net income	\$12,478 ======	\$10,818 ======	\$ 9,200

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these combined statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{\textbf{F-166}}}$ 

## COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (IN THOUSANDS)

	TOTAL
Balance, September 30, 1995 Net income Provision in lieu of income taxes Net payments to affiliates	\$ 42,185 9,200 5,987 (17,038)
Balance, September 30, 1996  Net income  Provision in lieu of income taxes  Net payments to affiliates	40,334 10,818 7,964 (18,061)
Balance, September 30, 1997	41,055 12,478 8,008 (7,410)
Balance, September 30, 1998	\$ 54,131 ======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these combined statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-167}}$ 

## COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (IN THOUSANDS)

	YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		
	1998	1997	
Net income	\$12,478	\$10,818	\$ 9,200
Provision in lieu of income taxes		7,964 7,368 715	7,353
Accounts receivable, prepaid expenses and other assets Other assets Accounts payable and accrued expenses Customers' prepayments and deferred	24 1,825	(1,115) (30) (440)	(11) (1,900)
installation revenue	96 (270)	367 (69)	94 466
Net cash provided by operating activities	29,831	25,578	20,965
Cash flow from investing activities: Capital expenditures Proceeds from disposition of property and equipment Purchase of licenses	(21,049) 72 (1,044)	(7,587)	(5,122) 128 
Net cash used in investing activities			(4,994)
Cash flow from financing activities:			
Net payments to affiliates	(7,410)	(18,061)	(17,038)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	400	(169) 3,849	(1,067) 4,916
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year		\$ 3,680 =====	\$ 3,849
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information: Non-affiliate interest paid during the year	\$ 296 =====	\$ 155 ======	\$ 447

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these combined statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-}168}$ 

## NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (IN THOUSANDS)

### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## ORGANIZATION, BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND OPERATIONS

Greater Media Cablevision Systems is the owner and operator of the following Massachusetts-based cable television systems: Auburn, Boylston, Chicopee, Dudley, East Longmeadow, Easthampton, Grafton, Hampden, Holden, Leicester, Ludlow, Millbury, Northborough, Northbridge, Oxford, Paxton, Southampton, Southborough, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Upton, Webster, West Boylston, West Brookfield, Westborough, Wilbraham and Worcester ("the Combined Systems"). The Combined Systems are wholly-owned by Greater Media Cablevision, Inc. ("the Company"). The combined financial statements do not include the accounts of Greater Philadelphia Cablevision, Inc. or Greater Philadelphia Cablevision Limited Partnership (the "Philadelphia System"), which are also wholly-owned by the Company. The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Greater Media, Inc. ("the Parent"). In February 1999, the Parent and the Company entered into an agreement ("Sales Agreement") to sell the net assets of the Company including the Combined Systems but excluding the Philadelphia Systems to Charter Communications Holdings, LLC.

Significant intercompany accounts and transactions between the Combined Systems have been eliminated in the combined financial statements. Significant accounts and transactions with the Parent and other affiliates are disclosed as related party transactions (See Note 7).

The Combined Systems primarily provide cable television services to subscribers in central and western Massachusetts.

### CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

## PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Maintenance and repair costs are expensed when incurred. For financial reporting purposes, depreciation is provided on the straight-line method based on the following estimated useful lives:

CLASSIFICATION	YEARS
Land improvements	20
Buildings	15-40
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	3-15
Trunk and distribution systems	7-12

## INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets consist primarily of goodwill amortized over forty years and costs incurred in obtaining and renewing cable franchises which are amortized over the life of the respective franchise agreements.

## REVENUES

Cable revenues from basic and premium services are recognized when the related services are provided.

## USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and

## NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## QUARTERLY RESULTS

The financial statements included herein as of December 31, 1998 and for the three months ended December 31, 1998 and 1997 have been prepared by the Company without audit. In the opinion of management, all adjustments have been made which are of a normal recurring nature necessary to present fairly the Combined Systems' financial position as of December 31, 1998 and the results of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the three months ended December 31, 1998 and 1997. Certain information and footnote disclosures have been condensed or omitted for these periods. The results for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results for the entire year.

## 2. PREPAID EXPENSES AND OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

Prepaid and other current assets consist of the following at September 30:

	1998	1997
Franchise grant	<b>\$1 44</b> E	\$ 604
Corporate business tax	1,015	882
Other	286	463
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$2,746 =====	\$1,949 =====

### 3. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following at September 30:

	1998	1997
Land and land improvements  Buildings  Furniture, fixtures and equipment.  Trunk and distribution systems.  Construction in progress.	\$ 1,229 4,521 5,503 109,253 9,026	\$ 1,134 4,521 4,822 97,042 4,450
Accumulated depreciation	129,532 (75,064)	111,969 (69,998)
Property and equipment, net	\$ 54,468	\$ 41,971 ======

Depreciation expense for the years ended September 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996 was \$8,081, \$7,337, and \$7,314, respectively. Construction in progress results primarily from costs to upgrade the systems to fiber optic technologies in the areas served by the Combined Systems.

## 4. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets consist of the following at September 30:

	1998	1997
Franchise agreements	\$3,230	\$2,883
Customer lists. Organization expenses.	1,751 146	1,751 146
Goodwill.  Covenant not to compete	2,260 40	1,510 40
Accumulated amortization	7,427 4,737	6,330 4,683
Intangible assets, net	\$2,690	\$1,647

Amortization expense for the years ended September 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996 was \$102, \$31 and \$39, respectively.

### 5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses consist of the following at September 30:

	1998	1997
Accounts payable	\$4,733	\$3,544
Rate refund liability	923	481
Programming expenses	586	557
Other	883	717
	\$7,125	\$5,299
	======	======

## 6. INCOME TAXES

The Combined Systems are included in the consolidated federal income tax return of the Parent. However, the Parent is responsible for tax payments applicable to the Combined Systems. The combined financial statements reflect a provision in lieu of income taxes as if the combined systems were filing on a separate company basis. Accordingly, the Combined Systems have included the provision in lieu of income taxes as a component of net assets for all periods presented.

The provision in lieu of income taxes approximates the amount of tax computed using U.S. statutory rates, after reflecting state income tax expense of \$2,053, \$1,924 and \$1,486, for 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively.

As the Sales Agreement represents a sale of assets, Charter Communications Holdings, LLC will have new tax basis in the Combined Systems' assets and liabilities acquired.

## 7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company and each of its subsidiaries are guarantors of the Parent Company's debt.

The combined statements include the charge for certain corporate expenses incurred by the Parent on behalf of the Combined Systems. Such charges amounted to 33,888, 33,696, and 33,365 for the three years

ended September 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996. Management believes that these costs are reasonable and reflect costs of doing business that the Combined Systems would have incurred on a stand-alone basis.

The Combined Systems charge an affiliate interest on certain balances, aggregating \$15,000 per year, at an annual rate of 12%. Interest income on such balances amounted to \$1,800 for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 1998. In addition, the Combined Systems are required to pay the Parent interest on certain balances, at an annual rate of 12%. Interest expense on such balances amounted to \$2,340 for each of these years in the period ended September 30, 1998, all which were due during the periods presented. The amounts described above and certain non-interest bearing amounts due affiliates are included in Net Assets in the Combined Systems balance sheet. As a result of the Sales Agreement, such amounts will be assumed by the Parent. The interest income and expense have been netted in the accompanying statement of operations.

## 8. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

### 401(k) PLAN

The Combined Systems' employees participate in the Greater Media, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the "401(k) Plan"). Employees that qualify for participation can contribute up to 12% of their salary, on a before tax basis, subject to a maximum contribution limit as determined by the Internal Revenue Service. The Parent contributes an amount equal to 50% of the participant's contribution, limited to the lessor of 3% of the participant's compensation or \$1 per year.

The Combined Systems expense relating to the 401(k) Plan was \$140, \$127, and \$96 in 1998, 1997, and 1996, respectively.

## PENSION

Employees of the Combined Systems participate in a pension plan sponsored by the Parent. The Combined Systems allocable share of the pension expense amounted to \$105, \$204 and \$217 during the years ended September 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively. As a result of the Sales Agreement, the Combined Systems' employees will be fully vested with respect to their plan benefits, although no additional benefits will accrue to such employees in the future. In addition, the Parent will be responsible for the allocable pension liability (\$838 at September 30, 1998) and will continue to administer the plan on behalf of the Combined Systems' employees after the sale is consummated.

## 9. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

## LEASES

The Company leases certain facilities and equipment under noncancellable operating leases. Leases and rental costs charged to expense for the years ended September 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996, was \$2,124, \$2,133 and \$1,636, respectively. Rent expense incurred under leases for the years ended September 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996, was \$678, \$665 and \$660, respectively. Future minimum lease payments are as follows:

1999	\$	690
2000		618
2001		524
2002		402
2003		396
Thereafter	3	. 267

The Company also rents utility poles in its operations. Generally, pole rentals are cancelable on short notice, but the Company anticipates that such rentals will recur. Rent expense incurred for pole rental attachments for the years ended September 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996, was \$1,008, \$840 and \$578, respectively.

#### LITIGATION

The Company is party to lawsuits that arise in the ordinary course of conducting its business. In the opinion of management, after consulting with legal counsel, the outcome of these lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's combined financial position or results of operations.

## REGULATION IN THE CABLE TELEVISION INDUSTRY

The cable television industry is subject to extensive regulation at the federal, local and, in some instances, state levels. The Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 (the "1984 Cable Act"), the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (the "1992 Cable Act" and together with the 1984 Cable Act, the "Cable Acts"), and the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "1996 Telecom Act"), establish a national policy to guide the development and regulation of cable television systems. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has principal responsibility for implementing the policies of the Cable Acts. Many aspects of such regulation are currently the subject of judicial proceedings and administrative or legislative proposals. Legislation and regulations continue to change, and the Company cannot predict the impact of future developments on the cable television industry.

The 1992 Cable Act and the FCC's rules implementing that act generally have increased the administrative and operational expenses of cable television systems and have resulted in additional regulatory oversight by the FCC and local or state franchise authorities. The Cable Acts and the corresponding FCC regulations have established rate regulations.

The 1992 Cable Act permits certified local franchising authorities to order refunds of basic service tier rates paid in the previous twelve-month period determined to be in excess of the maximum permitted rates. The Company may be required to refund additional amounts in the future.

The Combined Systems believe that they have complied in all material respects with the provisions of the 1992 Cable Act, including the rate setting provisions promulgated by the FCC. However, in jurisdictions that have chosen not to certify, refunds covering the previous twelve-month period may be ordered upon certification if a company is unable to justify its basic rates. The Combined Systems are unable to estimate at this time the amount of refunds, if any, that may be payable by the Combined Systems in the event certain of its rates are successfully challenged by franchising authorities or found to be unreasonable by the FCC. The Combined Systems do not believe that the amount of any such refunds would have a material adverse effect on their financial position or results of operations.

The 1996 Telecom Act, among other things, immediately deregulated the rates for certain small cable operators and in certain limited circumstances rates on the basic service tier, and as of March 31, 1999, deregulates rates on the cable programming service tier (CPST). The FCC is currently developing permanent regulations to implement the rate deregulation provisions of the 1996 Telecom Act. The Combined Systems cannot predict the ultimate effect of the 1996 Telecom Act on their financial position or results of operations.

The FCC may further restrict the ability of cable television operators to implement rate increases or the United States Congress may enact legislation that could delay or suspend the scheduled March 1999 termination of CPST rate regulation. This continued rate regulation, if adopted, could limit the rates charged by the Combined Systems.

A number of states subject cable television systems to the jurisdiction of centralized state governmental agencies, some of which impose regulation of a character similar to that of a public utility. State governmental

agencies are required to follow FCC rules when prescribing rate regulation, and thus, state regulation of cable television rates is not allowed to be more restrictive than the federal or local regulation. The Combined Systems are subject to state regulation in Massachusetts.

## 10. SUBSEQUENT EVENT (UNAUDITED)

On June 30, 1999, Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications Holdings Company, LLC purchased the Combined Systems for an aggregate purchase price of \$500 million plus a working capital adjustment. Effective with this change of ownership, the Combined Systems will be managed by Charter Investment, Inc.

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To Helicon Partners I, L.P.:

We have audited the accompanying combined statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows of Helicon Partners I, L.P. and affiliates for the seven months ended July 30, 1999. These combined financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these combined financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the results of operations of Helicon Partners I, L.P. and affiliates and their cash flows for the seven months ended July 30, 1999 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

/s/ ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

St. Louis, Missouri, March 6, 2000

## HELICON PARTNERS I, L.P. AND AFFILIATES COMBINED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JULY 30, 1999
REVENUES	\$ 49,564,581
OPERATING EXPENSES: Operating expenses. General and administrative expenses. Marketing expenses. Depreciation and amortization. Management fee charged by affiliate.	16,358,995 13,877,357 1,327,669 16,616,529 2,511,416
Total operating expenses	50,691,966
Operating income	(1,127,385)
INTEREST INCOME (EXPENSE): Interest expense	(20,681,592) 124,486
NET LOSS	\$(21,684,491) =======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these combined statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-176}}$ 

## HELICON PARTNERS I, L.P. AND AFFILIATES COMBINED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PARTNERS' DEFICIT

	PREFERRED LIMITED PARTNERS	GENERAL PARTNER	CLASS A LIMITED PARTNERS	CLASS B LIMITED PARTNER	CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION RECEIVABLE	PARTNERS' DEFICIT
Balance at December 31, 1998 Distribution of additional preferred	\$8,567,467	\$ (989,962)	\$(134,807,570)		\$(1,000)	\$(127,231,065)
partnership interests Accretion of redeemable partnership	609,621	(6,097)	(603,524)			
interests		(269,961)	(26,726,132)			(26,996,093)
Capital contribution				3,628,250		3,628,250
Net loss		(216,845)	(21,467,646)			(21,684,491)
Balance at July 30, 1999	\$9,177,088 =======	\$(1,482,865) =======	\$(183,604,872)	\$3,628,250 ======	\$(1,000) ======	\$(172,283,399) =======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these combined statements.  $${\scriptsize \mbox{\sc F-177}}$$ 

## HELICON PARTNERS I, L.P. AND AFFILIATES

## COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JULY 30, 1999
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Net loss	\$(21,684,491)
Depreciation and amortization Amortization of debt discount and deferred financing	16,616,529
costs  Gain on sale of equipment  Interest on 12% subordinated notes paid through the	2,801,895 (22,536)
issuance of additional notes	2,706,044
Receivables from subscribers	(1,544,469)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	2,773,825
Accounts payable and accrued expensesSubscriptions received in advance	(2,937,602) 803,151
Accrued interest	2,557,212
Net cash provided by operating activities	2,069,558
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Purchases of property, plant and equipment  Proceeds from sale of equipment	(6,332,987) 32,288
of cash acquired Increase in intangible assets	(6,217,143) (487,595)
Net cash used in investing activities	(13,005,437)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Proceeds from bank loans	13,000,000
Repayments of bank loans and other notes	(483,178)
Capital contribution	3,628,250
Advances to affiliates, net	(247,043)
Payment of financing costs	(240,000)
Net cash provided by financing activities	15,658,029
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	4,722,150 5,130,561
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	\$ 9,852,711 =======
CASH PAID FOR INTEREST	\$ 12,582,725 ========
ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT THROUGH THE	
ISSUANCE OF OTHER NOTES PAYABLE	\$ 389,223

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these combined statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-178}}$ 

#### HELICON PARTNERS I. L.P. AND AFFILIATES

### NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

Helicon Partners I, L.P. ("the Partnership") was organized as a limited partnership under the laws of the State of Delaware. The Partnership owns all of the limited partnership interests in THGLP, representing a 99% ownership, and Baum Investment, Inc. ("Baum"), the general partner of THGLP, owns the 1% general partnership interest in THGLP. The Partnership also owns a 99% interest and THGLP owns a 1% interest in HPI Acquisition Co., LLC ("HPIAC"). The Partnership also owns an 89% limited partnership interest and Baum a 1% general partnership interest in Helicon OnLine, L.P. ("HOL"). The Partnership, THGLP, HPIAC and HOL are referred to collectively herein as the Company.

The Company operates in one business segment offering cable television services in the states of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Vermont, New Hampshire, Georgia and Tennessee. The Company also offers to customers advanced services, such as paging and private data network systems, including dial up access and a broad range of Internet access services in Pennsylvania and Vermont, dedicated high speed access, high speed cable modem access, world wide web design, and hosting services.

On July 30, 1999, Charter-Helicon, LLC ("Charter-Helicon"), acquired a 1% interest in THGLP previously owned by Baum and became the General Partner of THGLP. Concurrently, Charter-Helicon and Charter Communications, LLC ("CC-LLC"), parent of Charter-Helicon, acquired all of the partnership interests of the Partnership. These transactions are collectively referred to as the "Helicon/Charter Deal" herein. In connection with the Helicon/Charter Deal, \$228,985,000 of cash was paid to the equity holders; Baum retained a \$25,000,000 limited liability company membership interest in Charter-Helicon; debt of \$197,447,000 was repaid; debt of \$115,000,000 was assumed; and other costs totaling \$4,285,000 were incurred by CC-LLC.

The post-closing process associated with the Helicon/Charter Deal has not been finished. Accordingly, the accompanying combined financial statements may not give effect to all adjustments arising from the change of ownership of the Company.

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## Principles of Combination

The accompanying financial statements include the accounts of the Partnership, THGLP, HPIAC and HOL, which have been combined because of common ownership and control. They also reflect the accounts of THGLP's subsidiary, Helicon Capital Corp., which has nominal assets and no operations since its incorporation. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in combination.

Partnership Profits, Losses and Distributions

Under the terms of the partnership agreements of the Partnership and THGLP, profits, losses and distributions will be made to the general and Class A Limited Partners pro-rata based on their respective partnership interest. Holders of Preferred Limited Partnership Interests are entitled to an aggregate preference on liquidation of \$6,250,000 plus cumulative in-kind distributions of additional Preferred Limited Partnership interests at an annual rate of 12%.

## Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized as services are provided to subscribers. Subscription revenues billed in advance for services are deferred and recorded as income in the period in which services are rendered.

### Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are carried at cost and are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets.

#### Intangible Assets and Deferred Costs

Intangible assets and deferred costs are carried at cost and are amortized using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets. When changes in events or circumstances warrant, the Company reviews the amortization periods of their intangible assets and deferred costs. The Company evaluates whether there has been a permanent impairment in the value of these assets by considering such factors including the projected undiscounted cash flows, current market conditions and changes in the cable television industry that would impact the recoverability of such assets.

#### Income Taxes

No provision for Federal or state income taxes has been made in the accompanying combined financial statements since any liability for such income taxes is that of the partners and not of the Company.

### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### 3. ACQUISITIONS

On January 7, 1999, THGLP acquired cable television systems serving subscribers in the North Carolina counties of Carter, Johnson and Unicol. The aggregate purchase price was \$5,228,097 and was allocated to the net assets acquired, which included property, plant and equipment and intangible assets, based on their estimated fair values.

On March 1, 1999, HPIAC acquired a cable television system serving subscribers in the communities of Abbeville, Donalds and Due West, South Carolina. The aggregate purchase price was \$723,356 and was allocated to the net assets acquired, which included property, plant and equipment, and intangible assets, based on their estimated fair value.

The operating results relating to the above acquisitions are included in the accompanying combined financial statements from the acquisition dates forward. Pro forma operating results for 1999 as though the acquisitions had occurred on January 1, 1999, would not be materially different than historical operating results.

## 4. TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

Amounts due from/to affiliates result from management fees, expense allocations and temporary non-interest bearing loans. The affiliates are related to the Company through common ownership. Effective upon

the execution of the Charter/Helicon Deal, Charter Investment, Inc. is the manager of the Company's operations.

The Partnership was managed by Helicon Corp., an affiliated management company. During the seven months ended July 30, 1999, the Partnership was charged a management fee of \$2,511,416. Management fees are calculated based on the gross revenues of the systems.

# 5. SENIOR SECURED NOTES

THGLP and HCC (the "Issuers"), through a private placement offering, issued \$115,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 11% Senior Secured Notes due 2003 (the "Senior Secured Notes"), secured by substantially all the assets of THGLP. Interest is payable on a semi-annual basis in arrears on November 1 and May 1. The discount on the Senior Secured Notes is being amortized over the term of the Senior Secured Notes so as to result in an effective interest rate of 11% per annum.

## 6. LOANS PAYABLE TO BANKS

On January 5, 1999, THGLP entered into a \$12,000,000 Senior Subordinated Loan Agreement with Paribas Capital Funding, LLC (the "1999 Credit Facility"). Initial borrowings of \$7,000,000 under the 1999 Credit Facility financed the acquisition of certain cable television systems in North Carolina. On February 19, 1999, the Company borrowed the remaining \$5,000,000 available under the 1999 Credit Facility. Interest on the 1999 Credit Facility is payable at 11.5% per annum. On July 30, 1999, the amounts outstanding were repaid and the 1999 Credit Facility was terminated in connection with the Helicon/Charter Deal.

## 7. REDEEMABLE PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS

In April 1996, the Partnership sold to unrelated investors, \$34,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 12% Subordinated Notes (the "Subordinated Notes") and warrants (the "Warrants") to purchase 2,419.1 units of Class B Limited Partnership Interests (the "Units").

The Subordinated Notes are subordinated to the senior indebtedness of the Partnership and are due April 1, 2004. Interest is payable semi-annually on each October 1 and April 1 in cash or through the issuance of additional Subordinated Notes, at the option of the Partnership. In the past, the Partnership has elected to satisfy interest due through the issuance of additional Subordinated Notes. The Partnership issued \$2,706,044 of additional Subordinated Notes to pay interest due in April 1999.

Holders of the Warrants had the right to acquire the Units at any time for a price of \$1,500 per Unit. The Partnership estimated the Net Equity Value of the Warrants to be approximately \$43,250,000 at December 31, 1998. The Net Equity Value, pursuant to the terms of the agreement, is the estimated amount of cash that would be available for distribution to the Partnership interests upon a sale of all the assets of the Partnership and its subsequent dissolution and liquidation. Such estimate as of December 31, 1998 reflects the amount that the holders of the Warrants have agreed to accept for their interests assuming a proposed sale of all of the interests of the Partnership is consummated. The increase in the Net Equity Value over the original carrying value of the Warrants is being accreted evenly over the period beginning with the date of the increase through September 2001. Such accretion is being reflected in the accompanying financial statements as an increase in the carrying value of the Warrants and the corresponding reduction in the carrying value of the capital accounts of the General and Class A Limited Partners.

Immediately prior to the closing of the Helicon/Charter Deal. Baum contributed \$3,628, 250 to exercise the Warrants and received 2,419.1 Units. This transaction triggered the acceleration of the accretion of the Units to their estimated Net Equity Value. Upon the close of the Charter/Helicon Deal, the holders received \$43,250,000 in exchange for the Units.

### 8. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### Leases

The Company leases telephone and utility poles on an annual basis. The leases are self-renewing. Pole rental expenses for the seven months ended July 30, 1999 was \$687.

The Company utilizes certain office space under operating lease agreements, which expire at various dates through August 2013 and contain renewal options. Office rent expense was \$192 for the seven months ended July 30, 1999.

### Litigation

The Company is a party to lawsuits that arise in the ordinary course of conducting its business. In the opinion of management, after consulting with legal counsel, the outcome of these lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's combined financial position or results of operations.

## Regulation in the Cable Television Industry

The cable television industry is subject to extensive regulation at the federal, local and, in some instances, state levels. The Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 (the "1984 Cable Act"), the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (the "1992 Cable Act" and together with the 1984 Cable Act, the "Cable Acts"), and the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "1996 Telecom Act"), establish a national policy to guide the development and regulation of cable television systems. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has principal responsibility for implementing the policies of the Cable Acts. Many aspects of such regulation are currently the subject of judicial proceedings and administrative or legislative proposals. Legislation and regulations continue to change, and the Company cannot predict the impact of future developments on the cable television industry.

The 1992 Cable Act and the FCC's rules implementing that act generally have increased the administrative and operational expenses of cable television systems and have resulted in additional regulatory oversight by the FCC and local or state franchise authorities. The Cable Acts and the corresponding FCC regulations have established rate regulations.

The 1992 Cable Act permits certified local franchising authorities to order refunds of basic service tier rates paid in the previous twelve-month period determined to be in excess of the maximum permitted rates. The Company may be required to refund additional amounts in the future.

The Company believes that it has complied in all material respects with the provisions of the 1992 Cable Act, including the rate setting provisions promulgated by the FCC. However, in jurisdictions that have chosen not to certify, refunds covering the previous twelve-month period may be ordered upon certification if the Company is unable to justify its basic rates. The Company is unable to estimate at this time the amount of refunds, if any, that may be payable by the Company in the event certain of its rates are successfully challenged by franchising authorities or found to be unreasonable by the FCC. The Company does not believe that the amount of any such refunds would have a material adverse effect on the financial position or results of operations of the Company.

The 1996 Telecom Act, among other things, immediately deregulated the rates for certain small cable operators and in certain limited circumstances rates on the basic service tier, and as of March 31, 1999, deregulated rates on the cable programming service tier (CPST). The FCC has taken the position that it will still adjudicate pending CPST complaints but will strictly limit its review, and possible refund orders, to the time period predating the sunset date, March 31, 1999. The Company does not believe any adjudications regarding their pre-sunset complaints will have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

A number of states subject cable television systems to the jurisdiction of centralized state governmental agencies, some of which impose regulation of a character similar to that of a public utility. State governmental agencies are required to follow FCC rules when prescribing rate regulation, and thus, state regulation of cable television rates is not allowed to be more restrictive than the federal or local regulation.

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Partners
Helicon Partners I, L.P.:

We have audited the accompanying combined balance sheets of Helicon Partners I, L.P. and affiliates as of December 31, 1997 and 1998, and the related combined statements of operations, changes in partners' deficit, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 1998. These combined financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these combined financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Helicon Partners I, L.P. and affiliates as of December 31, 1997 and 1998 and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 1998, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ KPMG LLP

New York, New York March 26, 1999

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# COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS DECEMBER 31, 1997 AND 1998

	1997	1998
ASSETS (NOTES 8 AND 9)		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 2)	\$ 4,372,281	\$ 5,130,561
Receivables from subscribers	1,439,720	1,631,931
Prepaid expenses and other assets	2,205,794	3,469,228
Property, plant and equipment, net (notes 3, 4, and		
11)	80,104,377	86,737,580
Intangible assets and deferred costs, net (notes 3 and		
5)	85,066,665	94,876,847
Total assets	¢ 172 100 027	\$ 191,846,147
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LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' DEFICIT		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 7,416,901	\$ 8,037,193
Accrued expenses	1,539,116	1,589,240
Subscriptions received in advance	1,018,310	819,564
Accrued interest	3,760,360	3,742,456
Due to principal owner (note 7)	5,000,000	5,000,000
Senior secured notes (note 8)	115,000,000	115,000,000
Loans payable to banks (note 9)	85,776,641	120,266,922
12% subordinated notes, net of unamortized discount of		
\$2,889,541 in 1997 and \$2,543,869 in 1998 (note	07.040.040	40 070 005
10)	37,249,948	42,672,085
Redeemable partnership interests (note 10)	6,437,142	16,253,906
Other notes payable (note 11)	5,747,076	5,448,804
Due to affiliates, net (note 6)	71,474	247,042
Total liabilities		319,077,212
TOTAL LIABILITIES		
Commitments (notes 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13)		
Partners' deficit (note 12):		
Preferred limited partners	7,649,988	8,567,467
Accumulated partners' deficit	(103, 477, 119)	(135, 797, 532)
Less capital contribution receivable	(1,000)	(1,000)
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Total partners' deficit	(95,828,131)	(127, 231, 065)
Total liabilities and partners' deficit		\$ 191,846,147
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# COMBINED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996, 1997 AND 1998

	1996	1997	1998
Revenues	\$ 42,061,537	\$ 59,957,434	\$ 75,576,810
Operating expenses: Operating expenses (note 13)	11,395,509	17,408,265	22,687,850
and 13)  Marketing expenses  Depreciation and amortization  Management fee charged by affiliate (note	7,244,663 1,235,553 12,556,023	9,762,931 2,266,627 19,411,813	13,365,824 3,521,893 24,290,088
6)	2,103,077 426,672	2,997,872 549,222	3,496,271 602,987
Total operating expenses	34,961,497	52,396,730	67,964,913
Operating income	7,100,040	7,560,704	7,611,897
Interest expense (note 7)	(17,418,266) 563,362	(23,586,227) 154,037	(27,633,714) 92,967
	(16,854,904)	(23,432,190)	(27,540,747)
Loss before extraordinary item	(9,754,864)	(15,871,486)	(19,928,850)
Extraordinary item write-off of deferred financing costs (note 9)			(1,657,320)
Net loss	\$ (9,754,864) =======	\$(15,871,486) =======	\$(21,586,170) =======

# COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN PARTNERS' DEFICIT YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996, 1997 AND 1998

PARTNERS' DEFICIT **PREFERRED** CLASS A CAPITAL GENERAL CONTRIBUTION LIMITED LIMITED **PARTNERS** PARTNER RECEIVABLE **TOTAL PARTNERS** Balance at December 31, 1995.........
Issuance of preferred limited \$ (67,453,281) \$(307,994) \$ (67,144,287) \$(1,000) partnership interests (note 10).... 6,250,000 (62,500)(6,187,500)Partner capital contributions (note 1,500 10)..... 1,500 Distribution of additional preferred partnership interests (note 10).... 558,430 (5,584) (552,846) - -Net loss..... --(9,657,315) - -(9,754,864)(97,549) Balance at December 31, 1996..... (472,127) (83,541,948) 6,808,430 (1,000)(77, 206, 645)Distribution of additional preferred 841,558 partnership interests (note 10).... (8,416)(833, 142)Accretion of redeemable partnership interests (note 10)..... (27.500)(2,722,500)(2,750,000)- ---Net loss..... (15,712,771)(15,871,486)(158,715)Balance at December 31, 1997..... (1,000)7,649,988 (666,758)(102,810,361)(95,828,131)Distribution of additional preferred partnership interests (note 10).... 917,479 (9,175)(908, 304) Accretion of redeemable partnership interests (note 10)..... (98, 168)(9,718,596)(9,816,764)- -(21,370,309) (21,586,170)Net loss..... (215,861)\$8,567,467 \$(134,807,570) Balance at December 31, 1998..... \$(989,962) \$(1,000) \$(127,231,065) ======= ======== ======= =========

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# COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996, 1997 AND 1998

	1996	1997	1998
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net loss	\$ (9,754,864)	\$(15,871,486)	\$(21,586,170)
Extraordinary item			1,657,320
Depreciation and amortizationGain on sale of equipment  Interest on 12% subordinated notes paid through the	12,556,023 (20,375)	19,411,813 (1,069)	24,290,088 (29,323)
issuance of additional notes	1,945,667 168,328	4,193,819 185,160	4,961,241 
costsChange in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions:	2,115,392	849,826	919,439
Decrease (increase) in receivables from subscribers Increase in prepaid expenses and other assets Increase in financing costs incurred	176,432 (269,156) (4,525,331)	(496,146) (976,491) (434,000)	(79,535) (1,255,018) (2,200,000)
Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses Increase (decrease) in subscriptions received in	2,182,762	2,957,524	681,037
advance  Increase (decrease) in accrued interest	119,277 1,613,630	325,815 376,158	(208,803) (17,904)
Total adjustments	16,062,649	26,392,409	28,718,542
Net cash provided by operating activities	6,307,785	10,520,923	7,132,372
Cash flows from investing activities:  Purchases of property, plant and equipment  Proceeds from sale of equipment  Cash paid for net assets of cable television systems	(8,987,766) 21,947	(15,824,306) 23,270	(13,538,978) 118,953
acquired	(35,829,389)	(70, 275, 153)	(26,063,284)
acquired Increase in intangible assets and deferred costs	(40,000) (127,673)	(993,760) (308,759)	(183,018)
Net cash used in investing activities	(44,962,881)	(87,378,708)	(39,666,327)
Cash flows from financing activities: Capital contributions  Decrease in restricted cash  Proceeds from issuance of 12% subordinated notes and	1,500	1,000,000	
redeemable partnership interests  Proceeds from bank loans  Repayment of bank loans  Repayment of other notes payable  Advances to affiliates  Repayments of advances to affiliates	34,000,000 8,900,000 (952,777) (527,514) (3,207,996) 3,479,336	77,285,000 (1,505,581) (1,145,989) (3,412,411) 2,986,778	104,000,000 (69,509,719) (1,362,995) (8,856,491) 9,021,440
Net cash provided by financing activities	41,692,549	75,207,797	33,292,235
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash			
equivalents  Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	3,037,453 2,984,816	(1,649,988) 6,022,269	758,280 4,372,281
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 6,022,269 ======	\$ 4,372,281 =======	\$ 5,130,561 =======
Supplemental cash flow information: Interest paid	\$ 11,575,250 =======	\$ 17,981,264 ========	\$ 21,770,938 =======
Other non-cash items: Acquisition of property, plant and equipment through issuance of other notes payable	\$ 1,222,000 ======	\$ 917,815 =======	\$ 1,025,319 =======
Issuance of notes payable in connection with the acquisition of cable television and internet systems, net of imputed interest	\$ 569,500 ======	\$ 1,914,479 =======	

## NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1996, 1997 AND 1998

### ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF BUSINESS

Helicon Partners I, L.P. ("the Partnership") was organized as a limited partnership on November 30, 1994 under the laws of the State of Delaware. On April 8, 1996, Baum Investments, Inc. acquired a 1% general partnership interest in the Partnership through an initial capital contribution of \$1,500 and the existing limited partners of The Helicon Group, L.P. ("THGLP"), formed in 1993, exchanged their limited partnership interests in THGLP for all Class A Common Limited Partnership Interests and Preferred Limited Partnership Interests in the Partnership. As a result of this exchange, THGLP became 99% owned by the Partnership. The Partnership now owns all of the limited partnership interests in THGLP and Baum Investments, Inc. continues to be the general partner of THGLP and to own a 1% general partnership interest in THGLP. The Partnership also owns a 99% interest and THGLP a 1% interest in HPI Acquisition Co., LLC ("HPIAC"), a Delaware limited liability company formed on February 7, 1996. The Partnership also owned an 89% limited partnership interest and Baum Investments, Inc. a 1% general partnership interest in Helicon OnLine, L. P. ("HOL"), a Delaware limited partnership formed May 31, 1997. On June 29, 1998, the net assets of HOL were transferred to THGLP in settlement of the inter-company loans THGLP had made to HOL. The Partnership, THGLP, HPIAC and HOL are referred to collectively herein as the Company.

On March 22, 1999, Helicon Partners I, L. P. (HPI), Baum Investments, Inc. and all the holders of partnership interests in HPI entered into a purchase agreement by and among Charter Communications, Inc, Charter Communications, LLC and Charter Helicon, LLC (collectively the "Charter Entities") providing for the sale of all such partnership interests and Helicon Corp.'s interest in the management agreements with THGLP and HPIAC to the Charter Entities. The sale price is \$550 million which amount will be reduced by any outstanding indebtedness assumed by the Charter Entities.

The Company operates cable television systems located in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Vermont, New Hampshire, Georgia and Tennessee. The Company also offers a broad range of Internet access service, including dial-up access, dedicated high speed access, both two-way and asymmetrical ("Hybrid"), high speed cable modem access, World Wide Web design and hosting services and other value added services such as paging and private network systems within the Company's cable service and contiguous areas.

# 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# a) PRINCIPLES OF COMBINATION

The accompanying financial statements include the accounts of the Partnership, THGLP and HPIAC and HOL which have been combined because of common ownership and control. They also reflect the accounts of THGLP's subsidiary, Helicon Capital Corp. ("HCC"), which has nominal assets and no operations since its incorporation. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in combination.

# b) PARTNERSHIP PROFITS, LOSSES AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Under the terms of the partnership agreements of the Partnership and THGLP, profits, losses and distributions will be made to the general and Class A Limited Partners pro-rata based on their respective partnership interest.

Holders of Preferred Limited Partnership Interests are entitled to an aggregate preference on liquidation of \$6,250,000 plus cumulative in-kind distributions of additional Preferred Limited Partnership interests at an annual rate of 12%.

# c) REVENUE RECOGNITION

Revenue is recognized as services are provided to subscribers. Subscription revenues billed in advance for services are deferred and recorded as income in the period in which services are rendered.

# d) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are carried at cost and are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets.

## e) INTANGIBLE ASSETS AND DEFERRED COSTS

Intangible assets and deferred costs are carried at cost and are amortized using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets. The Company periodically reviews the amortization periods of their intangible assets and deferred costs. The Company evaluates whether there has been a permanent impairment in the value of these assets by considering such factors including projected undiscounted cash flows, current market conditions and changes in the cable television industry that would impact the recoverability of such assets, among other things.

## f) INCOME TAXES

No provision for Federal or state income taxes has been made in the accompanying combined financial statements since any liability for such income taxes is that of the partners and not of the Partnership or its affiliates. Certain assets have a basis for income tax purposes that differs from the carrying value for financial reporting purposes, primarily due to differences in depreciation methods. As a result of these differences, at December 31, 1997 and 1998 the net carrying value of these assets for financial reporting purposes exceeded the net basis for income tax purposes by approximately \$22 million and \$27 million respectively.

# g) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents, consisting of amounts on deposit in money market accounts, checking accounts and certificates of deposit, were \$4,372,281 and \$5,130,561 at December 31, 1997 and 1998, respectively.

# h) USE OF ESTIMATES

Management of the Company has made a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities to prepare these combined financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# i) INTEREST RATE CAP AGREEMENTS

The cost paid is amortized over the life of the agreements.

# j) DISCLOSURE ABOUT FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Cash and Cash Equivalents, Receivables, Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses

The carrying amounts reported in the consolidated balance sheets for cash and cash equivalents, current receivables, notes receivable, accounts payable, and accrued expenses approximate fair values.

Senior Secured Notes and Long-term Debt

For the Senior Secured Notes, fair values are based on quoted market prices. The fair market value at December 31, 1997 and 1998 was approximately \$123,000,000 and \$120,000,000, respectively. For long-term debt, their values approximate carrying value due to the short-term maturity of the debt and/or fluctuating interest.

# Comprehensive Income

On January 1, 1998, the Company adopted SFAS No. 130, Reporting Comprehensive Income. SFAS No. 130 establishes standards for reporting and presentation of comprehensive income and its components in a full set of financial statements. Comprehensive income consists of net income and net unrealized gains (losses) on securities and is presented in the consolidated statements of stockholder's equity and comprehensive income. The Statement requires only additional disclosures in the consolidated financial statements; it does not affect the Company's financial position or results of operations. The Company has no items that qualify as comprehensive income.

## 3. ACQUISITIONS

# Cable Acquisitions

On January 31, 1995, THGLP acquired a cable television system, serving approximately 1,100 (unaudited) subscribers in the Vermont communities of Bradford, South Royalton and Chelsea. The aggregate purchase price was approximately \$350,000 and was allocated to the net assets acquired which included property and equipment and intangible assets.

In June and July, 1996, HPIAC completed the acquisitions of all the operating assets of the cable television systems, serving approximately 26,000 (unaudited) subscribers, in the areas of Jasper and Skyline, Tennessee and Summerville, Trenton, Menlo, Decatur and Chatsworth, Georgia (collectively referred to as the Tennessee cluster).

The aggregate purchase price of \$36,398,889, including acquisition costs of \$742,837, was allocated to the net assets acquired based on their estimated fair value. Such allocation is summarized as follows:

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A portion of the purchase price was paid through the issuance of notes to the sellers of one of the systems totaling \$750,000. Such notes were reported net of imputed interest of \$180,500 computed at 9% per annum (see note 11).

On January 16, 1997, HPIAC acquired an adjacent cable television system serving approximately 2,256 (unaudited) subscribers in the communities of Ten Mile and Hamilton, Tennessee. The aggregate purchase price was approximately \$2,960,294 and was allocated to the net assets acquired which included property, equipment and intangible assets, based on their estimated fair value.

On January 31, 1997, THGLP acquired a cable television system, serving approximately 823 (unaudited) subscribers in the West Virginia counties of Wirt and Wood. The aggregate purchase price was approximately \$1,053,457, and was allocated to the net assets acquired which included property, equipment and intangible assets, based on their estimated fair value.

On April 18, 1997, HPIAC acquired a cable television system serving approximately 839 (unaudited) subscribers in the communities of Charleston and Calhoun, Tennessee. The aggregate purchase price was approximately \$1,055,693 and was allocated to the net assets acquired which included property and equipment and intangible assets, based on their estimated fair value.

On June 26, 1997, HPIAC acquired the net assets of cable television systems serving approximately 21,500 (unaudited) subscribers primarily in the North Carolina communities of Avery County and surrounding areas and in the South Carolina community of Anderson County. The aggregate purchase price was approximately \$45,258,279, including acquisition costs of \$547,235, and was allocated to the net assets acquired which included property, plant, equipment and intangible assets, based on their estimated fair value.

On June 26, 1997, THGLP acquired the net assets of a cable television system serving approximately 11,000 (unaudited) subscribers in the North Carolina communities of Watauga County, Blowing Rock, Beech Mountain and the town of Boone. The aggregate purchase price was \$19,947,430 and was allocated to the net assets acquired which included, property, plant, equipment and intangible assets, based on their estimated fair value.

The aggregate purchase price of the 1997 cable acquisitions was \$70,275,153 and was allocated to the net assets acquired based on their estimated fair market value as follows:

LandCable television system	
Vehicles	1,473,600
Computer equipment	,
Subscriber lists	- / /
Organization and other costs	688,816
Other net operating items	(531,836)
Total aggregate purchase price	\$70,275,153
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On December 31, 1998, HPIAC acquired the net assets of cable television systems serving approximately 11,225 (unaudited) subscribers primarily in the North Carolina community of Roanoke Rapids. The aggregate purchase price was \$26,063,284 including acquisition costs of \$535,875 and was allocated to the net assets acquired, which included, property, equipment and intangible assets, based on their estimated fair value.

Land	
Cable television system	4,258,000
Other property, plant and equipment	1,103,375
Subscriber lists	19,805,000
Organization and other costs	535,875
Other net operating items	,
Total aggregate purchase price	\$26,063,284
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# **Internet Acquisitions**

On March 22, 1996, THGLP acquired the net assets of a telephone dial-up internet access provider ("ISP") serving approximately 350 (unaudited) customers in and around the area of Uniontown, Pennsylvania. The aggregate purchase price was approximately \$40,000.

On April 1, 1997, the Partnership acquired the net assets of a telephone dial-up ISP serving approximately 2,500 (unaudited) customers in and around the area of Uniontown, Pennsylvania. The aggregate purchase price was \$757,029.

On May 31, 1997, the Partnership acquired the net assets of a telephone dial-up ISP serving approximately 1,800 (unaudited) customers in and around the area of Uniontown, Pennsylvania. The aggregate purchase price was \$213,629.

On November 14, 1997, HOL acquired the net assets of a telephone dial-up ISP serving approximately 1,744 (unaudited) customers in and around the area of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The aggregate purchase price was \$348,927.

On December 17, 1997, HOL acquired the net assets of a telephone dial-up ISP serving 1,571 (unaudited) customers in and around the area of Plainfield, Vermont. The aggregate purchase price was \$497,307.

On December 17, 1997, HOL acquired the net assets of a telephone dial-up ISP serving approximately 2,110 (unaudited) customers in and around the area of Wells River, Vermont. The aggregate purchase price was \$673,170.

The aggregate purchase price of the 1997 ISP acquisitions was \$2,490,062 and was allocated to the net assets acquired, based on their estimated fair value. Such allocation is summarized as follows:

Internet service equipment	\$ 237,064
Customer lists	1,409,768
Non-compete Agreement	883,097
Other intangible assets	35,000
Other net operating items	` ' '
Total aggregate purchase price	\$2,490,062

A portion of the purchase price was paid through the issuance of notes to the Sellers totaling \$1,801,000. Such notes were reported net of imputed interest of \$304,698 computed at 9% per annum (see Note 11).

The operating results relating to the above acquisitions, effective with their acquisition dates, are included in the accompanying combined financial statements.

# 4. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET

Property, plant and equipment, net is summarized as follows at December 31:

	1997	1998	ESTIMATED USEFUL LIFE IN YEARS
Land	\$ 121,689	\$ 320,689	
Cable television system	124,684,403	140,441,324	5 to 20
Internet service equipment	1,281,362	2,483,602	2 to 3
Office furniture and fixtures	677,672	728,253	5 and 10
Vehicles	3,536,358	4,570,990	3 and 5
Building	805,525	1,585,384	5 and 10
Building and leasehold			
Improvements	398,843	445,820	1 to 5
Computers	3,232,355	4,159,506	3 to 5
	134,738,207	154,735,568	
Less accumulated depreciation	(54,633,830)	(67,997,988)	
	\$ 80,104,377	\$ 86,737,580	
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# 5. INTANGIBLE ASSETS AND DEFERRED COSTS

Intangible assets and deferred costs are summarized as follows at December  ${\tt 31:}$ 

	1997	1998	ESTIMATED USEFUL LIFE IN YEARS
Covenants not-to-compete Franchise agreements Goodwill Subscriber lists Financing costs Organization and other costs	\$ 14,270,120 19,650,889 1,703,760 82,292,573 9,414,809 3,631,650	\$ 14,270,120 19,650,889 1,703,760 102,097,574 9,291,640 4,306,777	5 9 to 17 20 6 to 10 8 to 10 5 to 10
Less accumulated amortization	130,963,801 (45,897,136) 	151,320,760 (56,443,913) 	

# 6. TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

Amounts due from/to affiliates result from management fees, expense allocations and temporary non-interest bearing loans. The affiliates are related to the Company through common-ownership.

The Partnership is managed by Helicon Corp., an affiliated management company. During 1996, 1997 and 1998, the Partnership was charged management fees of \$2,103,077, \$2,997,872, and \$3,496,271, respectively. In 1997 and 1998, \$2,685,172 and \$3,231,362 of the management fees were paid and \$312,700 and \$172,476 were deferred, in accordance with the terms of the Partnership's credit agreements, respectively. Management fees are calculated based on the gross revenues of the systems. Additionally, during 1996, 1997

and 1998, THGLP was also charged \$980,000, \$713,906, and \$1,315,315, respectively, for certain costs incurred by this related party on their behalf.

In May 1997, immediately after the formation of HOL, HPI sold 10% of its limited partner interest in HOL to certain employees of Helicon Corp. Such interests were sold at HPI's proportionate carrying value of HOL of \$83,631 in exchange for notes receivable from these individuals. These notes are due upon the liquidation of HOL or the sale of all or substantially all of its assets.

On June 26, 1998, the notes were cancelled in consideration of the return by the Helicon employees of their 10% limited partnership interests.

## 7. DUE TO PRINCIPAL OWNER

Mr. Theodore Baum, directly or indirectly, is the principal owner of 96.17% of the general and limited partnership interests of the Partnership (the "Principal Owner"). Due to Principal Owner consists of \$5,000,000 at December 31, 1997 and 1998 payable by THGLP. Beginning on November 3, 1993, interest on the \$5,000,000 due to the Principal Owner did not accrue and in accordance with the provisions of the Senior Secured Notes was not paid for twenty four months. Interest resumed on November 3, 1995 (see Note 8). The principal may only be repaid thereafter subject to the passage of certain limiting tests under the covenants of the Senior Secured Notes. Prior to the issuance of the Senior Secured Notes, amounts due to Principal Owner bore interest at varying rates per annum based on the prime rate and were due on demand. Interest expense includes \$521,701 in 1996 and \$530,082 in 1997 and \$524,880 in 1998 related to this debt.

### 8. SENIOR SECURED NOTES

On November 3, 1993, THGLP and HCC (the "Issuers"), through a private placement offering, issued \$115,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 11% Senior Secured Notes due 2003 (the "Senior Secured Notes"), secured by substantially all the assets of THGLP. The Senior Secured Notes were issued at a substantial discount from their principal amount and generated net proceeds to the Issuers of approximately \$105,699,000. Interest is payable on a semi-annual basis in arrears on November 1 and May 1, beginning on May 1, 1994. Until November 1, 1996 the Senior Secured Notes bore interest at the rate of 9% per annum. After November 1, 1996, the Senior Secured Notes bear interest at the rate of 11% per annum. The discount on the Senior Secured Notes has been amortized over the term of the Senior Secured Notes so as to result in an effective interest rate of 11% per annum.

The Senior Secured Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuers in whole or in part at any time on or after November 1, 1997 at the redemption price of 108% reducing ratably to 100% of the principal amount, in each case together with accrued interest to the redemption date. The Issuers are required to redeem \$25,000,000 principal amount of the Senior Secured Notes on each of November 1, 2001 and November 1, 2002. The indenture under which the Senior Secured Notes were issued contains various restrictive covenants, the more significant of which are, limitations on distributions to partners, the incurrence or guarantee of indebtedness, the payment of management fees, other transactions with officers, directors and affiliates, and the issuance of certain types of equity interests or distributions relating thereto.

# 9. LOANS PAYABLE TO BANKS

On July 12, 1996, HPIAC entered into \$85,000,000 of senior secured credit facilities ("Facilities") with a group of banks and The First National Bank of Chicago, as agent. The Facilities were comprised of a \$55,000,000 senior secured two and one-half year revolving credit facility, converting on December 31, 1998 to a five and one-half year amortizing term loan due June 30, 2004 ("Facility A"); and, a \$30,000,000 senior secured, amortizing, multiple draw nine year term loan facility due June 30, 2005 ("Facility B"). The Facilities financed certain permitted acquisitions, transaction expenses and general corporate purposes.

Interest on outstanding borrowings was payable at specified margins over either LIBOR or the higher of the corporate base rate of The First National Bank of Chicago or the rates on overnight Federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System. The margins varied based on the Company's total leverage ratio, as defined, at the time of an advance. As of December 31, 1997, the amounts outstanding were \$30,000,000 under Facility B and \$35,500,000 outstanding under Facility A. Interest was payable at LIBOR plus 3.50% for Facility B and LIBOR plus 3.00% for Facility A. In addition, HPIAC paid a commitment fee of .5% of the unused balance of the Facilities.

On December 15, 1998, the Facilities were repaid in full together with accrued interest thereon from the proceeds of the new credit agreements (see below).

In connection with the early retirement of the aforementioned bank debt, HPIAC wrote off related unamortized deferred financing costs totaling \$1,657,320. Such amount has been classified as an extraordinary item in the accompanying 1998 combined statement of operations.

In connection with the aforementioned Facilities, HPIAC entered into an interest rate cap agreement to reduce its exposure to interest rate risk. Interest rate cap transactions generally involve the exchange of fixed and floating rate interest payment obligations and provide for a ceiling on interest to be paid, respectively, without the exchange of the underlying notional principal amount. These types of transactions involve risk of counterpart nonperformance under the terms of the contract. At December 31, 1997, HPIAC had cap agreements with aggregate notional amounts of \$42,500,000 expiring through March 29, 2000. On December 15, 1998, in connection with the early retirement of the related bank debt, the cap agreements were terminated and HPIAC wrote off the unamortized costs of these cap agreements.

On December 15, 1998, HPIAC entered into credit agreements with a group of banks and Paribas, as agent, providing maximum borrowings of \$110,000,000 (the 1998 Credit Facilities). The agreements include (i) a senior secured Credit Agreement consisting of a \$35,000,000 A Term Loan, maturing on December 31, 2005, \$45,000,000 B Term Loan, maturing on December 31, 2006 and a \$10,000,000 Revolving Commitment, maturing on December 31, 2005 and (ii) a Loan Agreement consisting of a \$20,000,000 Hybrid Facility, maturing on December 31, 2007.

As of December 31, 1998, the A Term Loan, B Term Loan and Hybrid Facility were fully drawn down and there was nothing outstanding under the Revolving Commitment. The principal cash payments required under the Company's credit agreements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 are estimated to aggregate \$0, \$812,500, \$3,950,000, \$5,700,000 and \$7,450,000, respectively.

Interest is payable at LIBOR plus an applicable margin, which is based on a ratio of loans outstanding to annualized EBITDAM, as defined in the agreement and can not exceed 3.00% for A Term Loan and Revolving Commitments, 3.25% for B Term Loan and 4.50% for the Hybrid Facility. In addition, the Company pays a commitment fee of .50% of the unused balance of the Revolving Commitment.

The 1998 Credit Facilities are secured by a first perfected security interest in all of the assets of HPIAC and a pledge of all equity interests of HPIAC. The credit agreement contains various restrictive covenants that include the achievement of certain financial ratios relating to interest, fixed charges, leverage, limitations on capital expenditures, incurrence or guarantee of indebtedness, other transactions with affiliates and distributions to members. In addition, management fees in the aggregate cannot exceed 5% of gross revenues of HPIAC.

On June 26, 1997, THGLP entered into a \$20,000,000 senior secured credit facility with Banque Paribas, as Agent (the 1997 Credit Facility). On January 5, 1999, the 1997 Credit Facility was restated and amended. The facility is non-amortizing and is due November 1, 2000. Borrowings under the facility financed the acquisition of certain cable television assets in North Carolina (see note 3). Interest on the \$20,000,000 outstanding is payable at specified margins over either LIBOR or the rate of interest publicly announced in New York City by The Chase Manhattan Bank from time to time as its prime commercial lending rate. The

margins vary based on the THGLP's total leverage ratio, as defined, at the time of an advance. Currently interest is payable at LIBOR plus 2.75%.

The 1997 Credit Facility is secured by a first perfected security interest in all of the assets of the Partnership and a pledge of all equity interests of the THGLP. The credit agreement contains various restrictive covenants that include the achievement of certain financial ratios relating to interest, fixed charges, leverage, limitations on capital expenditures, incurrence or guarantee of indebtedness, transactions with affiliates, distributions to members and management fees which accrue at 5% of gross revenues.

Also included in loans payable to banks is a mortgage note of \$266,922 payable to a bank that is secured by THGLP's office building in Vermont. The interest is payable at Prime plus 1% and the mortgage note is due March 1, 2012.

Principal payments on the mortgage note are summarized as follows at December 31, 1998:

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31	AMOUNT
1999	\$ 10,581
2000	11,631
2001	12,786
2002	14,055
2003 and thereafter	217,869
	\$266,922
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## 10. SUBORDINATED NOTES AND REDEEMABLE PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS

In April 1996 the Partnership sold to unrelated investors, \$34,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 12% Subordinated Notes (the "Subordinated Notes") and warrants to purchase 2,419.1 units (the "Units") of Class B Common Limited Partnership Interests representing in the aggregate 24.191% of the outstanding limited partner interests of the Partnership on a fully diluted basis (the "Warrants"). Of the \$34,000,000 of gross proceeds, \$3,687,142 was determined to be the value of the Warrants, and \$30,312,858 was allocated to the Subordinated Notes. The discount on the Subordinated Notes is being amortized over the term of these Notes.

The Subordinated Notes are subordinated to the senior indebtedness of the Partnership and are due April 1, 2004. Interest is payable semi-annually on each October 1 and April 1 in cash or through the issuance of additional Subordinated Notes, at the option of the Partnership. In October 1996, April 1997, October 1997, April 1998 and October 1998, the Partnership elected to satisfy interest due through the issuance of \$1,945,667, \$2,156,740, \$2,037,079, \$2,408,370 and \$2,552,871, respectively, additional Subordinated Notes. After September 2001, a holder or holders of no less than 33 1/3% of the aggregate principal amount of the Subordinated Notes can require the Partnership to repurchase their Subordinated Notes at a price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest. The Partnership has an option to redeem the Subordinated Notes at 102% of the aggregate principal amount after the fifth anniversary of their issuance, at 101% of the aggregate principal amount after the sixth anniversary of issuance and at 100% of the aggregate principal amount after the seventh anniversary of issuance.

Holders of the Warrants have the right to acquire the Units at any time for a price of \$1,500 per Unit. After September 2001, a holder or holders of at least 33 1/3% of the Warrants can require the Partnership to either purchase their Warrants at their interest in the Net Equity Value of the Partnership or seek a purchaser for all of the assets or equity interests of the Partnership. Net Equity Value pursuant to the terms of the

underlying agreements is the estimated amount of cash that would be available for distribution to the Partnership interests upon a sale of all of the assets of the Partnership and its subsequent dissolution and liquidation. The Net Equity Value is the amount agreed to by the Partnership and 66 2/3% of the holders of the Subordinated Notes and Warrants or, absent such agreement, determined through a specified appraisal process.

The Partnership estimated the Net Equity Value of the Warrants to be approximately \$43,250,000 at December 31, 1998 and \$16,750,000 at December 31, 1997. Such estimate as of December 31, 1998 reflects the amount that the holders of the warrants have agreed to accept for their interests assuming the proposed sale of all of the interests of the partnership is consummated (see note 14). The increase in the estimated Net Equity Value over the original carrying value of the Warrants is being accreted evenly over the period beginning with the date of the increase and September 2001. Such accretion is being reflected in the accompanying financial statements as an increase in the carrying value of the Warrants and a corresponding reduction in the carrying value of the capital accounts of the General and Class A Limited Partners.

The agreements underlying the Subordinated Notes and the Warrants contain various restrictive covenants that include limitations on incurrence or guarantee of indebtedness, transactions with affiliates, and distributions to partners. In addition, management fees in the aggregate cannot exceed 5% of gross revenues of the Partnership.

## 11. OTHER NOTES PAYABLE

Other Notes payable consists of the following at December 31:

	1997	1998
Promissory note in consideration for acquisition of a cable television system, accruing interest at 10% per annum on principal and accrued interest which is added to principal on certain specified dates; interest becomes payable on January 1, 1998 and the principal is payable in full on August 20, 2000  Non-interest bearing promissory notes issued in connection with the acquisition of a cable television system.  Principal payments begin on July 16, 1997, in the amount of \$70,000 and four installments in the amount of \$170,000 on each July 16 thereafter. Such notes are reported net of imputed interest of \$141,116 and \$101,732 in 1997 and	\$2,036,765	\$2,036,765
1998, respectively, computed at 9% per annum Non-interest bearing promissory notes issued in connection with the acquisitions of the internet businesses. Principal payments are due in January, February, and March of each year and continue quarterly thereafter through June, 2001. Such notes are reported net of imputed interest of \$180,727 and \$146,441 in the 1997 and 1998,	538,884	408,268
respectively, computed at 9% per annum Installment notes, collateralized by vehicles and other equipment and payable in monthly installments, at interest rates between 5.5% to 14.25% per annum, through January,	1,398,478	1,021,474
2003	1,772,949	1,982,297
	\$5,747,076	
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## NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

Principal payments due on the above notes payable are summarized as follows at December 31, 1998:

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31	AMOUNT
1999	\$1,337,476
2000	. , ,
2001	678,349
2002	140,944
2003	
	\$5,448,804
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## 12. PARTNERS' DEFICIT

During 1993, the Principal Owner contributed a \$6,500,000 unsecured, non-interest bearing personal promissory note due on demand to the general partner of THGLP. Additionally, the Principal Owner contributed to THGLP an unsecured, non-interest bearing personal promissory note in the aggregate principal amount of \$24,000,000 (together with the \$6,500,000 note, the "Baum Notes"). The Baum Notes have been issued for the purpose of THGLP's credit enhancement. Although the Baum Notes are unconditional, they do not become payable except (i) in increasing amounts presently up to \$19,500,000 and in installments thereafter to a maximum of \$30,500,000 on December 16, 1996 and (ii) at such time after such dates as THGLP's creditors shall have exhausted all claims against THGLP's assets.

## 13. COMMITMENTS

The Partnership and affiliates leases telephone and utility poles on an annual basis. The leases are self renewing. Pole rental expense for the years ended December 31, 1996, 1997 and 1998 was \$609,075, \$873,264 and \$982,306, respectively.

In connection with certain lease and franchise agreements, the Partnership, from time to time, issues security bonds.

The Partnership and affiliates utilizes certain office space under operating lease agreements which expire at various dates through August 2013 and contain renewal options. At December 31, 1998 the future minimum rental commitments under such leases were as follows:

# YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1999		142,136 141,727
2003. Thereafter	1	151,412 418,017,
		2,168,029 ======

Office rent expense was \$102,801 in 1996, \$203,506 in 1997 and \$254,955 in 1998.

# 14. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On March 22, 1999, Helicon Partners I, L. P. (HPI), Baum Investments, Inc. and all the holders of partnership interests in HPI entered into a purchase agreement by and among Charter Communications, Inc, Charter Communications, LLC and Charter Helicon, LLC (collectively the "Charter Entities") providing for the sale of all such partnership interests and Helicon Corp.'s interest in the management agreements with THGLP and HPIAC to the Charter Entities. The sale price is \$550 million which amount will be reduced by any outstanding indebtedness assumed by the Charter Entities.

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### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

To the Partners of Rifkin Cable Income Partners L.P.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and the related statements of operations, of equity and of cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Rifkin Cable Income Partners L.P. (the "Partnership") at September 13, 1999, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the period January 1, 1999 to September 13, 1999, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Partnership's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit of these statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for the opinion expressed above.

On September 13, 1999, all of the Partnership's interest were sold to Charter Communications, LLC. These financial statements represent the Partnership just prior to that transaction and do not reflect any adjustments related thereto.

/s/ PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

Denver, Colorado February 15, 2000

# BALANCE SHEET

	SEPTEMBER 13, 1999
ASSETS Cash Customer accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$2,349	\$ 145,036 109,874
Accounts receivable, related party  Accounts receivable, interpartnership  Other receivables  Prepaid expenses and deposits  Property, plant and equipment, at cost:  Transmission and distribution systems and related	7,328 13,638,312 96,318 20,920
equipment	11,038,202 426,977 125,000 66,122
Less accumulated depreciation	11,656,301 (831,684)
Property, plant and equipment, net	10,824,617 12,706,195
Total assets	\$37,548,600 ========
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY Liabilities: Accrued liabilities	\$ 161,084 321,419 15,621,000
Total liabilities	16,103,503
Divisional equity  Total equity	21,445,097  21,445,097
Total liabilities and equity	\$37,548,600 ======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements. \$F-202\$

# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1999 TO SEPTEMBER 13, 1999
REVENUE	
Service	\$3,533,718
Installation and other	273,757
Total revenue	3,807,475
Operating expense	455,528
Programming expense	862,317
Selling, general and administrative expense	472,088
Depreciation	836,050
Amortization	792,708
Management fees	190,374
Loss on disposal of assets	52,885
Total costs and expenses	3,661,950
Operating income	145,525
Interest expense	536,877
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Net loss	\$ (391,352) ======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-203}}$ 

# RIFKIN CABLE INCOME PARTNERS, L.P. STATEMENT OF EQUITY

PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1999 TO SEPTEMBER 13, 1999

	SEPTEMBER 13, 1999		
	DIVISIONAL EQUITY	TOTAL	
Equity contribution	\$21,836,449 (391,352)	\$21,836,449 (391,352)	
Equity, September 13, 1999	\$21,445,097	\$21,445,097	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-204}}$ 

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1999 TO SEPTEMBER 13, 1999
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES  Net loss	\$ (391,352)
Depreciation and amortization	1,628,758 52,885 (58,351) (7,328) (13,638,312) 36,960
Decrease in prepaid expenses and deposits  Decrease in accrued liabilities  Increase in customer deposits and prepayments	49,755 (235,521) 195,207
Net cash used in operating activities	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Initial cash acquisition cost, net of cash acquired Additions to property, plant and equipment Additions to franchise costs	(21,771,547)
Net cash used in investing activities	(22,079,688)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES  Capital contributions  Proceeds from interpartnership debt  Payments on interpartnership debt	21,836,449
Net cash provided by financing activities	34,592,023
Increase in cash	145,036
Cash, end of period	
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION Interest paid	\$ 536,877 =======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-205}}$ 

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### ORGANTZATTON

Rifkin Cable Income Partners L.P. (the "Partnership") was originally formed in 1986 as a limited partnership under the laws of the State of Delaware. The Partnership owns, operates and develops cable television systems in Missouri and New Mexico.

ACQUISITION BY INTERLINK COMMUNICATIONS PARTNERS, LLLP AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Effective December 31, 1998, Interlink Communications Partners, LLLP ("ICP") acquired all of the Partnership's limited partner interest, and agreed to purchase all of the Partnership's interest for \$21.7 million. This transaction was accounted for as a purchase; as such, assets and liabilities were written up to their fair value, resulting in an increase to property, plant and equipment and franchise costs of \$6.4 million and \$11.7 million, respectively.

Effective April 1, 1999, ICP completed the purchase of the remaining general partner interest in the Partnership and the Partnership was merged into ICP and ceased to exist as a separate legal entity. The Partnership's financial statements subsequent to that date represent a divisional carve-out from ICP. These financial statements include all the direct costs of operating its business; however, certain assets, liabilities and costs not specifically related to the Partnership's activities were allocated and reflected in the financial position as of September 13, 1999, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the period January 1, 1999 to September 13, 1999. Allocations from ICP include amounts for debt, interest expense and management expense. Both debt and interest expense were allocated pro rata based on the Partnership's percentage of subscribers to total ICP subscribers. Management expense was allocated in accordance with the management agreement (Note 2). In addition, receivables and payables to ICP are presented in the accompanying financial statements net as amounts due to/from interpartnership. Management believes these allocations were made on a reasonable basis. Nonetheless, the financial information included herein may not necessarily reflect what the financial position and results of operations of the Partnership would have been as a stand-alone entity.

# ACQUISITION BY CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC

On February 12, 1999, ICP signed a letter of intent to sell all of ICP's partnership interest to Charter Communications Holdings, LLC ("Charter"). On April 26, 1999, ICP signed a definitive Purchase and Sales Agreement with Charter for the sale of the individual partner's interest. The sales transaction closed on September 13, 1999. These financial statements represent the Partnership just prior to the transaction and do not reflect any related adjustments.

# PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Additions to property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost, which in the case of assets constructed includes amounts for material, labor, overhead and capitalized interest, if applicable. Upon sale or retirement of an asset, the related costs and accumulated depreciation were removed from the accounts and any gain or loss is recognized.

Depreciation expense is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

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equipme	nt				
Vehicles	office	furniture	and fixture	20	

1-15 years 1-5 years Land, buildings and leasehold improvements..... 1-30 years

### FRANCHISE COSTS

Franchise costs are amortized using the straight-line method over the remaining lives of the franchises as of the date they were acquired, ranging from 1 to 18 years. The carrying value is assessed for recoverability by management based on an analysis of undiscounted expected future cash flows. The Partnership's management believes that there has been no impairment thereof as of September 13, 1999.

### INCOME TAXES

No provision for federal or state income taxes is necessary in the financial statements of the Partnership, because as a partnership, it is not subject to federal or state income tax as the tax effect of its activities accrues to the partners.

## REVENUE RECOGNITION

Customer fees are recorded as revenue in the period the service is provided. The cost to acquire the rights to the programming generally is recorded when the product is initially available to be viewed by the customer.

# ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION EXPENSES

Advertising and promotion expenses are charged to income during the year in which they are incurred and were not significant for the period shown.

## USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## 2. MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

The Partnership has a management agreement with R & A Management, LLC ("RML"). The management agreement provides that RML shall act as manager of the Partnership's CATV systems, and shall be entitled to annual compensation of 5% of the Partnership's CATV revenues, net of certain CATV programming costs. The result of this transaction included the conveyance of the Rifkin management agreement ("Rifkin Agreement") to RML ("RML Agreement"). Expenses incurred pursuant to this agreement and the RML Agreement are disclosed in total on the Statement of Operations.

# 3. DEBT

The Partnership has an interpartnership debt with ICP. Borrowings, including both principal and interest, at September 13, 1999 were \$15,621,000 and had an effective interest rate of 8.68%.

ICP has a term loan and revolving loan agreement with a bank. The amount of the term loan is \$150,000,000, and requires varying quarterly payments plus interest commencing September 30, 2001 and continuing through March 31, 2007. On February 1, 1999, the term loan agreement was amended to increase the loan amount to \$250,000,000. On July 16, 1999, the term loan agreement was amended again to increase the loan amount to \$290,000,000. The interest rate on the term loan is generally the bank's prime rate plus 0% to 1.50%. The weighted average effective rate at September 13, 1999 was 8.74%.

The revolving loan agreement provided for borrowing up to \$100,000,000 at the Company's discretion. At September 13, 1999, \$91,000,000 had been drawn against the \$100,000,000 commitment. The revolving credit agreement expires on March 31, 2007. The revolver bears an interest rate at the bank's prime rate plus 0% to

1.50% or LIBOR plus 1.25% to 2.75%. The specific rate is dependent upon the leverage ratio of ICP, which is recalculated quarterly. The weighted average effective interest rate at September 13, 1999 was 8.5%.

The term loan and revolving loan agreement are collateralized by substantially all assets of ICP and its consolidated entities, including the Partnership.

# 4. LEASE COMMITMENTS

The Partnership leases certain real and personal property under noncancelable operating leases. Future minimum lease payments under these arrangements at September 13, 1999, were as follows:

1999	 \$ 60,870
2000	 30,825
2001	 30,000
2002	 8,750
	\$130,445

Total rent expense for the period January 1, 1999 to September 13, 1999 was \$60,870, including \$38,239 relating to cancelable pole rental agreements.

## 5. RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The Partnership has a 401(k) plan for its employees that have been employed by the Partnership for at least one year. Employees of the Partnership can contribute up to 15% of their salary, on a before-tax basis, with a maximum 1999 contribution of \$10,000 (as set by the Internal Revenue Service). The Partnership matches participant contributions up to a maximum of 50% of the first 3% of a participant's salary contributed. All participant contributions and earnings are fully vested upon contribution and Partnership contributions and earnings vest 20% per year of employment with the Partnership, becoming fully vested after five years. The Partnership's matching contributions for the period January 1, 1999 to September 13, 1999 were \$3,850.

# 6. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Partnership has a number of financial instruments, none of which are held for trading purposes. The following method and assumptions were used by the Partnership to estimate the fair values of financial instruments as disclosed herein:

Cash, customer accounts receivable, other receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and customer deposits and prepayments: The carrying value amount approximates fair value because of the short period to maturity.

The interest rate on debt is adjusted at least quarterly; therefore, the carrying value of debt approximates its fair value.

# 7. LITIGATION

The Partnership could possibly be named as defendant in various actions and proceedings arising from the normal course of business. In all such cases, the Partnership will vigorously defend itself against the litigation and, where appropriate, will file counterclaims. Although the eventual outcome of potential lawsuits cannot be predicted, it is management's opinion that any such lawsuit will not result in liabilities that would have a material affect on the Partnership's financial position or results of operations.

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

To the Partners of Rifkin Cable Income Partners L.P.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and the related statements of operations, of partners' equity (deficit) and of cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Rifkin Cable Income Partners L.P. (the "Partnership") at December 31, 1997 and 1998, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1998, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Partnership's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for the opinion expressed above.

/s/ PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

Denver, Colorado March 19, 1999

# BALANCE SHEET

	12/31/97	12/31/98
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Customer accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful	\$ 381,378	\$ 65,699
accounts of \$12,455 in 1997 and \$18,278 in 1998 Other receivables Prepaid expenses and deposits Property, plant and equipment, at cost:	49,585 123,828 81,114	51,523 133,278 70,675
Cable television transmission and distribution systems and related equipment  Land, buildings, vehicles and furniture and fixtures	8,536,060 618,671	8,758,525 623,281
Less accumulated depreciation	9,154,731 (3,847,679)	(4,354,685)
Net property, plant and equipment Franchise costs and other intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$1,819,324 in 1997 and		5,027,121
\$2,033,405 in 1998	2,005,342	1,772,345
Total assets	\$ 7,948,299	\$ 7,120,641
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' EQUITY Accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Customer deposits and prepayments. Interest payable. Long-term debt. Interpartnership debt.		\$ 396,605 126,212   2,865,426
Total liabilities  Commitments and contingencies (Notes 4 and 8)  Partners' equity:	5,514,792	3,388,243
General partnerLimited partners	263,171 2,170,336	822,837 2,909,561
Total partner's equity		3,732,398
Total liabilities and partners' equity	\$ 7,948,299 =======	\$ 7,120,641 =======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	YEARS ENDED		
	12/31/96	12/31/97	12/31/98
REVENUE: Service	\$4,104,841	\$4,491,983	\$4,790,052
	206,044	239,402	345,484
Total revenue	4,310,885	4,731,385	5,135,536
Operating expense	643,950	691,700	671,968
	787,124	879,939	1,077,540
Selling, general and administrative expense Depreciation	683,571	663,903	622,774
	535,559	602,863	628,515
Amortization  Management fees  Loss (gain) on disposal of assets	377,749	332,770	199,854
	215,544	236,569	256,777
	1,530	2,980	(2,138)
Total costs and expenses	3,245,027	3,410,724	3,455,290
Operating income	1,065,858	1,320,661	1,680,246
	533,294	448,530	362,439
Net income before extraordinary item Extraordinary item Loss on early retirement of debt	532,564	872,131	1,317,807
(Note 1)			18,916
Net income	\$ 532,564	\$ 872,131	\$1,298,891
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF PARTNERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)

	GENERAL PARTNER	LIMITED PARTNERS	TOTAL
Partners' equity (deficit), December 31, 1995 Net income	\$(299,131)	\$1,427,630	\$1,128,499
	229,471	303,093	532,564
	(42,953)	(56,734)	(99,687)
Partners' equity (deficit), December 31, 1996 Net income	(112,613)	1,673,989	1,561,376
	375,784	496,347	872,131
Partners' equity, December 31, 1997 Net income	263,171	2,170,336	2,433,507
	559,666	739,225	1,298,891
Partners' equity December 31, 1998	\$ 822,837	\$2,909,561	\$3,732,398
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The partners' capital accounts for financial reporting purposes vary from the tax capital accounts.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	YEARS ENDED		
		12/31/97	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Net income	\$ 532,564	\$ 872,131	\$ 1,298,891
Depreciation and amortization	913,308	935,633	
Amortization of deferred loan cost Loss on early retirement of debt	18,970	18,970	14,228 18,916
Loss (gain) on disposal of fixed assets	1 530	2,980	(2,138)
Decrease (increase) in customer accounts			
receivables Increase in other receivables	745 274)	(5,729) (56,059)	(1,938)
Decrease in prepaid expense and other	(45,274)	(50,059)	(9,450) 10,439
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and		13,230	
accrued liabilities		61,625	
prepayment	673	(63,524)	(51,095)
Increase (decrease) in interest payable	35,638	(3,145)	(58,093)
Increase (decrease) in customer deposits and prepayment  Increase (decrease) in interest payable  Net cash provided by operating activities	1,291,632	1,776,112	2,079,342
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:  Additions to property, plant and equipment  Additions to other intangible assets, net of	(824,359)	(679,394)	(415,534)
refranchises  Net proceeds from the sale of assets	18,255	(112) 57,113	69,087
Sales tax related to Florida assets sold in 1994	(14,694)		
Net cash used in investing activities	(820.798)	(622, 393)	(346.447)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from interpartnership debtPayments of long-term debt	 (715,000)	 (871,000)	4,265,426 (4,914,000)
Payments of interpartnership debt Partners' capital distributions	(99,687)		(1,400,000)
Net cash used in financing activities	(814,687)	(871,000)	(2,048,574)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash			
equivalents	(343,853)	282,719	(315,679)
equivalents	442,512	98,659	381,378
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 98,659	\$ 381,378 =======	\$ 65,699
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:			
Interest paid	\$ 455,124 =======		

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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Rifkin Cable Income Partners L.P. (the "Partnership") was formed in 1986 as a limited partnership under the laws of the State of Delaware. The Partnership owns, operates and develops cable television systems in Missouri and New Mexico. Rifkin Cable Management Partners L.P., an affiliate of Rifkin & Associates, Inc. (Note 3), is the general partner of the Partnership.

The Partnership Agreement (the "Agreement") establishes the respective rights, obligations and interests of the partners. The Agreement provides that net income or loss, certain capital events, and cash distributions (all as defined in the Agreement) are generally allocated 43% to the general partner and 57% to the limited partners.

# ACQUISITION BY INTERLINK COMMUNICATIONS PARTNERS, LLLP

During 1998, Interlink Communications Partners, LLLP ("ICP") agreed to purchase all of the interests of the Partnership. ICP acquired the limited partner interests, effective December 31, 1998, and is currently in the process of obtaining the necessary consents to transfer all of the Partnership's franchises to ICP. Once obtained, ICP will then purchase the general partner interest in the Partnership, and the Partnership will, by operation of law, be consolidated into ICP.

## REVENUE RECOGNITION

Customer fees are recorded as revenue in the period the service is provided. The cost to acquire the rights to the programming generally is recorded when the product is initially available to be viewed by the customer.

## ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION EXPENSES

Advertising and promotion expenses are charged to income during the year in which they are incurred and were not significant for the periods shown.

## PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Additions to property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost, which in the case of assets constructed includes amounts for material, labor, overhead and capitalized interest, if applicable. Upon sale or retirement of an asset, the related costs and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any gain or loss is recognized.

Depreciation expense is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Buildings	21-30 years
Cable television transmission and distribution systems and	
related equipment	3-15 years
Vehicles and furniture and fixtures	3-5 vears

# FRANCHISE COSTS

Franchise costs are amortized using the straight-line method over the remaining lives of the franchises as of the date they were acquired, ranging from eight to twenty-five years. The carrying value of intangibles is assessed for recoverability by management based on an analysis of undiscounted expected future cash flows. The Partnership's management believes that there has been no impairment thereof as of December 31, 1998.

### OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Loan costs of the Partnership have been deferred and have been amortized to interest expense utilizing the straight-line method over the term of the related debt. Use of the straight-line method approximates the results of the application of the interest method. The net amount remaining at December 31, 1997 was \$37.886.

On December 30, 1998, the loan with a financial institution was paid in full (Note 2). The related deferred loan costs and associated accumulated amortization were written off and an extraordinary loss of \$18,916 was recorded.

## CASH AND CASH EOUIVALENTS

All highly liquid debt instruments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less are considered to be cash equivalents.

# INCOME TAXES

No provision for Federal or State income taxes is necessary in the financial statements of the Partnership, because as a partnership, it is not subject to Federal or State income tax as the tax effect of its activities accrues to the partners.

## USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENT

In April 1998, the Accounting Standards Executive Committee issued Statement of Position (SOP) 98-5 "Reporting on the Costs of Start-Up Activities," which requires the Partnership to expense all start up costs related to opening a new facility, introduction of anew product or service, or conducting business with a new class of customer or in a new territory. This standard is effective for the Partnership's 1999 fiscal year. Management believes that SOP 98-5 will have no material effect on its financial position or the results of operations.

# RECLASSIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

Certain reclassifications have been made to the 1996 and 1997 financial statements to conform with the 1998 financial statement presentation.

# 2. DEBT

The Partnership had a term loan with a financial institution which required varying quarterly payments. At December 31, 1997, the term loan had a balance of \$4,914,000. At December 30, 1998, the term loan had a balance of \$4,216,875; at that date, the total balance and accrued interest were paid in full.

On that same date, the Partnership obtained a new interpartnership loan with ICP (Note 1). Borrowing under the interpartnership loan, as well as interest and principle payments are due at the discretion of the management of ICP, resulting in no minimum required annual principle payments. The balance of the interpartnership loan at December 31, 1998 was \$2,865,426. The effective interest rate at December 31, 1998 was 8.5%.

### 3. MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

The Partnership has entered into a management agreement with Rifkin and Associates, Inc. (Rifkin). The management agreement provides that Rifkin shall act as manager of the Partnership's CATV systems, and shall be entitled to annual compensation of 5% of the Partnership's CATV revenues, net of certain CATV programming costs. Effective September 1, 1998, Rifkin conveyed its CATV management business to R & A Management, LLC (RML). The result of this transaction included the conveyance of the Rifkin management agreement (Rifkin Agreement) to RML (RML Agreement). Expenses incurred pursuant to the Rifkin Agreement and the RML Agreement are disclosed in total on the Statement of Operations.

# 4. COMMITMENTS AND RENTAL EXPENSE

The Partnership leases certain real and personal property under noncancelable operating leases expiring through the year 2001. Future minimum lease payments under such noncancelable leases as of December 31, 1998 are: \$30,000 for each year 1999, 2000 and 2001, totaling \$90,000.

Total rental expense for the years ended December 31, 1996, 1997 and 1998 was \$60,323, \$68,593 and \$68,776, respectively, including \$27,442, \$36,822 and \$36,716, respectively, relating to cancelable pole rental agreements.

## RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The Partnership has a 401(k) plan for its employees that have been employed by the Partnership for at least one year. Employees of the Partnership can contribute up to 15% of their salary, on a before-tax basis, with a maximum 1998 contribution of \$10,000 (as set by the Internal Revenue Service). The Partnership matches participant contributions up to a maximum of 50% of the first 3% of a participant's salary contributed. All participant contributions and earnings are fully vested upon contribution and Partnership contributions and earnings vest 20% per year of employment with the Partnership, becoming fully vested after five years. The Partnership's matching contributions for the years ended December 31, 1996, 1997 and 1998 were \$2,693, \$3,653 and \$2,680, respectively.

## 6. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Partnership has a number of financial instruments, none of which are held for trading purposes. The following method and assumptions were used by the Partnership to estimate the fair values of financial instruments as disclosed herein:

Cash and Cash Equivalents, Customer Accounts Receivable, Other Receivables, Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities and Customer Deposits and Prepayments: The carrying value amount approximates fair value because of the short period to maturity.

Debt: The carrying value amount approximates the fair value because the Partnership's interpartnership debt was obtained on December 30, 1998.

# 7. CABLE REREGULATION

Congress enacted the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (the Cable Act) and has amended it at various times since.

The total effects of the present law are, at this time, still unknown. However, one provision of the present law further redefines a small cable system, and exempts these systems from rate regulation on the upper tiers of cable service. The Partnership is awaiting an FCC rulemaking implementing the present law to determine whether its systems qualify as small cable systems.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

# 8. LITIGATION

The Partnership could possibly be named as defendant in various actions and proceedings arising from the normal course of business. In all such cases, the Partnership will vigorously defend itself against the litigation and, where appropriate, will file counterclaims. Although the eventual outcome of potential lawsuits cannot be predicted, it is management's opinion that any such lawsuit will not result in liabilities that would have a material affect on the Partnership's financial position or results of operations.

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

To the Partners of Rifkin Acquisition Partners, L.L.L.P.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated balance sheet and the related consolidated statements of operations, partners' capital and cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Rifkin Acquisition Partners, L.L.P. and its subsidiaries (the "Company") at September 13, 1999, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the period from January 1, 1999 through September 13, 1999, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit of these statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for the opinion expressed above.

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Partnership has changed its method of accounting for start up costs in fiscal 1999.

On September 13, 1999, all of the Partnership's interest were sold to Charter Communications, LLC. These financial statements represent the Partnership just prior to that transaction and do not reflect any adjustments related thereto.

/s/ PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

Denver, Colorado February 15, 2000

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	SEPTEMBER 13, 1999
ASSETS Cash Customer accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$292,183 Other receivables Prepaid expenses and other Property, plant and equipment, at cost:	\$ 4,475,108 1,258,522 3,384,472 1,616,219
Cable television transmission and distribution system and related equipment	171,842,780 8,946,860
Less accumulated depreciation	180,789,640 (45,505,661)
Net property, plant and equipment	135,283,979 164,685,102
Total assets	\$310,703,402 ========
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL Liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Customer deposits and prepayments. Payables to affiliates. Interest payable. Deferred tax liability, net. Notes payable.	\$ 21,110,015 1,514,732 303,047 3,234,019 5,967,000 236,075,000
Total liabilities	268, 203, 813 16, 128, 800 (2, 951, 394)
Limited partners	29,029,520 292,663
Total partners' capital	26,370,789
Total liabilities and partners' capital	\$310,703,402 =======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1999 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13, 1999
REVENUE	
Service Installation and other	\$ 62,252,012 6,577,154
installation and other	0,377,134
Total revenue COSTS AND EXPENSES	68,829,166
Operating expense	10,060,135
Programming expense	15,312,179
Selling, general and administrative expense	17,566,230
Depreciation	11,760,429
Amortization	17,681,246
Management fees	2,406,596 996,459
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Total costs and expenses	75,783,274
Operating loss	(6,954,108)
Interest expense	16,591,877
Loss before income taxes	(23,545,985)
Income tax benefit	(1,975,000)
Loss before cumulative effect of accounting change Cumulative effect of accounting change for organizational	(21,570,985)
costs	(111,607)
Net loss	\$(21,682,592)
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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# RIFKIN ACQUISITION PARTNERS, L.L.L.P CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PARTNERS' CAPITAL

	PREFERRED EQUITY INTEREST	GENERAL PARTNERS	LIMITED PARTNERS	TOTAL
Partners' capital (deficit), December 31, 1998	\$ 422,758	\$(1,991,018)	\$ 55,570,041	\$ 54,001,781
interest		(743,550)	(5,204,850)	(5,948,400)
Net loss	(130,095)	(216,826)	(21, 335, 671)	(21,682,592)
Partners' capital (deficit), September 13, 1999	\$ 292,663 ======	\$(2,951,394) =======	\$ 29,029,520 ======	\$ 26,370,789 =======

The partners' capital accounts for financial reporting purposes vary from the tax capital accounts.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1999 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13, 1999
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES  Net loss	\$(21,682,592)
operating activities: Depreciation and amortization Amortization of deferred loan costs Loss on disposal of fixed assets	29,441,675 684,095 996,459
Deferred tax benefit	(1,975,000) 111,607 673,618
Decrease in other receivables  Decrease in prepaid expenses and other  Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	2,253,299 782,309 9,425,421
Decrease in customer deposits and prepayments  Decrease in interest payable  Increase in payable to affiliates	(162,168) (4,008,935) 303,047
Net cash provided by operating activities	16,842,835
Proceeds from purchase price adjustment for Tennessee	(26,692,423)
trade Net proceeds from the sale of other assets	276,147 223,657
Net cash used in investing activities	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES Proceeds from long-term bank debt	11,500,000
Net cash provided by financing activities	
Net increase in cash	2,150,216
Cash, end of period	
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION Interest paid	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Rifkin Acquisition Partners, L.L.L.P. ("the Partnership") was formed pursuant to the laws of the State of Colorado. The Partnership and its subsidiaries are hereinafter referred to on a consolidated basis as the "Company." The Company owns, operates, and develops cable television systems in Georgia, Tennessee and Illinois. Rifkin Acquisition Management, L.P., an affiliate of R & A Management LLC (Note 4), is the general partner of the Partnership ("General Partner").

The Partnership operates under a limited liability limited partnership agreement (the "Partnership Agreement") which establishes contribution requirements, enumerates the rights and responsibilities of the partners and advisory committee, provides for allocations of income, losses and distributions and defines certain items relating thereto. The Partnership Agreement provides that net income or loss, certain defined capital events and cash distributions, all as defined in the Partnership Agreement, are generally allocated 99% to the limited partners and 1% to the General Partner.

## ACQUISITION BY CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

On February 12, 1999, the Company signed a letter of intent for the partners to sell all of their partnership interests to Charter Communications, LLC ("Charter"). On April 26, 1999, the Company signed a definitive Purchase and Sale Agreement with Charter for the sale of the individual partners' interest. The sales transaction closed on September 13, 1999. These statements represent the Company just prior to the transaction and do not reflect any adjustment related thereto.

#### BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the following entities:

Rifkin Acquisition Partners, L.L.L.P. Cable Equities of Colorado, Ltd. Management Corp. ("CEM")

Cable Equities of Colorado ("CEC")
Cable Equities, Inc. ("CEI")
Rifkin Acquisition Capital Corp. ("RACC")

All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

## REVENUE AND PROGRAMMING

Customer fees are recorded as revenue in the period the service is provided. The cost to acquire the rights to the programming generally is recorded when the product is initially available to be viewed by the customer.

# ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION EXPENSES

Advertising and promotion expenses are charged to income during the year in which they are incurred and were not significant for the period shown.

## PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Additions to property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost, which in the case of assets constructed, includes amounts for material, labor, overhead and interest, if applicable. Upon sale or retirement of an asset, the related costs and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any gain or loss is recognized. Capitalized interest was not significant for the period shown.

Depreciation expense is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Buildings Cable television transmission and distribution systems and	27-30years
related equipment	3-15years
Vehicles and furniture and fixtures	3-5vears

Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred.

## FRANCHISE COSTS

Franchise costs are amortized using the straight-line method over the remaining lives of the franchises as of the date they were acquired, ranging from one to twenty years. The carrying value of franchise costs is assessed for recoverability by management based on an analysis of undiscounted future expected cash flows from the underlying operations of the Company. Management believes that there has been no impairment thereof as of September 13, 1999.

## OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Certain loan costs have been deferred and are amortized to interest expense utilizing the straight-line method over the remaining term of the related debt. Use of the straight-line method approximates the results of the application of the interest method. The net amounts remaining at September 13, 1999 were \$5.481.111.

## REDEEMABLE PARTNERS' INTERESTS

The Partnership Agreement provides that if a certain partner dies or becomes disabled, that partner (or his personal representative) shall have the option, exercisable by notice given to the partners at any time within 270 days after his death or disability (except that if that partner dies or becomes disabled prior to August 31, 2000, the option may not be exercised until August 31, 2000 and then by notice by that partner or his personal representative given to the partners within 270 days after August 31, 2000) to sell, and require the General Partner and certain trusts controlled by that partner to sell, and the Partnership to purchase, up to 50% of the partnership interests owned by any of such partners and certain current and former members of management of R&A Management LLC that requests to sell their interest, for a purchase price equal to the fair market value of those interests determined by appraisal in accordance with the Partnership Agreement. Accordingly, the current fair value of such partnership interests have been reclassified outside of partners' capital.

# USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENT

Effective January 1, 1999, the Company adopted, the Accounting Standards Executive Committee's Statement of Position 98-5 ("SOP 98-5") Reporting on the Costs of Start-Up Activities, which requires the Company to expense all start up costs related to organizing a new business. During the first quarter of 1999, the Company wrote off the net book value of organization costs capitalized in prior years resulting in the recognition of a cumulative effect of accounting change of \$111,607.

## 2. INCOME TAXES

Although the Partnership is not a taxable entity, two corporations (the "Subsidiaries") are included in the consolidated financial statements. These subsidiaries are required to pay taxes on their taxable income, if any.

The following represents a reconciliation of pre-tax losses as reported in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and the losses attributable to the partners and included in their individual income tax returns for the period from January 1, 1999 through September 13, 1999:

Pre-tax loss as reported, including cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	\$ (23,657,592)
(Increase) decrease due to:	
Separately taxed book results of corporate subsidiaries	5,274,000
Effect of different depreciation and amortization methods	
for tax and book purposes	672,000
Other	(68, 408)
Tax loss attributed to the partners	\$ (17,780,000)
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The Company accounts for income taxes under the liability method. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities and are measured using the enacted tax rates and laws that will be in effect when the differences are expected to reverse.

As a result of a change in control in 1995, the book value of the Company's net assets was increased to reflect their fair market value. In connection with this revaluation, a deferred income tax liability in the amount of \$22,801,000 was established to provide for future taxes payable on the revised valuation of the net assets. A deferred tax benefit of \$1,975,000 was recognized for the period from January 1, 1999 through September 13, 1999, reducing the liability to \$5.967.000.

Deferred tax asset (liability) was comprised of the following at September 13, 1999:

Deferred tax assets resulting from loss carryforwards	\$ 13,006,000
Deferred tax liabilities resulting from depreciation and	
amortization	(18,973,000)
Net deferred tax liability	\$ (5,967,000)

As of September 13, 1999, the Subsidiaries have net operating loss carryforwards ("NOLs") for income tax purposes of \$34,589,000 substantially all of which are limited. The NOLs will expire at various times between the years 2000 and 2018. It is the opinion of management that the NOLs will be released from this limitation prior to their expiration dates and, as such, have not been limited in their calculation of deferred taxes. As the result of the sale of the Partnership's interest to Charter, a change in control, as defined in Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code, has occurred which may limit Charter's ability to utilize these NOLs.

The benefit for taxes differs from the amount which would be computed by applying the statutory federal income tax rate of 35% to the Company's pre-tax loss before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle as a result of the following for the period January 1, 1999 through September 13, 1999:

Tax benefit computed at statutory rate	\$(8,241,095)
Increase (decrease) due to:	
Tax benefit for non-corporate loss  Permanent differences between financial statement income	6,395,195
and taxable income	(36,200)
State income tax	(===,===,
Other	46,900
Income tax benefit	\$(1,975,000)
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#### NOTES PAYABLE

Debt consisted of the following at September 13, 1999:

Senior Subordinated Notes	\$125,000,000
Tranche A Term Loan	21,575,000
Tranche B Term Loan	40,000,000
Reducing Revolving Loan	46,500,000
Senior Subordinated Debt	, ,
	\$236,075,000
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The notes and loans are collateralized by substantially all of the assets of the Company.

On January 26, 1996, the Company and its wholly owned subsidiary, RACC (the "Issuers"), co-issued \$125,000,000 of 11 1/8% Senior Subordinated Notes (the "Notes") to institutional investors. These notes were subsequently exchanged on June 18, 1996 for publicly registered notes with identical terms. Interest on the Notes is payable semi-annually on January 15 and July 15 of each year. The Notes, which mature on January 15, 2006, can be redeemed in whole or in part, at the Issuers' option, at any time on or after January 15, 2001, at redeemable prices contained in the Notes plus accrued interest. At September 13, 1999, all of the Notes were outstanding (see also Note 8).

The Company has a \$25,000,000 Tranche A term loan with a financial institution. This loan requires quarterly payments of \$1,875,000 plus interest commencing on March 31, 2000. Any unpaid balance is due March 31, 2003. The agreement requires what it defines as excess proceeds from the sale of a cable system to be used to retire Tranche A term debt. As a result of the Company selling its assets in the State of Michigan in a prior year, there was \$3,425,000 in excess proceeds which were used to pay principal. The interest rate on the Tranche A term loan is either the bank's prime rate plus .25% to 1.75% or LIBOR plus 1.5% to 2.75%.

The specific rate is dependent upon the senior funded debt ratio which is recalculated quarterly. The weighted average effective interest rate at September 13, 1999 was 7.23%.

In addition, the Company has a \$40,000,000 Tranche B term loan, which requires principal payments of \$2,000,000 on March 31, 2002, \$18,000,000 on March 31, 2003, and \$20,000,000 on March 31, 2004. The Tranche B term loan bears an interest rate of 9.75% and is payable quarterly.

The Company also has a reducing revolving loan providing for borrowing up to \$20,000,000 at the Company's discretion, subject to certain restrictions, and an additional \$60,000,000 available to finance acquisitions subject to certain restrictions. The additional financing amount available at September 13, 1999 was \$40,000,000. At September 13, 1999, the full \$20,000,000 available had been borrowed, and \$26,500,000

had been drawn against the \$40,000,000 commitment. The amount available for borrowing will decrease annually during its term with changes over the three years following September 13, 1999 as follows: 1999 -- \$2,500,000 reduction per quarter and 2000 through 2002 -- \$3,625,000 reduction per quarter. Any unpaid balance is due on March 31, 2003. The revolving loan bears an interest rate of either the bank's prime rate plus .25% to 1.75% or LIBOR plus 1.5% to 2.75%. The specific rate is dependent upon the senior funded debt ratio which is recalculated quarterly. The weighted average effective interest rates at September 13, 1999 was 8.92%. The reducing revolving loan includes a commitment fee of 1/2% per annum on the unborrowed balance.

Certain mandatory prepayments may also be required on the Tranche A term loan, the Tranche B term loan, and the reducing revolving credit based on the Company's cash flow calculations, proceeds from the sale of a cable system or equity contributions. Optional prepayments are allowed, subject to certain restrictions. The related loan agreement contains covenants limiting additional indebtedness, dispositions of assets, investments in securities, distribution to partners, management fees and capital expenditures. In addition, the Company must maintain certain financial levels and ratios. At September 13, 1999, the Company was in compliance with these covenants.

The Company also has \$3,000,000 of senior subordinated debt payable to a Rifkin Partner. The debt has a scheduled maturity, interest rate and interest payment schedule identical to that of the Notes, as discussed above.

Based on the outstanding debt as of September 13, 1999, the minimum aggregate maturities for the four years following 1999 are: \$13,500,000 in 2000, \$22,000,000 in 2001, \$23,075,000 in 2002, \$29,500,000 in 2003 and \$20,000,000 in 2004.

Subsequent to September 13, 1999, \$124.1 million of the \$125 million in notes outstanding were purchased by Charter Communication and will be reflected as intercompany payable between Charter and RAP. The remaining \$900,000 of outstanding notes were delisted and are no longer public.

## 4. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company has a management agreement with R & A Management LLC ("RML"). The management agreement provides that RML shall manage the Company's CATV systems and shall be entitled to annual compensation of 3.5% of the Company's revenue. Expenses incurred pursuant to this agreement are disclosed in total in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

Certain Partnership expenses were paid by Charter and are reflected as Payables to affiliates in the accompanying financial statements.

# 5. COMMITMENTS AND RENTAL EXPENSE

The Company leases certain real and personal property under noncancelable operating leases expiring through the year 2007. Future minimum lease payments under such noncancelable leases as of September 13, 1999 are:

2000	\$	339,320
2001		269,326
2002		252,042
2003		192,027
2004 and thereafter		393,479
	\$1	,446,194
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Total rental expense and the amount included therein which pertains to cancelable pole rental agreements were as follows for the period indicated:

PERIOD EXPENSE CANCELABLE
POLE RENTAL

For the period January 1, 1999 through September 13, 1999... \$1,105,840 \$767,270

#### 6. COMPENSATION PLANS AND RETIREMENT PLANS

#### **EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

The Company maintains an Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan") in which certain Rifkin executive officers and key employees, and certain key employees of the Company are eligible to participate. Plan participants in the aggregate, have the right to receive (i) cash payments of up to 2.0% of the aggregate value of all partnership interests of the Company (the "Maximum Incentive Percentage"), based upon the achievement of certain annual Operating Cash Flow (as defined in the Plan) targets for the Company for each of the calendar years 1996 through 2000, and (ii) an additional cash payment equal to up to 0.5% of the aggregate value of all partnership interests of the Company (the "Additional Incentive Percentage"), based upon the achievement of certain cumulative Operating Cash Flow targets for the Company for the five-year period ended December 31, 2000. Subject to the achievement of such annual targets and the satisfaction of certain other criteria based on the Company's operating performance, up to 20% of the Maximum Incentive Percentage will vest in each such year; provided, that in certain events vesting may accelerate. Payments under the Plan are subject to certain restrictive covenants contained in the Notes.

No amounts are payable under the Plan except upon (i) the sale of substantially all of the assets or partnership interests of the Company or (ii) termination of a Plan participant's employment with Rifkin or the Company, as applicable, due to (a) the decision of the Advisory Committee to terminate such participant's employment due to disability, (b) the retirement of such participant with the Advisory Committee's approval or (c) the death of such Participant. The value of amounts payable pursuant to clause (i) above will be based upon the aggregate net proceeds received by the holders of all of the partnership interests in the Company, as determined by the Advisory Committee, and the amounts payable pursuant to clause (ii) above will be based upon the Enterprise Value determined at the time of such payment. For purposes of the Plan, Enterprise Value generally is defined as Operating Cash Flow for the immediately preceding calendar year times a specified multiple and adjusted based on the Company's working capital.

The amount expensed for the period January 1, 1999 through September 13, 1999 relating to this plan was \$7,440,964. The incentive accrual is recorded in accounts payable and accrued liabilities in the accompanying financial statements.

## RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The Company has a 401(k) plan for employees that have been employed by the Company for at least one year. Employees of the Company can contribute up to 15% of their salary, on a before-tax basis, with a maximum 1999 contribution of \$10,000 (as set by the Internal Revenue Service). The Company matches participant contributions up to a maximum of 50% of the first 3% of a participant's salary contributed. All participant contributions and earnings are fully vested upon contribution and Company contributions and earnings vest 20% per year of employment with the Company, becoming fully vested after five years. The Company's matching contribution for the period from January 1, 1999 through September 13, 1999 was \$61,178.

## 7. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company has a number of financial instruments, none of which are held for trading purposes. The following method and assumptions were used by the Company to estimate the fair values of financial instruments as disclosed herein:

Cash, customer accounts receivable, other receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and customer deposits and prepayments: The carrying value amount approximates fair value because of the short period to maturity.

Debt: The fair value of bank debt is estimated based on interest rates for the same or similar debt offered to the Company having the same or similar remaining maturities and collateral requirements. The fair value of public Senior Subordinated Notes is based on the market quoted trading value. The fair value of the Company's debt is estimated at \$247,637,500 and is carried on the balance sheet at \$236,075,000.

#### 8. SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CEM, CEI and CEC (collectively, the "Guarantors") are all wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company and, together with RACC, constitute all of the Partnership's direct and indirect subsidiaries. Each of the Guarantors provides a full, unconditional, joint and several guaranty of the obligations under the Notes discussed in Note 6. Separate financial statements of the Guarantors are not presented because management has determined that they would not be material to investors.

The following present summarized financial information of the Guarantors on a combined basis as of September 13, 1999 and for the period January 1, 1999 through September 13, 1999.

#### BALANCE SHEET

	SEPTEMBER 1 1999	3,
Cash	\$ 569,5	44
Accounts and other receivables, net	2,907,8	37
Prepaid expenses	620,2	84
Property, plant and equipment, net	52,383,8	61
Franchise costs and other intangible assets, net	51,397,5	28
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	30,186,6	58
Other liabilities	669,2	23
Deferred taxes payable	5,967,0	00
Notes payable	140,846,2	62
Equity (deficit)	(69,790,0	89)

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1999 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13, 1999
Total revenue Total costs and expenses	, ,
Income tax benefit	(1,975,000)
Net loss	\$(7,075,275)

# 9. LITIGATION

The Company could possibly be named as defendant in various actions and proceedings arising from the normal course of business. In all such cases, the Company will vigorously defend itself against the litigation and, where appropriate, will file counterclaims. Although the eventual outcome of potential lawsuits cannot be predicted, it is management's opinion that any such lawsuit will not result in liabilities that would have a material affect on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

To the Partners of Rifkin Acquisition Partners, L.L.L.P.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated balance sheet and the related consolidated statements of operations, partners' capital (deficit) and cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Rifkin Acquisition Partners, L.L.P. and its subsidiaries (the "Company") at December 31, 1998 and 1997, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1998 in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for the opinion expressed above.

/s/ PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

Denver, Colorado March 19, 1999

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	12/31/98	12/31/97
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,324,892	\$ 1,902,555
Customer accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful	, ,	, ,
accounts of \$444,839 in 1998 and \$425,843 in 1997	1,932,140	1,371,050
Other receivables	5,637,771	4,615,089
Prepaid expenses and other  Property, plant and equipment at cost:  Cable television transmission and distribution systems	2,398,528	1,753,257
and related equipment	149,376,914	131,806,310
Land, buildings, vehicles and furniture and fixtures	7,421,960	7,123,429
	156,798,874	138,929,739
Less accumulated depreciation	(35,226,773)	(26,591,458)
Net property, plant and equipment  Franchise costs and other intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$67,857,545 in 1998 and	121,572,101	112,338,281
\$53,449,637 in 1997	183,438,197	180,059,655
Total assets		\$302,039,887 ======
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 11,684,594	\$ 11,690,894
Customer deposits and prepayments	1,676,900	1,503,449
Interest payable	7,242,954	7,384,509
Deferred tax liability, net	7,942,000	12,138,000
Notes payable	224,575,000	229,500,000
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Total liabilities	253, 121, 448	262,216,852
Redeemable partners' interests	10,180,400	7,387,360
General partner	(1,991,018)	(1,885,480)
Limited partners	55,570,041	34,044,912
Preferred equity interest	422,758	276,243
Total partners' capital	54,001,781	32,435,675
Total liabilities and partners' capital	\$317,303,629	\$302,039,887
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

YEARS ENDED -----12/31/98 12/31/97 12/31/96 -----REVENUE: \$ 82,498,638 \$ 78,588,503 \$ 66,433,321 Service... ...... Installation and other..... 7,422,675 5,736,412 4,852,124 89,921,313 84,324,915 71,285,445 Total revenue..... COSTS AND EXPENSES: Operating expense..... 14,147,031 10,362,671 13,305,376 14, 109, 527 11, 352, 870 15,678,977 12,695,176 18,020,812 13,757,090 Programming expense..... Selling, general and administrative expense.... 11,725,246 14,422,631 24,208,169 15,109,327 Depreciation..... 22, 104, 249 3, 147, 246 3, 436, 739 23,572,457 2,475,381 1,357,180 Amortization..... Management fees..... 2,951,372 Loss on disposal of assets..... 7,834,968 Total costs and expenses..... 88,880,839 91,938,324 74,955,332 Operating income (loss)..... 1,040,474 (7,613,409)(3,669,887)Gain from the sale of assets (Note 4)..... (42,863,060) 23,662,248 23,765,239 21,607,174 Interest expense..... Income (loss) before income taxes..... (25,277,061) 20,241,286 (31, 378, 648)(3,645,719) Income tax benefit..... (4, 177, 925) (5,335,000) \$ 24,419,211 \$(26,043,648) \$(21,631,342) Net income (loss).....

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

# RIFKIN ACQUISITION PARTNERS, L.L.L.P. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	YEARS ENDED		
	12/31/98	12/31/97	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:  Net income (loss)			\$(21,631,342)
by operating activities: Depreciation and amortization	37,213,576 989,760 (42,863,060) 3,436,739	38,630,800 989,760  7,834,968	·
Deferred tax benefitIncrease in customer accounts receivables  Increase in other receivables	(4,196,000) (300,823) (474,599)	(5,335,000) (186,976) (1,992,714)	(3,654,000) (117,278) (994,681)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses and other Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(684,643) 34,073	23,015 1,753,656	(494, 252) 3, 245, 736
Increase (decrease) in customer deposits and	,		
prepayments  Increase (decrease) in interest payable  Net cash provided by operating activities	(141,555)  17 346 031	600,248  16 505 279	6,692,988  20,837,631
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Acquisition of cable systems, net (Note 3)		(19,359,755) (28,009,253)	(71,797,038) (16,896,582)
retirements  Net proceeds from the sale of cable systems (Note 4)  Net proceeds from the other sales of assets	(151,695) 16,533,564 247,216	72,162  306,890	(1,182,311)  197.523
Net cash used in investing activities	(11,938,629)		(89,678,408)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Proceeds from isssuance of senior subordinated notes Proceeds from long-term bank debt Deferred loan costs		 38,000,000	125,000,000 18,000,000 (6,090,011)
Payments of long-term bank debtPartners' capital contributions	(27,425,000) 	(7,000,000) 	(82,000,000) 15,000,000
Equity distributions to partners	(60,065)		
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(4,985,065)	31,000,000	69,909,989
Net increase in cash	422,337 1,902,555	515,323 1,387,232	1,069,212 318,020
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 2,324,892 =======	\$ 1,902,555 ======	\$ 1,387,232
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION: Interest paid	\$ 22,737,443	\$ 22,098,732	\$ 13,866,995
Noncash investing activities: Proceeds from the sale of Michigan assets held in escrow	\$ 500,000	\$	\$
Trade value related to the trade sale of Tennessee assets	\$ 46,668,000	\$	\$
Trade value related to trade acquisition of Tennessee assets	\$(46,668,000)	\$	\$

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PARTNERS' CAPITAL (DEFICIT)

	PREFERRED EQUITY INTEREST	GENERAL PARTNER	LIMITED PARTNERS	TOTAL
Partners' capital (deficit) at December 31, 1995	\$ 562,293	\$(1,085,311)	\$ 69,421,043	\$ 68,898,025
Partners' capital contributions Accretion of redeemable partners'		150,000	14,850,000	15,000,000
interest		(157,730)	(1,104,110)	(1,261,840)
Net loss	(129,788)	(216,313)	(21, 285, 241)	(21,631,342)
Protocol conital (definit) of				
Partners' capital (deficit) at December 31, 1996	432,505	(1,309,354)	61,881,692	61,004,843
interest		(315,690)	(2,209,830)	(2,525,520)
Net loss	(156, 262)	(260, 436)	(25,626,950)	(26,043,648)
Dorthoral conital (deficit) of				
Partners' capital (deficit) at December 31, 1997 Accretion of redeemable partners'	276,243	(1,885,480)	34,044,912	32,435,675
interest		(349,130)	(2,443,910)	(2,793,040)
Net income	146,515	244, 192	. , , ,	
Partners' equity distribution		(600)	(59,465)	(60,065)
Dorthoral conital (deficit) of				
Partners' capital (deficit) at December 31, 1998	\$ 422,758 ======	\$(1,991,018) =======	\$ 55,570,041 =======	\$ 54,001,781 =======

The Partners' capital accounts for financial reporting purposes vary from the tax capital accounts.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Rifkin Acquisition Partners, L.L.P. ("the Partnership") was formed pursuant to the laws of the State of Colorado. The Partnership and its subsidiaries are hereinafter referred to on a consolidated basis as the "Company." The Company owns, operates, and develops cable television systems in Georgia, Tennessee, and Illinois. Rifkin Acquisition Management, L.P., an affiliate of Rifkin & Associates, Inc. (Note 7), is the general partner of the Partnership ("General Partner").

The Partnership operates under a limited liability limited partnership agreement (the "Partnership Agreement") which establishes contribution requirements, enumerates the rights and responsibilities of the partners and advisory committee, provides for allocations of income, losses and distributions, and defines certain items relating thereto. The Partnership Agreement provides that net income or loss, certain defined capital events, and cash distributions, all as defined in the Partnership Agreement, are generally allocated 99% to the limited partners and 1% to the general partner.

## BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the following entities:

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- - Rifkin Acquisition Partners, L.L.L.P.
- - Cable Equities of Colorado
- Cable Equities, Inc. (CEI)
- Rifkin Acquisition Capital Corp. (RACC)
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The financial statements for 1997 and 1996 also included the following entities:

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- - Rifkin/Tennessee, Ltd. (RTL) - FNI Management Corp. (FNI)
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Effective January 1, 1998, both the RTL and FNI entities were dissolved and the assets were transferred to the Partnership.

All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.  $% \label{eq:control}%$ 

# REVENUE AND PROGRAMMING

Customer fees are recorded as revenue in the period the service is provided. The cost to acquire the rights to the programming generally is recorded when the product is initially available to be viewed by the customer.

## ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION EXPENSES

Advertising and promotion expenses are charged to income during the year in which they are incurred and were not significant for the periods shown.

## PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Additions to property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost, which in the case of assets constructed, includes amounts for material, labor, overhead and interest, if applicable. Upon sale or retirement of an asset, the related costs and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any gain or loss is recognized. Capitalized interest was not significant for the periods shown.

Depreciation expense is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Buildings	27-30 years
Cable television transmission and distribution systems and	
related equipment	3-15 years
Vehicles and furniture and fixtures	3-5 vears

Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred.

## FRANCHISE COSTS

Franchise costs are amortized using the straight-line method over the remaining lives of the franchises as of the date they were acquired, ranging from one to twenty years. The carrying value of franchise costs is assessed for recoverability by management based on an analysis of undiscounted future expected cash flows from the underlying operations of the Company. Management believes that there has been no impairment thereof as of December 31, 1998.

## OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Certain loan costs have been deferred and are amortized to interest expense utilizing the straight-line method over the remaining term of the related debt. Use of the straight-line method approximates the results of the application of the interest method. The net amounts remaining at December 31, 1998 and 1997 were \$6,176,690 and \$7,166,450, respectively.

## CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

All highly liquid debt instruments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less are considered to be cash equivalents.

## REDEEMABLE PARTNERS' INTERESTS

The Partnership Agreement provides that if a certain partner dies or becomes disabled, that partner (or his personal representative) shall have the option, exercisable by notice given to the partners at any time within 270 days after his death or disability (except that if that partner dies or becomes disabled prior to August 31, 2000, the option may not be exercised until August 31, 2000 and then by notice by that partner or his personal representative given to the partners within 270 days after August 31, 2000) to sell, and require the General Partner and certain trusts controlled by that partner to sell, and the Partnership to purchase, up to 50% of the partnership interests owned by any of such partners and certain current and former members of management of Rifkin & Associates, Inc. that requests to sell their interest, for a purchase price equal to the fair market value of those interests determined by appraisal in accordance with the Partnership Agreement. Accordingly, the current fair value of such partnership interests have been reclassified outside of partners' capital.

# USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

#### NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENT

In April 1998, the Accounting Standards Executive Committee issued Statement of Position (SOP) 98-5 "Reporting on the Costs of Start-Up Activities," which requires the Partnership to expense all start up costs related to organizing a new business. This new standard also includes one-time activities related to opening a new facility, introduction of a new product or service, or conducting business with a new class of customer or in a new territory. This standard is effective for the Partnership's 1999 fiscal year. Management believes that SOP 98-5 will have no material effect on its financial position or the results of operations.

#### RECLASSIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

Certain reclassifications have been made to the 1997 and 1996 financial statements to conform with the 1998 financial statement presentation. Such reclassification had no effect on the net loss as previously stated.

#### 2. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On February 12, 1999, the Company signed a letter of intent for the partners to sell all of their partnership interests to Charter Communications ("Charter"). The Company and Charter are expected to sign a purchase agreement and complete the sale during the third quarter of 1999.

#### 3. ACOUISITION OF CABLE PROPERTIES

#### 1998 ACQUISITIONS

At various times during the second half of 1998, the Company completed three separate acquisitions of cable operating assets. Two of the acquisitions serve communities in Gwinnett County, Georgia (the "Georgia Systems"). These acquisitions were accounted for using the purchase method of accounting.

The third acquisition resulted from a trade of the Company's systems serving the communities of Paris and Piney Flats, Tennessee for the operating assets of another cable operator serving primarily the communities of Lewisburg and Crossville, Tennessee (the "Tennessee Trade"). The trade was for cable systems that are similar in size and was accounted for based on fair market value. Fair market value was established at \$3,000 per customer relinquished, which was based on recent sales transactions of similar cable systems. The transaction included the payment of approximately \$719,000, net, of additional cash (Note 4).

The combined purchase price was allocated based on estimated fair values from an independent appraisal to property, plant and equipment and franchise cost as follows (dollars in thousands):

	GEORGIA SYSTEMS	TENNESSEE TRADE	TOTAL
Fair value of assets relinquished (Note 4)	\$ 1,392	\$46,668 719	\$46,668 2,111
costs)	26	76	102
Total acquisition cost	\$1,418 =====	\$47,463 ======	\$48,881 ======
Allocation: Current assets	ф (a)	ф 447	Ф 445
Current liabilities	(1)	\$ 447 (397)	\$ 445 (398)
Property, plant and equipmentFranchise Cost	333 1,088	11,811 35,602	12,144 36,690
Total cost allocated	\$1,418	\$47,463	\$48,881
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The fair value of assets relinquished from the Tennessee Trade was treated as a noncash transaction on the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows. The cash acquisition costs were funded by proceeds from the Company's reducing revolving loan with a financial institution.

The following combined pro forma information presents a summary of consolidated results of operations for the Company as if the Tennessee Trade acquisitions had occurred at the beginning of 1997, with pro forma adjustments to show the effect on depreciation and amortization for the acquired assets, management fees on additional revenues and interest expense on additional debt (dollars in thousands):

	YEARS ENDED		
	12/31/98 12/31/9		
		(UNAUDITED)	
Total revenues Net income (loss)	. ,	\$ 84,325 (29,631)	

The pro forma financial information is not necessarily indicative of the operating results that would have occurred had the Tennessee Trade actually been acquired on January 1, 1997.

# 1997 ACQUISITIONS

On April 1, 1997, the Company acquired the cable operating assets of two cable systems serving the Tennessee communities of Shelbyville and Manchester (the "Manchester Systems"), for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$19.7 million of which \$495,000 was paid as escrow in 1996. The acquisition was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting, and was funded by proceeds from the Company's reducing revolving loan with a financial institution. No pro forma information giving the effect of the acquisitions is shown due to the results being immaterial.

# 1996 ACQUISITIONS

On March 1, 1996, the Company acquired certain cable operating assets ("Mid-Tennessee Systems") from Mid-Tennessee CATV, L.P., and on April 1, 1996 acquired the cable operating assets ("RCT

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Systems") from Rifkin Cablevision of Tennessee, Ltd. Both Mid-Tennessee CATV, L.P. and Rifkin Cablevision of Tennessee, Ltd. were affiliates of the General Partner. The acquisition costs were funded by \$15 million of additional partner contributions and the remainder from a portion of the proceeds received from the issuance of \$125 million of 11 1/8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2006 (see Note 6)

The acquisitions were recorded using the purchase method of accounting. The results of operations of the Mid-Tennessee Systems have been included in the consolidated financial statements since March 1, 1996, and the results of the RCT Systems have been included in the consolidated financial statements since April 1, 1996. The combined purchase price was allocated based on estimated fair values from an independent appraisal to property, plant and equipment and franchise cost as follows (dollars in thousands):

Cash paid, net of acquired cash	\$71,582
costs)	215
Total acquisition cost	\$71,797 ======
Allocation: Current assets	\$ 624
Current liabilities  Property, plant and equipment	(969) 24,033
Franchise cost and other intangible assets	48,109
Total cost allocated	\$71,797 =====

The following combined pro forma information presents a summary of consolidated results of operations for the Company as if the Mid-Tennessee Systems and the RCT Systems acquisitions had occurred at the beginning of 1996, with pro forma adjustments to show the effect on depreciation and amortization for the acquired assets, management fees on additional revenues and interest expense on additional debt (dollars in thousands):

	YEAR ENDED 12/31/96
	(UNAUDITED)
Total revenues	\$ 74,346 (22,558)

The pro forma financial information is not necessarily indicative of the operating results that would have occurred had the Mid-Tennessee Systems and the RCT Systems actually been acquired on January 1, 1996.

# 4. SALE OF ASSETS

On February 4, 1998, the Company sold all of its operating assets in the state of Michigan (the "Michigan Sale") to another cable operator for cash. In addition, on December 31, 1998, the Company traded

certain cable systems in Tennessee (the "Tennessee Trade") for similar-sized cable systems (Note 3). Both sales resulted in a gain recognized by the Company as follows (dollars in thousands):

	MICHIGAN SALE	TENNESSEE TRADE	TOTAL
Fair value of assets relinquished Original cash proceeds	\$	\$46,668	\$46,668
	16,931		16,931
assumed	120	(17)	103
Net proceeds  Net book value of assets sold	17,051	46,651	63,702
	11,061	9,778	20,839
Net gain from sale	\$ 5,990	\$36,873	\$42,863
	=====	======	======

The Michigan Sale proceeds amount includes \$500,000 that is currently being held in escrow. This amount and the fair value of assets relinquished, related to the Tennessee Trade, were both treated as noncash transactions on the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows.

The cash proceeds from the Michigan Sale were used by the Company to reduce its revolving and term loans with a financial institution.

## 5. INCOME TAXES

Although the Partnership is not a taxable entity, two corporations (the "subsidiaries") are included in the consolidated financial statements. These subsidiaries are required to pay taxes on their taxable income, if any.

The following represents a reconciliation of pre-tax losses as reported in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and the losses attributable to the partners and included in their individual income tax returns:

	YEAR ENDED 12/31/98	YEAR ENDED 12/31/97	YEAR ENDED 12/31/96
Pre-tax income (loss) as reported (Increase) decrease due to: Separately taxed book results of corporate	\$ 20,241,286	\$(31,378,648)	\$(25,277,061)
subsidiaries Effect of different depreciation and amortization methods for tax and book	9,397,000	15,512,000	9,716,000
purposes Additional tax gain from the sale of	(1,360,000)	(2,973,000)	(3,833,000)
Michigan(Note 4) Book gain from trade sale of Tennessee	2,068,000		
assets(Note 4)	(36,873,000)		
stock	(7,235,000)		
Other	81,714	(45,052)	(22,539)
Tax loss attributed to the partners	\$(13,680,000) ======	\$(18,884,700) =======	\$(19,416,600) =======

The Company accounts for income taxes under the liability method. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities and are measured using the enacted tax rates and laws that will be in effect when the differences are expected to reverse.

As a result of a change in control in 1995, the book value of the Company's net assets was increased to reflect their fair market value. In connection with this revaluation, a deferred income tax liability in the amount of \$22,801,000 was established to provide for future taxes payable on the revised valuation of the net assets. A deferred tax benefit of \$4,196,000, \$5,335,000 and \$3,654,000 was recognized for the years ended December 31, 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively, reducing the liability to \$7,942,000.

Deferred tax assets (liabilities) were comprised of the following at December 31, 1998 and 1997:

	12/31/98	12/31/97
Deferred tax assets resulting from loss carryforwards	\$ 11,458,000	\$ 9,499,000
Deferred tax liabilities resulting from depreciation and amortization	(19,400,000)	(21,637,000)
Net deferred tax liability	\$ (7,942,000) ======	\$(12,138,000) =======

As of December 31, 1998 and 1997, the subsidiaries have net operating loss carryforwards ("NOLs") for income tax purposes of \$30,317,000 and \$25,264,000, respectively, substantially all of which are limited. The NOLs will expire at various times between the years 2000 and 2013.

In 1998, one of the corporate entities was dissolved. The existing NOL's were used to offset taxable income down to \$87,751, resulting in a current tax for 1998 of \$18,075.

Under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the subsidiaries generally would be entitled to reduce their future federal income tax liabilities by carrying the unused NOLs forward for a period of 15 years to offset their future income taxes. The subsidiaries' ability to utilize any NOLs in future years may be restricted, however, in the event the subsidiaries undergo an "ownership change" as defined in Section 382 of the Code. In the event of an ownership change, the amount of NOLs attributable to the period prior to the ownership change that may be used to offset taxable income in any year thereafter generally may not exceed the fair market value of the subsidiary immediately before the ownership change (subject to certain adjustments) multiplied by the applicable long-term, tax exempt rate published by the Internal Revenue Service for the date of the ownership change. Two of the subsidiaries underwent an ownership change on September 1, 1995 pursuant to Section 382 of the Code. As such, the NOLs of the subsidiaries are subject to limitation from that date forward. It is the opinion of management that the NOLs will be released from this limitation prior to their expiration dates and, as such, have not been limited in their calculation of deferred taxes.

The provision for income tax expense (benefit) differs from the amount which would be computed by applying the statutory federal income tax rate of 35% to pre-tax income before extraordinary loss as a result of the following:

YEARS ENDED		
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6,721		
3,270		
2,590)		
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## 6. NOTES PAYABLE

Debt consisted of the following:

	DECEMBER 31, 1998	DECEMBER 31, 1997
Senior Subordinated Notes	\$125,000,000 21,575,000 40,000,000 35,000,000 3,000,000	\$125,000,000 25,000,000 40,000,000 36,500,000 3,000,000
	\$224,575,000 ======	\$229,500,000 ======

The Notes and loans are collateralized by substantially all of the assets of the Company.

On January 26, 1996, the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary, RACC (the "Issuers"), co-issued \$125,000,000 of 11 1/8% Senior Subordinated Notes (the "Notes") to institutional investors. These notes were subsequently exchanged on June 18, 1996 for publicly registered notes with identical terms. Interest on the Notes is payable semi-annually on January 15 and July 15 of each year. The Notes, which mature on January 15, 2006, can be redeemed in whole or in part, at the Issuers' option, at any time on or after January 15, 2001, at redeemable prices contained in the Notes plus accrued interest. In addition, at any time on or prior to January 15, 1999, the Issuers, at their option, may redeem up to 25% of the principle amount of the Notes issued to institutional investors of not less than \$25,000,000. At December 31, 1998 and 1997, all of the Notes were outstanding (see also Note 10).

The Company has a \$25,000,000 Tranche A term loan with a financial institution. This loan requires quarterly payments of \$1,875,000 plus interest commencing on March 31, 2000. Any unpaid balance is due

March 31, 2003. The agreement requires that what it defines as excess proceeds from the sale of a cable system be used to retire Tranche A term debt. As a result of the Michigan sale (Note 4), there was \$3,425,000 of excess proceeds used to pay principal in 1998. The interest rate on the Tranche A term loan is either the bank's prime rate plus .25% to 1.75% or LIBOR plus 1.5% to 2.75%.

The specific rate is dependent upon the senior funded debt ratio which is recalculated quarterly. The weighted average effective interest rate at December 31, 1998 and 1997 was 7.59% and 8.24%, respectively.

In addition, the Company has a \$40,000,000 Tranche B term loan, which requires principal payments of \$2,000,000 on March 31, 2002, \$18,000,000 on March 31, 2003, and \$20,000,000 on March 31, 2004. The Tranche B term loan bears an interest rate of 9.75% and is payable quarterly.

The Company also has a reducing revolving loan providing for borrowing up to \$20,000,000 at the Company's discretion, subject to certain restrictions, and an additional \$60,000,000 available to finance acquisitions subject to certain restrictions. On March 4, 1998, the reducing revolving loan agreement was amended to revise the scheduled reduction in revolving commitments. The additional financing amounts available at December 31, 1998 and 1997 were \$45,000,000 and \$52,500,000, respectively. At December 31, 1998, the full \$20,000,000 available had been borrowed, and \$15,000,000 had been drawn against the \$45,000,000 commitment. At December 31, 1997, the full \$20,000,000 available had been borrowed, and \$16,500,000 had been drawn against the \$52,500,000 commitment. The amount available for borrowing will decrease annually during its term with changes over the four years following December 31, 1998 as follows: 1999 -- \$2,500,000 reduction per quarter, and 2000 through 2002 -- \$3,625,000 per quarter. Any unpaid balance is due on March 31, 2003. The revolving loan bears an interest rate of either the bank's prime rate plus .25% to 1.75% or LIBOR plus 1.5% to 2.75%. The specific rate is dependent upon the senior funded debt ratio which is recalculated quarterly. The weighted average effective interest rates at December 31, 1998 and 1997 was 8.08% and 8.29%, respectively. The reducing revolving loan includes a commitment fee of 1/2% per annum on the unborrowed balance.

Certain mandatory prepayments may also be required, commencing in fiscal 1997, on the Tranche A term loan, the Tranche B term loan, and the reducing revolving credit based on the Company's cash flow calculations, proceeds from the sale of a cable system or equity contributions. Based on the 1998 calculation and the Michigan sale, \$3,425,000 of prepayments were required. Optional prepayments are allowed, subject to certain restrictions. The related loan agreement contains covenants limiting additional indebtedness, dispositions of assets, investments in securities, distribution to partners, management fees and capital expenditures. In addition, the Company must maintain certain financial levels and ratios. At December 31, 1998, the Company was in compliance with these covenants.

The Company also has \$3,000,000 of senior subordinated debt payable to a Rifkin Partner. The debt has a scheduled maturity, interest rate and interest payment schedule identical to that of the Notes, as discussed above.

Based on the outstanding debt as of December 31, 1998, the minimum aggregate maturities for the five years following 1998 are none in 1999, 7,500,000 in 2000, 16,500,000 in 2001, 23,075,000 in 2002 and 2002 and 2003.

## 7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company entered into a management agreement with Rifkin & Associates, Inc. (Rifkin). The management agreement provides that Rifkin will act as manager of the Company's CATV systems and be entitled to annual compensation of 3.5% of the Company's revenue. Effective September 1, 1998, Rifkin conveyed its CATV management business to R & A Management, LLC (RML). The result of this transaction included the conveyance of the Rifkin management agreement (Rifkin Agreement) to RML

(RML Agreement). Expenses incurred pursuant to the Rifkin Agreement and the RML Agreement are disclosed in total on the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

The Company is associated with a company to purchase certain cable television programming at a discount. Rifkin acted as the agent and held the deposit funds required for the Company to participate.

Effective September 1, 1998, Rifkin conveyed this contract and deposit amount to RML. The deposit amount recorded at December 31, 1998 and 1997 was \$2,139,274 and \$1,225,274, respectively. The Company subsequently received \$1,225,274 of the December 31, 1998 balance.

The Company paid approximately \$550,000 to a law firm in connection with the public offering in 1996. A partner of this law firm is a relative of one of the Company's partners.

#### 8. COMMITMENTS AND RENTAL EXPENSE

The Company leases certain real and personal property under noncancelable operating leases expiring through the year 2007. Future minimum lease payments under such noncancelable leases as of December 31, 1998 are: \$316,091 in 1999; \$249,179 in 2000; \$225,768 in 2001; \$222,669 in 2002; and \$139,910 in 2003; and \$344,153 thereafter, totaling \$1,497,770.

Total rental expense and the amount included therein which pertains to cancelable pole rental agreements were as follows for the periods indicated:

PERIOD	TOTAL RENTAL EXPENSE	CANCELABLE POLE RENTAL EXPENSE
Year Ended December 31, 1998 Year Ended December 31, 1997 Year Ended December 31, 1996	\$1,577,743	\$1,109,544 \$1,061,722 \$ 874,778

## 9. COMPENSATION PLANS AND RETIREMENT PLANS

#### **EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

In 1996, the Company implemented an Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan") in which certain Rifkin & Associates' executive officers and key employees, and certain key employees of the Company are eligible to participate. Plan participants in the aggregate, have the right to receive (i) cash payments of up to 2.0% of the aggregate value of all partnership interests of the Company (the "Maximum Incentive Percentage"), based upon the achievement of certain annual Operating Cash Flow (as defined in the Plan) targets for the Company for each of the calendar years 1996 through 2000, and (ii) an additional cash payment equal to up to 0.5% of the aggregate value of all partnership interests of the Company (the "Additional Incentive Percentage"), based upon the achievement of certain cumulative Operating Cash Flow targets for the Company for the five-year period ended December 31, 2000. Subject to the achievement of such annual targets and the satisfaction of certain other criteria based on the Company's operating performance, up to 20% of the Maximum Incentive Percentage will vest in each such year; provided, that in certain events vesting may accelerate. Payments under the Plan are subject to certain restrictive covenants contained in the Notes.

No amounts are payable under the Plan except upon (i) the sale of substantially all of the assets or partnership interests of the Company or (ii) termination of a Plan participant's employment with Rifkin & Associates or the Company, as applicable, due to (a) the decision of the Advisory Committee to terminate such participant's employment due to disability, (b) the retirement of such participant with the Advisory Committee's approval or (c) the death of such Participant. The value of amounts payable pursuant to

clause (i) above will be based upon the aggregate net proceeds received by the holders of all of the partnership interests in the Company, as determined by the Advisory Committee, and the amounts payable pursuant to clause (ii) above will be based upon the Enterprise Value determined at the time of such payment. For purposes of the Plan, Enterprise Value generally is defined as Operating Cash Flow for the immediately preceding calendar year times a specified multiple and adjusted based on the Company's working capital.

The amount expensed for the years ended December 31, 1998, 1997 and 1996 relating to this plan were 1,119,996, 859,992 and 660,000, respectively.

#### RETTREMENT BENEETTS

The Company has a 401(k) plan for employees that have been employed by the Company for at least one year. Employees of the Company can contribute up to 15% of their salary, on a before-tax basis, with a maximum 1998 contribution of \$10,000 (as set by the Internal Revenue Service). The Company matches participant contributions up to a maximum of 50% of the first 3% of a participant's salary contributed. All participant contributions and earnings are fully vested upon contribution and Company contributions and earnings vest 20% per year of employment with the Company, becoming fully vested after five years. The Company's matching contributions for the years ended December 31, 1998, 1997 and 1996 were \$50,335, \$72,707 and \$42,636, respectively.

#### 10. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company has a number of financial instruments, none of which are held for trading purposes. The following method and assumptions were used by the Company to estimate the fair values of financial instruments as disclosed

Cash and Cash Equivalents, Customer Accounts Receivable, Other Receivables, Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities and Customer Deposits and Prepayments: The carrying value amount approximates fair value because of the short period to maturity.

Debt: The fair value of bank debt is estimated based on interest rates for the same or similar debt offered to the Company having the same or similar remaining maturities and collateral requirements. The fair value of public Senior Subordinated Notes is based on the market quoted trading value. The fair value of the Company's debt is estimated at \$236,137,500 and is carried on the balance sheet at \$224,575,000.

## 11. CABLE REREGULATION

Congress enacted the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (the Cable Act) and has amended it at various times since.

The total effects of the present law are, at this time, still unknown. However, one provision of the present law further redefines a small cable system, and exempts these systems from rate regulation on the upper tiers of cable service. The Partnership is awaiting an FCC rulemaking implementing the present law to determine whether its systems qualify as small cable systems.

## 12. SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CEM, CEI and CEC (collective, the "Guarantors") are all wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company and, together with RACC, constitute all of the Partnership's direct and indirect subsidiaries. As discussed in Note 1, RTL and FNI were dissolved on January 1, 1998 and the assets were transferred to the Company, however, prior thereto, RTL and FNI, as wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company, were Guarantors. Each of the Guarantors provides a full, unconditional, joint and several guaranty of the obligations under the Notes

discussed in Note 6. Separate financial statements of the Guarantors are not presented because management has determined that they would not be material to investors.

The following tables present summarized financial information of the Guarantors on a combined basis as of December 31, 1998 and 1997 and for the years ended December 31, 1998, and 1997 and 1996.

BALANCE SHEET	12/31	/98 12/31/	
Cash	\$ 37	3,543 \$ 786	), 368
net	3,12	5,830 3,012	2,571
Prepaid expenses	79	1,492 976	0, 154
Property, plant and equipment net Franchise costs and other intangi	,	4,536 66,509	), 120
assets, net	56,96	5,148 103,293	3,631
liabilities	22,84	3,354 18,040	), 588
Other liabilities	98	0,536 1,122	2,404
Deferred taxes payable	7,94	2,000 12,138	3,000
Notes payable	140,05	0,373 167,200	),500
Equity (deficit)	(61,94	5,714) (23,935	5,648)
	YEAR E 12/31		NDED YEAR ENDED 797 12/31/96
STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS			
Total revenue  Total costs and	\$ 29,84	5,826 \$ 47,523	3,592 \$ 42,845,044
expenses	(31.19	0.388) (53.049	(43.578.178

	=========	=========	=========
Net loss	\$(11,565,576)	\$(18,059,867)	\$(13,325,636)
Income tax benefit	4,177,925	5,335,000	3,645,719
Interest expense	(14,398,939)	(17,868,497)	(16,238,221)
expenses	. , , ,	(53,049,962)	(43,578,178)
Total costs and	(04 400 000)	(50.040.000)	(40 570 470)
Total revenue	\$ 29,845,826	\$ 47,523,592	\$ 42,845,044

# 13. QUARTERLY INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

The following interim financial information of the Company presents the 1998 and 1997 consolidated results of operations on a quarterly basis (in thousands):

	QUARTERS ENDED 1998			
	MARCH 31(A)	JUNE 30	SEPT. 30	DEC. 31(B)
Revenue	\$22,006 295 1,437	\$22,296 511 (4,458)	\$22,335 (1,522) (5,907)	\$23,284 1,756 33,347

- (a) First quarter includes a \$5,900 gain from the sale of Michigan assets (Note 4).
- (b) Fourth quarter includes a \$36,873 gain from the trade sale of certain Tennessee assets (Note 4).

## QUARTERS ENDED 1997

	MARCH 31	JUNE 30	SEPT. 30	DEC. 31
RevenueOperating loss	(1,220)	(2,818)	(2,777)	(798)

# 14. LITIGATION

The Company could possibly be named as defendant in various actions and proceedings arising from the normal course of business. In all such cases, the Company will vigorously defend itself against the litigation and, where appropriate, will file counterclaims. Although the eventual outcome of potential lawsuits cannot be predicted, it is management's opinion that any such lawsuit will not result in liabilities that would have a material affect on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

To the Partners of Indiana Cable Associates, Ltd.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and the related statements of operations, of equity and of cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Rifkin Cable Income Partners L.P. (the "Partnership") at September 13, 1999, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the period January 1, 1999 to September 13, 1999, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Partnership's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit of these statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for the opinion expressed above.

On September 13, 1999, all of the Partnership's interest were sold to Charter Communications, LLC. These financial statements represent the Partnership just prior to that transaction and do not reflect any adjustments related thereto.

/S/ PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

DENVER, COLORADO FEBRUARY 15, 2000

# INDIANA CABLE ASSOCIATES, LTD.

# BALANCE SHEET

	SEPTEMBER 13, 1999
ASSETS Cash Customer accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful	\$ 166,550
accounts of \$6,523	211,069 13,814,907 436,723 50,196
Transmission and distribution systems and related equipment Buildings and leasehold improvements Vehicles, office furniture and fixtures Spare parts and construction inventory	10,025,106 55,480 493,607 101,334
Less accumulated depreciation	10,675,527 (838,673)
Property, plant and equipment, net	9,836,854 18,944,392
Total assets	\$43,460,691 ========
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY Liabilities:	
Accrued liabilities	\$ 263,342 314,413 20,514 24,003,000
Total liabilities  Commitments and contingencies (Notes 4 and 8)	24,601,269
Divisional equity	18,859,422
Total equity	18,859,422
Total liabilities and equity	\$43,460,691 =======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-250}}$ 

# INDIANA CABLE ASSOCIATES, LTD.

# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	JANUARY 1, 1999 TO SEPTEMBER 13, 1999
REVENUE Service	\$ 5,267,890 765,902
Total revenue  COSTS AND EXPENSES  COSTS AND EXPENSES	6,033,792
Operating expense	631,956 1,268,904 1,143,407
Depreciation	1,009,515 2,910,123 301,890
Total costs and expenses	2,481,838  9,747,633
Operating loss	(3,713,841) 621,956
Net loss	\$(4,335,797) =======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-251}}$ 

# INDIANA CABLE ASSOCIATES, LTD.

# STATEMENT OF EQUITY

	JANUARY 1, 1999 TO SEPTEMBER 13, 1999	
	DIVISIONAL EQUITY	TOTAL
Equity contribution	. , ,	\$23,195,219 (4,335,797)
Equity, September 13, 1999	\$18,859,422	\$18,859,422

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.  ${\mbox{F-252}}$ 

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	JANUARY 1, 1999 TO SEPTEMBER 13, 1999
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES  Net loss	\$ (4,335,797)
Depreciation and amortization	3,919,638 2,481,838 (125,274) (13,814,907) (141,700) 102,379 (634,431) 266,955 20,514
Net cash used in operating activities	(12,260,785)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Initial cash acquisition cost, net of cash acquired Purchases of property, plant and equipment Proceeds from sale of assets Additions to franchise costs	(23,086,600) (2,054,791) 2,734 (25,597)
Net cash used in investing activities	(25, 164, 254)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES Capital contributions	23,195,219 14,807,682 (411,312)
Net cash provided by financing activities	37,591,589
Increase in cash	166,550
Cash, end of period	\$ 166,550 ========
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION Interest paid	\$ 621,956 =======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-253}}$ 

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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Indiana Cable Associates, Ltd. (the "Partnership"), a Colorado limited partnership, was originally organized in March 1987 for the purpose of acquiring and operating cable television systems and related operations in Indiana and Illinois.

ACQUISITION BY INTERLINK COMMUNICATIONS PARTNERS, LLLP AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Effective December 31, 1998, Interlink Communications Partners, LLLP ("ICP") acquired all of the Partnership's limited partner interest, and agreed to purchase all of the general Partners' interest for \$23.1 million. This transaction was accounted for as a purchase; as such, assets and liabilities were written up to their fair value, resulting in an increase to property, plant and equipment and franchise costs of \$7.0 million and \$16.8 million, respectively.

Effective April 1, 1999, ICP completed the purchase of the remaining general partner interest in the Partnership and the Partnership was merged into ICP and ceased to exist as a separate legal entity. The Partnership's financial statements subsequent to that date represent a divisional carve-out from ICP.

These financial statements include all the direct costs of operating its business; however, certain assets, liabilities and costs not specifically related to the Partnership's activities were allocated and reflected in the financial position as of September 13, 1999, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the period January 1, 1999 to September 13, 1999. Allocations from ICP include amounts for debt, interest expense and management expense. Both debt and interest expense were allocated pro rata based on the Partnership's percentage of subscribers to total ICP subscribers. Management expense was allocated in accordance with the management agreement (Note 2). In addition, receivables and payables to ICP are presented in the accompanying financial statements net as amounts due to/from interpartnership. Management believes these allocations were made on a reasonable basis. Nonetheless, the financial information included herein may not necessarily reflect what the financial position and results of operations of the Partnership would have been as a stand-alone entity.

# ACQUISITION BY CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC

On February 12, 1999, ICP signed a letter of intent to sell all of ICP's partnership interest to Charter Communications Holdings, LLC ("Charter"). On April 26, 1999, ICP signed a definitive Purchase and Sales Agreement with Charter for the sale of the individual partner's interest. The sales transaction closed on September 13, 1999. These financial statements represent the Partnership just prior to the transaction and do not reflect any related adjustments.

# PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Additions to property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost, which in the case of assets constructed, include amounts for material, labor, overhead and capitalized interest, if applicable. Upon sale or retirement of an asset, the related costs and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any gain or loss is recognized.

Depreciation expense is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Transmission	and	$\hbox{\tt distribution}$	systems	and	related
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equipment	1-15 years
Buildings and leasehold improvements	5-27 years
Vehicles, office furniture and fixtures	2-5 years

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

#### FRANCHISE COSTS

Franchise costs are amortized using the straight-line method over the remaining lives of the franchises as of the date they were acquired, ranging from 2 to 10 years. The carrying value is assessed for recoverability by management based on an analysis of undiscounted expected future cash flows. The Partnership's management believes that there has been no impairment thereof as of September 13, 1999.

#### INCOME TAXES

No provision for federal or state income taxes is necessary in the financial statements of the Partnership, because as a partnership, it is not subject to federal or state income tax as the tax effect of its activities accrues to the partners.

#### REVENUE RECOGNITION

Customer fees are recorded as revenue in the period the service is provided. The cost to acquire the rights to the programming generally is recorded when the product is initially available to be viewed by the customer.

# ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION EXPENSES

Advertising and promotion expenses are charged to income during the year in which they are incurred and were not significant for the period shown.

#### USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### 2. MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

The Partnership has a management agreement with R & A Management, LLC ("RML"). The management agreement provides that RML shall manage the Partnership and shall receive annual compensation equal to 5% of gross revenues and an additional 5% if a defined cash flow level is met. The result of this transaction included the conveyance of the Rifkin management agreement (the "Rifkin Agreement") to RML (the "RML Agreement"). Expenses incurred pursuant to this agreement are disclosed in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

# 3. DEBT

The Partnership has interpartnership debt with ICP. Borrowings, including both principal and interest, at September 13, 1999 were \$24,003,000\$ and had an effective interest rate of 8.68%.

ICP has a term loan and revolving loan agreement with a bank. The amount of the term loan is \$150,000,000, and requires varying quarterly payments plus interest commencing September 30, 2001 and continuing through March 31, 2007. On February 1, 1999, the term loan agreement was amended to increase the loan amount to \$250,000,000. On July 16, 1999, the term loan agreement was amended again to increase the loan amount to \$290,000,000. The interest rate on the term loan is generally the bank's prime rate plus 0% to 1.50%. The weighted average effective rate at September 13, 1999 was 8.74%.

The revolving loan agreement provided for borrowing up to \$100,000,000 at the Company's discretion. At September 13, 1999, \$91,000,000 had been drawn against the \$100,000,000 commitment. The revolving credit

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--(CONTINUED)

agreement expires on March 31, 2007. The revolver bears an interest rate at the bank's prime rate plus 0% to 1.50% or LIBOR plus 1.25% to 2.75%. The specific rate is dependent upon the leverage ratio of ICP, which is recalculated quarterly. The weighted average effective interest rate at September 13, 1999 was 8.5%.

The term loan and revolving loan agreement are collateralized by substantially all assets of ICP and its consolidated entities, including the Partnership.

#### 4. LEASE COMMITMENTS

The Partnership leases certain real and personal property under noncancelable operating leases. Future minimum lease payments under these arrangements at September 13, 1999, were as follows:

1999	\$ 77,802
2000	57,386
2001	
2002	
2003	43,500
Thereafter	
	\$308,812
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Total rent expense for the period January 1, 1999 to September 13, 1999 was \$77,802, including \$43,253 relating to cancelable pole rental agreements.

#### 5. RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The Partnership has a 401(k) plan for its employees that have been employed by the Partnership for at least one year. Employees of the Partnership can contribute up to 15% of their salary, on a before-tax basis, with a maximum 1999 contribution of \$10,000 (as set by the Internal Revenue Service). The Partnership matches participant contributions up to a maximum of 50% of the first 3% of a participant's salary contributed. All participant contributions and earnings are fully vested upon contribution and Partnership contributions and earnings vest 20% per year of employment with the Partnership, becoming fully vested after five years. The Partnership's matching contributions for the period January 1, 1999 to September 13, 1999 were \$10,524.

# 6. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Partnership has a number of financial instruments, none of which are held for trading purposes. The following method and assumptions were used by the Partnership to estimate the fair values of financial instruments as disclosed herein:

Cash, customer accounts receivable, other receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and customer deposits and prepayments: The carrying value amount approximates fair value because of the short period to maturity.

The interest rate on debt is adjusted at least quarterly; therefore, the carrying value of debt approximates its fair value.

# 7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Certain Partnership expenses were paid by Charter and are reflected as Payables to affiliates in the accompanying financial statements.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--(CONTINUED)

# 8. LITIGATION

The Partnership could possibly be named as defendant in various actions and proceedings arising from the normal course of business. In all such cases, the Partnership will vigorously defend itself against the litigation and, where appropriate, will file counterclaims. Although the eventual outcome of potential lawsuits cannot be predicted, it is management's opinion that any such lawsuit will not result in liabilities that would have a material affect on the Partnership's financial position or results of operations.

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The Partners
Indiana Cable Associates, Ltd.

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of Indiana Cable Associates, Ltd. as of December 31, 1997 and 1998, and the related statements of operations, partners' deficit and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 1996, 1997 and 1998. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Partnership's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Indiana Cable Associates, Ltd. at December 31, 1997 and 1998, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years ended December 31, 1996, 1997 and 1998 in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Denver, Colorado February 19, 1999

# BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1997 AND 1998

	1997	1998
ASSETS (PLEDGED) Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 82,684	\$ 108,619
accounts of \$18,311 in 1997 and \$24,729 in 1998  Other receivables	87,154 257,236 172,614	85,795 295,023 152,575
BuildingsTransmission and distribution systems and related	78,740	91,682
equipment Office furniture and equipment Spare parts and construction inventory	10,174,650 144,137 435,554	11,336,892 161,327 742,022
Less accumulated depreciation	10,833,081 7,624,570	12,331,923 8,008,158
Net property, plant and equipment  Other assets, at cost less accumulated amortization (Note	, ,	4,323,765
3)	5,817,422	5,083,029
Total assets		\$10,048,806 ======
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' DEFICIT Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 718,716 50,693 32,475 10,650,000	\$ 897,773 47,458 
Interpartnership debt (Note 4)		9,606,630
Total liabilities  Commitments (Notes 5 and 6)  Partners' deficit:		10,551,861
General partnerLimited partner	(66,418) (1,759,845)	(20,106) (482,949)
Total partners' deficit	(1,826,263)	(503,055)
Total liabilities and partners' deficit	\$ 9,625,621 =======	\$10,048,806 ======

#### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

YEARS ENDED -----12/31/96 12/31/97 12/31/98 ------------REVENUE: \$6,272,049 \$6,827,504 \$7,165,843 Service.... 538,158 773, 283 Installation and other..... 622,699 6,810,207 7,450,203 7,939,126 Total revenue..... COSTS AND EXPENSES: 1,142,932 974,617 Operating expense..... 989,456 1,485,943 1,142,247 1,727,089 1,128,957 1,474,067 1,112,441 537,884 707,539 396,956 74,714 889,854 602,554 Depreciation..... 718,335 Amortization..... 718,334 340,510 372,510 Management fees..... Loss on disposal of assets..... 6,266 639 Total costs and expenses..... 5,465,160 5,547,756 5,530,928 1,985,043 Operating income..... 1,279,279 2,391,370 1,361,415 970,160 1,292,469 Interest expense..... -----1,421,210 (82, 136)692,574 98,002 Net income (loss)..... \$ (82,136) \$ 692,574 \$1,323,208

# INDIANA CABLE ASSOCIATES, LTD. STATEMENT OF PARTNERS' DEFICIT

	GENERAL PARTNERS	LIMITED PARTNERS	TOTAL
Partners' deficit at December 31, 1995 Net loss for the year ended December 31, 1996	\$(87,783) (2,875)	\$(2,348,918) (79,261)	\$(2,436,701) (82,136)
Partners' deficit at December 31, 1996 Net income for the year ended December 31,	(90,658)	(2,428,179)	(2,518,837)
1997	24,240	668,334	692,574
Partners' deficit at December 31, 1997 Net income for the year ended December 31,	(66,418)	(1,759,845)	(1,826,263)
1998	46,312	1,276,896	1,323,208
Partners' deficit at December 31, 1998	\$(20,106) ======	\$ (482,949) =======	\$ (503,055) ======

The partners' capital accounts for financial reporting purposes vary from the tax capital accounts.

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

		YEARS ENDED	
		12/31/97	12/31/98
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Net income (loss)	\$ (82,136)	\$ 692,574	\$ 1,323,208
Depreciation and amortization		1,320,889	
Amortization of deferred loan costs	48,764	72,922	23,149
Loss on disposal of assets Loss on write-off of deferred loan cost associated	6,266	639	74,714
with early retirement of debt  Decrease (increase) in customer accounts			,
receivable	(13,110)	1,536	1,359
Increase in other receivables  Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses and	(80,843)	1,536 (108,256)	(37, 787)
deposits Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and	(53, 259)	(5,928)	20,039
accrued liabilities	(190.357)	(147,971)	179.057
Increase (decrease) in customer prepayments	16,355	(13,190)	(3,235)
Increase (decrease) in customer prepayments  Decrease in interest payable	(12,314)	(39,471)	(32, 475)
Net cash provided by operating activities  CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	1,247,554	1,773,744	2,889,284
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(675,244)	(592,685)	(1,732,831)
Proceeds from sale of assets	227,025	23,662	4,979
Net cash used in investing activities CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from long-term debt		1,450,000	
Proceeds from interpartnership debt			9,606,630
Deferred loan cost	(70,000)	(29,776)	(92,127)
Payments of long-term debt	(2,200,000)	(3,100,000)	
Net cash used in financing activities	(270,000)	(1,679,776)	(1,135,497)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	529 335		25,935 82,684
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 557,739	\$ 82,684 ======	\$ 108,619
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:			
Interest paid	. , ,	. , ,	. ,
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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### GENERAL INFORMATION:

Indiana Cable Associates, Ltd. (the "Partnership"), a Colorado limited partnership, was organized in March 1987 for the purpose of acquiring and operating cable television systems and related operations in Indiana and Illinois

For financial reporting purposes, Partnership profits or losses are allocated 3.5% to the general partners and 96.5% to the limited partners. Limited partners are not required to fund any losses in excess of their capital contributions.

# ACQUISITION BY INTERLINK COMMUNICATIONS PARTNERS, LLLP:

Interlink Communications Partners, LLLP ("ICP") agreed to purchase all of the interests of the Partnership. ICP acquired all of the limited partner interests, effective December 31, 1998, and is currently in the process of obtaining the necessary consents to transfer all of the Partnership's franchises to ICP. Once these are obtained, ICP will then purchase the general partner interest in the Partnership, and the Partnership will, by operation of law, be consolidated into ICP.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:

The Partnership records additions to property, plant and equipment at cost, which in the case of assets constructed includes amounts for material, labor, overhead and capitalized interest, if applicable.

For financial reporting purposes, the Partnership uses the straight-line method of depreciation over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Buildings and improvements	5-30 years
Transmission and distribution systems and related	
equipment	3-15 years
Office furniture and equipment	5 vears

# OTHER ASSETS:

Other assets are carried at cost and are amortized on a straight-line basis over the following lives:

Franchises -- the terms of the franchises

(10-19 1/2 years)

Goodwill -- the term of the Partnership agreement

(12 3/4 years)

Deferred loan costs -- the term of the debt (1-6 years)

Organization costs -- 5 years

# INCOME TAXES:

No provision for the payment or refund of income taxes has been provided for the Partnership since the partners are responsible for reporting their distributive share of Partnership net income or loss in their personal capacities.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

# CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:

The Partnership considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### REVENUE RECOGNITION:

Customer fees are recorded as revenue in the period the service is provided.  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1$ 

#### FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS:

The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, customer accounts receivable, accounts payable and interpartnership debt approximate fair value.

### USE OF ESTIMATES:

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# IMPACT OF YEAR 2000 (UNAUDITED):

The Partnership recognizes that certain of its time-sensitive computer programs and product distribution equipment may be affected by conversion to the year 2000. During 1998, management began their evaluation of the information systems, product distribution facilities, and vendor and supplier readiness. To date, considerable progress has been made to complete the evaluation process, to integrate and test compliance installations, and to prepare contingency plans. In addition, third party suppliers are either fully compliant or are expected to be compliant by December 31, 1999. Management expects to have all systems compliant, or have a contingency plan in effect that will result in minimal impact on the operations.

# NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENT:

In April 1998, the Accounting Standards Executive Committee issued Statement of Position (SOP) 98-5 "Reporting on the Costs of Start-Up Activities," which requires the Partnerships to expense all start-up costs related to organizing a new business. This new standard also includes one-time activities related to opening a new facility, introduction of a new product or service, or conducting business with a new class of customer or in a new territory. This standard is effective for the Partnerships' 1999 fiscal year. Organization costs are all fully amortized resulting in SOP 98-5 having no material effect on its financial position or the results of operations.

# RECLASSIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION:

Certain reclassifications have been made to the 1996 and 1997 financial statements to conform with the 1998 financial statement presentation. Such reclassifications had no effect on the net income or loss as previously stated.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

# 3. OTHER ASSETS

At December 31, 1997 and 1998, other assets consisted of the following:

	1997	1998
Franchises. Goodwill. Deferred loan costs. Organization costs.	\$13,144,332 378,336 26,854 63,393	\$12,996,580 378,336  63,393
Less accumulated amortization	13,612,915 7,795,493  \$ 5,817,422	13,438,309 8,355,280  \$ 5,083,029

On December 31, 1997, the loan agreement with a financial institution was amended (Note 4). At that time, the original loan's costs, which were fully amortized, and the accumulated amortization were written off. The bank loan amendment required the payment of additional loan costs which will be amortized over the remaining term of the bank loan.

On August 31, 1998, the loan with a financial institution and the subordinated debt loan with two investor groups were paid in full (Note 4). The related deferred loan costs and associated accumulated amortization were written off and \$9,263 was recorded as an extraordinary loss. On December 30, 1998, the new loan agreement with a financial institution was paid in full (Note 4). The related deferred loan costs and associated accumulated amortization were written off and \$86,569 was recorded as an extraordinary loss.

# 4. DEBT

The Partnership had a revolving credit agreement with a financial institution which provided for borrowing up to \$7,000,000 with a maturity date of December 31, 1997, at which time the balance of the loan was \$4,650,000. On December 31, 1997, the credit agreement was amended to reduce the amount available to borrow to \$5,200,000 and extend the maturity date to December 31, 1998. The Partnership also had subordinated term notes with two investors totalling \$6,000,000 at December 31, 1997. Total outstanding loans at December 31, 1997 were \$10,650,000. On August 31, 1998, the revolving credit loan and subordinated term notes had a balance of \$3,450,000 and \$6,000,000, respectively; at that date, the total balance of \$10,650,000 and accrued interest were paid in full. On that same date, the Partnership obtained a new credit agreement with a financial institution. The new credit agreement provided for a senior term note payable in the amount of \$7,500,000 and a revolving credit loan which provided for borrowing up to \$7,500,000. At December 30, 1998, the term note and revolving credit had a balance of \$7,500,000 and \$1,950,000, respectively; at that date, the total balance of \$9,450,000 and accrued interest were paid in full. The Partnership also incurred a LIBOR break fee of \$2,170 in conjunction with the retirement of debt which was recorded as an extraordinary item.

Also on December 30, 1998, the Partnership obtained a new interpartnership loan agreement with ICP (Note 1). Borrowing under the interpartnership loan, as well as interest and principal payments are due at the discretion of the management of ICP, resulting in no minimum required annual principal payments. The balance of the interpartnership loan at December 31, 1998 was \$9,606,630. The effective interest rate at December 31, 1998 was 8.5%.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

# 5. MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

The Partnership has entered into a management agreement with Rifkin and Associates, Inc., (Rifkin) whose sole stockholder is affiliated with a general partner of the Partnership. The agreement provides that Rifkin shall manage the Partnership and shall receive annual compensation equal to 2 1/2% of gross revenues and an additional 2 1/2% if a defined cash flow level is met. Effective September 1, 1998, Rifkin conveyed its CATV management business to R & A Management, LLC (RML). The result of this transaction was the conveyance of the Rifkin management agreement (Rifkin Agreement) to RML (RML Agreement). Expenses incurred pursuant to the Rifkin Agreement and the RML Agreement are disclosed on the Statement of Operations.

# 6. LEASE COMMITMENTS

At December 31, 1998, the Partnership had lease commitments under long-term operating leases as follows:

1999	
2000	
2001	2,700
2002	1,500
2003	1,500
Thereafter	10,500
Total	\$49,908
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TOTAL

			IUIAL
			RENTAL
PERIOD			EXPENSE
Year Ended December	31,	1996	\$105,590
Year Ended December	31,	1997	98,693
Year Ended December	31,	1998	104,155

# 7. RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The Partnership has a 401(k) plan for its employees that have been employed by the Partnership for at least one year. Employees of the Partnership can contribute up to 15% of their salary, on a before-tax basis, with a maximum 1998 contribution of \$10,000 (as set by the Internal Revenue Service). The Partnership matches participant contributions up to a maximum of 50% of the first 3% of a participant's salary contributed. All participant contributions and earnings are fully vested upon contribution and Partnership contributions and earnings vest 20% per year of employment with the Partnership, becoming fully vested after five years. The Partnership's matching contributions for the years ended December 31, 1996, 1997 and 1998 were \$4,723, \$8,769 and \$8,639, respectively.

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

To the Partners of R/N South Florida Cable Management Limited Partnership

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated balance sheet and the related consolidated statements of operations, of equity and of cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of R/N South Florida Cable Management Limited Partnership and its subsidiaries (the "Partnership") at September 13, 1999, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the period January 1, 1999 to September 13, 1999, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Partnership's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit of these statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for the opinion expressed above.

On September 13, 1999, all of the Partnership's interest were sold to Charter Communications, LLC. These financial statements represent the Partnership just prior to that transaction and do not reflect any adjustments related thereto.

/s/ PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

Denver, Colorado February 15, 2000

# $\ensuremath{\mathsf{R/N}}$ SOUTH FLORIDA CABLE MANAGEMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	AS OF SEPTEMBER 13, 1999
ASSETS Cash Customer accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful	\$ 453,963
accounts of \$27,131	933,646 394,142 30,273,104 780,723 195,198
Transmission and distribution systems and related equipment	24,629,591 1,131,040 6,759 1,519,099
Less accumulated depreciation	27,286,489 (1,935,932)
Property, plant and equipment, net Franchise costs, less accumulated amortization of	25,350,557
\$17,527,564 Total assets	65,160,673 \$123,542,006 ========
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 2,074,095 1,209,481 60,960,000
Total liabilities  Commitments and contingencies (Notes 4 and 7) Divisional equity	64, 243, 576 59, 298, 430
Total equity	59,298,430
Total liabilities and equity	\$123,542,006 ========

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# R/N SOUTH FLORIDA CABLE MANAGEMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1999 TO SEPTEMBER 13, 1999
REVENUE	
Service	\$ 14,790,346
Installation and other	2,725,293
Total revenue	17,515,639
Operating expense	2,958,925
Programming expense	3,957,126
Selling, general and administrative expense	4,532,320
Depreciation	1,997,656
Amortization	17,527,564
Management fees	700,626
Loss on disposal of assets	685,800
Total costs and expenses	32,360,017
Operating loss	(14,844,378)
Interest expense	760,517
Net loss	\$(15,604,895)
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# R/N SOUTH FLORIDA CABLE MANAGEMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EQUITY

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1999 TO SEPTEMBER 13, 1999

	DIVISIONAL EQUITY	TOTAL
Equity contribution	\$ 74,903,325 (15,604,895)	\$ 74,903,325 (15,604,895)
Divisional equity, September 13, 1999	\$ 59,298,430 =======	\$ 59,298,430 =======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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# R/N SOUTH FLORIDA CABLE MANAGEMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1999 TO SEPTEMBER 13, 1999

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<b>*</b> (45,004,005)
Net lossAdjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:	\$(15,604,895)
Depreciation and amortization	19,525,221
Loss on disposal of assets	685,800
Increase in customer accounts receivable	(478,307)
Increase in accounts receivable, related party	(394, 142)
Increase in accounts receivable, intercompany	(30, 273, 104)
Decrease in other receivables	910,870
Decrease in prepaid expenses and deposits	197,824
Decrease in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(282,445)
Increase in customer prepayments and deposits	519,116
Net cash used in operating activities	(25,194,062)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Initial cash acquisition cost, net of cash acquired	(74, 224, 586)
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(4,487,237)
Additions to franchise costs	(383,932)
Proceeds from the sale of assets	102,891
Net cash used in investing activities	(78,992,864)
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CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Capital contributions	74,903,325
Proceeds from interpartnership debt	30,587,226
Payments on interpartnership debt	(849,662)
Net cash provided by financing activities	104,640,889
Increase in cash	453,963
Cash, beginning of period	
Cash, end of period	\$ 453,963
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION	========
Interest paid	\$ 760,517
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# R/N SOUTH FLORIDA CABLE MANAGEMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNT POLICIES

#### PRINCIPLES OF CONSOLIDATION AND ORGANIZATION

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of R/N South Florida Cable Management Limited Partnership (the "Partnership") and its substantially wholly owned subsidiary, Rifkin/ Narragansett South Florida CATV Limited Partnership (the "Operating Partnership"). Each partnership is a Florida Limited Partnership. The Partnership was originally organized in 1988 for the purpose of being the general partner to the Operating Partnership which is engaged in the installation, ownership, operation and management of cable television systems in Florida.

# ACQUISITION BY INTERLINK COMMUNICATIONS PARTNERS, LLLP AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Effective December 31, 1998, Interlink Communications Partners, LLLP ("ICP") acquired all of the Partnership's limited partner interest, and agreed to purchase all of the Partnership's interest for \$74.2 million. This transaction was accounted for as a purchase; as such, assets and liabilities were written up to their fair value, resulting in an increase to property, plant and equipment and franchise costs of \$5.0 million \$77.1 million, respectively.

Effective July 1, 1999, ICP completed the purchase of the remaining general partner interest in the Partnership and the Partnership was merged into ICP and ceased to exist as a separate legal entity. The Partnership's financial statements subsequent to that date represent a divisional carve-out from ICP. These financial statements include all the direct costs of operating its business; however, certain assets, liabilities and costs not specifically related to the Partnership's activities were allocated and reflected in the financial position as of September 13, 1999, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the period January 1, 1999 to September 13, 1999. Allocations from ICP include amounts for debt, interest expense and management expense. Both debt and interest expense were allocated pro rata based on the Partnership's percentage of subscribers to total ICP subscribers. Management expense was allocated in accordance with the management agreement (Note 2). In addition, receivables and payables to ICP are presented in the accompanying financial statements net as amounts due to/from interpartnership. Management believes these allocations were made on a reasonable basis. Nonetheless, the financial information included herein may not necessarily reflect what the financial position and results of operations of the Partnership would have been as a stand-alone entity.

# ACQUISITION BY CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC

On February 12, 1999, ICP signed a letter of intent to sell all of ICP's partnership interest to Charter Communications Holdings, LLC ("Charter"). On April 26, 1999, ICP signed a definitive Purchase and Sales Agreement with Charter for the sale of the individual partner's interest. The sales transaction closed on September 13, 1999. These financial statements represent the Partnership just prior to the transaction and do not reflect any related adjustments.

# PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Additions to property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost, which in the case of assets constructed, include amounts for material, labor, overhead and capitalized interest, if applicable. Upon sale or retirement of an asset, the related costs and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any gain or loss is recognized.

# R/N SOUTH FLORIDA CABLE MANAGEMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

Depreciation expense is calculated using the straight-line method of depreciation over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Transmission and distribution systems and related

#### FRANCHISE COSTS

Franchise costs are amortized using the straight-line method over the remaining lives of the franchises as of the date they were acquired, ranging from 2 to 10 years. The carrying value is assessed for recoverability by management based on an analysis of undiscounted expected future cash flows. The Partnership's management believes that there has been no impairment thereof as of September 13, 1999.

#### INCOME TAXES

No provision for federal or state income taxes is necessary in the financial statements of the Partnership, because as a partnership, it is not subject to federal or state income tax as the tax effect of its activities accrues to the partners.

# REVENUE RECOGNITION

Customer fees are recorded as revenue in the period the service is provided. The cost to acquire the rights to the programming generally is recorded when the product is initially available to be viewed by the customer.

#### ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION EXPENSES

Advertising and promotion expenses are charged to income during the year in which they are incurred and were not significant for the period shown.

#### USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# 2. MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

The Partnership has a management agreement with R & A Management, LLC ("RML"). The management agreement provides that RML shall manage the Operating Partnership and shall be entitled to annual compensation of 4% of gross revenues. The result of this transaction included the conveyance of the Rifkin management agreement (the "Rifkin Agreement") to RML (the "RML Agreement"). Expenses incurred pursuant to this agreement are disclosed in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

# 3. DEBT

The Partnership has an interpartnership debt with ICP. Borrowings, including both principal and interest, at September 13, 1999 were \$60,960,000 and had an effective interest rate of 8.68%.

ICP has a term loan and revolving loan agreement with a bank. The amount of the term loan is \$150,000,000, and requires varying quarterly payments plus interest commencing September 30, 2001 and continuing through March 31, 2007. On February 1, 1999, the term loan agreement was amended to increase

R/N SOUTH FLORIDA CABLE MANAGEMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

the loan amount to \$250,000,000. On July 16, 1999, the term loan agreement was amended again to increase the loan amount to \$290,000,000. The interest rate on the term loan is generally the bank's prime rate plus 0% to 1.50%. The weighted average effective rate at September 13, 1999 was 8.74%.

The revolving loan agreement provided for borrowing up to \$100,000,000 at the Company's discretion. At September 13, 1999, \$91,000,000 had been drawn against the \$100,000,000 commitment. The revolving credit agreement expires on March 31, 2007. The revolver bears an interest rate at the bank's prime rate plus 0% to 1.50% or LIBOR plus 1.25% to 2.75%. The specific rate is dependent upon the leverage ratio of ICP, which is recalculated quarterly. The weighted average effective interest rate at September 13, 1999 was 8.5%.

The term loan and revolving loan agreement are collateralized by substantially all assets of ICP and its consolidated entities, including the Partnership.

#### 4. LEASE COMMITMENTS

The Partnership leases certain real and personal property under noncancelable operating leases. Future minimum lease payments under these arrangements at September 13, 1999, were as follows:

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	\$530,498
2001	. 148,399
2000	. 178,432
1999	. \$203,667

Total rent expense for the period January 1, 1999 to September 13, 1999 was \$187,831, including \$68,806 relating to cancelable pole rental agreements.

# 5. RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The Operating Partnership has a 401(k) plan for its employees that have been employed by the Operating Partnership for at least one year. Employees of the Operating Partnership can contribute up to 15% of their salary, on a before-tax basis, with a maximum 1999 contribution of \$10,000 (as set by the Internal Revenue Service). The Operating Partnership matches participant contributions up to a maximum of 50% of the first 3% of a participant's salary contributed. All participant contributions and earnings are fully vested upon contribution and Operating Partnership contributions and earnings vest 20% per year of employment with the Operating Partnership, becoming fully vested after five years. The Operating Partnership's matching contributions for the period January 1, 1999 to September 13, 1999 were \$19,721.

# 6. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Partnership has a number of financial instruments, none of which are held for trading purposes. The following method and assumptions were used by the Partnership to estimate the fair values of financial instruments as disclosed berein:

Cash, customer accounts receivable, other receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and customer deposits and prepayments: The carrying value amount approximates fair value because of the short period to maturity.

The interest rate on debt is adjusted at least quarterly; therefore, the carrying value of debt approximates its fair value.

R/N SOUTH FLORIDA CABLE MANAGEMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

# 7. LITIGATION

The Partnership could possibly be named as defendant in various actions and proceedings arising from the normal course of business. In all such cases, the Partnership will vigorously defend itself against the litigation and, where appropriate, will file counterclaims. Although the eventual outcome of potential lawsuits cannot be predicted, it is management's opinion that any such lawsuit will not result in liabilities that would have a material affect on the Partnership's financial position or results of operations.

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The Partners R/N South Florida Cable Management Limited Partnership

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of R/N South Florida Cable Management Limited Partnership as of December 31, 1997 and 1998, and the related consolidated statements of operations, partners' equity (deficit) and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 1996, 1997 and 1998. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Partnership's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of R/N South Florida Cable Management Limited Partnership at December 31, 1997 and 1998, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for the years ended December 31, 1996, 1997 and 1998 in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

Denver, Colorado February 19, 1999

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# R/N SOUTH FLORIDA CABLE MANAGEMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1997 AND 1998

ASSETS (PLEDGED)	1997	1998
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 362,619 569,296 1,180,507 416,455	\$ 678,739 455,339 1,691,593 393,022
equipment	22,836,588 704,135 546,909 718,165	27,981,959 755,398 549,969 744,806
Less accumulated depreciation	24,805,797 9,530,513	30,032,132 11,368,764
Net property, plant and equipment Other assets, at cost less accumulated amortization (Note 2)		18,663,368 5,181,012
Total assets		\$27,063,073
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT) Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 2,994,797 287,343 699,332 29,437,500	\$ 2,356,540  690,365  31,222,436
Total liabilities	33,418,972	34, 269, 341
General partnerLimited partnerSpecial limited partner	(96,602) (9,582,050) 870,419	(81,688) (8,104,718) 980,138
Total partners' equity (deficit)	(8,808,233)	(7,206,268)
Total liabilities and partners' deficit		\$27,063,073 =======

# R/N SOUTH FLORIDA CABLE MANAGEMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

YEARS ENDED -------12/31/97 12/31/98 12/31/96 -----**REVENUES:** \$17,520,883 \$18,890,202 Service... .....\$16,615,767 , 520, 883 2, 425, 742 Installation and other..... 1,732,681 3,158,742 22,048,944 18,348,448 19,946,625 COSTS AND EXPENSES: 3,489,285 3,707,802 Operating expense..... 2,758,704 3,707,802 4,573,296 4,537,535 2,256,765 1,293,674 881,958 178,142 4,014,850 4,087,845 4,075,555 3,979,002 Programming expense..... Selling, general and administrative expense...... 1,912,905 1,287,588 1,787,003 Depreciation..... Amortization..... 1,350,195 797,863 513,177 733,938 Management fees..... Loss on disposal of assets..... 373,860 Total costs and expenses..... 15,058,257 16,103,513 17,429,172 Operating income..... 3.290.191 3,843,112 4,619,772 2,571,976 2,528,617 Interest expense..... 2,583,338 Net income before extraordinary item..... 761,574 1,271,136 2,036,434 Extraordinary item -- loss on early retirement of debt (Note 2)..... 434,469 Net income..... \$ 761,574 \$ 1,271,136 \$ 1,601,965

# R/N SOUTH FLORIDA CABLE MANAGEMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PARTNERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)

	GENERAL PARTNERS	LIMITED PARTNERS	SPECIAL LIMITED PARTNERS	TOTAL
Partners' equity (deficit) at December 31, 1995	\$(115,526)	\$(11,456,616)	\$731,199	\$(10,840,943)
Net income for the year ended December 31, 1996	7,090	702,324	52,160	761,574
Partners' equity (deficit) at December 31, 1996 Net income for the year ended December	(108,436)	(10,754,292)	783,359	(10,079,369)
31, 1997	11,834	1,172,242	87,060	1,271,136
Partners' equity (deficit) at December 31, 1997 Net income for the year ended December	(96,602)	(9,582,050)	870,419	(8,808,233)
31, 1998	14,914	1,477,332	109,719	1,601,965
Partners' equity (deficit) at December 31, 1998	\$ (81,688)	\$ (8,104,718)	\$980,138	\$ (7,206,268)

The partners' capital accounts for financial reporting purposes vary from the tax capital accounts.

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		YEARS ENDED	
	12/31/96	12/31/97	12/31/98
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Net income	\$ 761,574	\$ 1,271,136	\$ 1,601,965
Depreciation and amortization Amortization of deferred loan cost Loss on early retirement of debt	68,898	•	89,788
Loss on disposal of assets  Decrease (increase) in customer accounts	373,860	513,177	178, 142
receivable	1,420	(152,229)	113,957
Increase in other receivables  Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	(377,553)	(152,229) (506,325)	(511,086)
and deposits  Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(114,720)	115,734	23,433
and accrued liabilities	122,512	513,839	(638, 257)
prepayments  Increase (decrease) in interest	362	208,021	(8,967)
payable	180	16,207	(287,343)
Net cash provided by operating activities	3,973,731	5,259,161	4,546,540
equipment	(4,000,631)	(4,288,776)	(5,915,434)
refranchises			
Proceeds from the sale of assets	16,674	70,865	92,443
Net cash used in investing activities	(3,994,557)	(4,382,471)	(6,009,781)
Proceeds from long-term debt  Proceeds from interpartnership debt	2,750,000	3,850,000	5,550,000 31,222,436
Payments of long-term debt	(2,604,913)	(4,562,500)	(34,987,500)
Deferred loan costs		(132,727)	
Net cash provided by (used in)			
financing activities	145,087	(845,227)	1,779,361
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the	124,261	31,463	316,120
year	206,895	331,156	362,619
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 331,156 =======		\$ 678,739 =======
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:			
Interest paid	\$ 2,412,038	\$ 2,441,662	\$ 2,780,893

#### R/N SOUTH FLORIDA CABLE MANAGEMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### PRINCIPLES OF CONSOLIDATION AND ORGANIZATION:

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of R/N South Florida Cable Management Limited Partnership (the "Partnership") and its substantially wholly-owned subsidiary Rifkin/ Narragansett South Florida CATV Limited Partnership (the "Operating Partnership"). Each partnership is a Florida Limited Partnership. The Partnership was organized in 1988 for the purpose of being the general partner to the Operating Partnership which is engaged in the installation, ownership, operation and management of cable television systems in Florida.

In 1992, the Partnership adopted an amendment to the Partnership agreement (the "Amendment") and entered into a Partnership Interest Purchase Agreement whereby certain Special Limited Partnership interests were issued in the aggregate amount of \$1,250,000. These new Special Limited Partners are affiliated with the current General and Limited Partners of the Partnership. The Amendment provides for the methods under which the gains, losses, adjustments and distributions are allocated to the accounts of the Special Limited Partners.

For financial reporting purposes, partnership profits or losses are allocated to the limited partners, special limited partners and general partners in the following ratios: 92.22%, 6.849% and .931%, respectively. Limited partners and special limited partners are not required to fund any losses in excess of their capital contributions.

#### ACQUISITION BY INTERLINK COMMUNICATIONS PARTNERS, LLLP:

InterLink Communications Partners, LLLP ("ICP") agreed to purchase all of the interests of the Partnerships. ICP acquired all of the limited partner interests of the Operating Partnership, effective December 31, 1998, and is currently in the process of obtaining the necessary consents to transfer all of the Operating Partnership's franchises to ICP. Once obtained, ICP will then purchase the general partner interest, and the Partnership, by operation of law, will consolidate into ICP.

# PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:

Property, plant and equipment additions are recorded at cost, which in the case of assets constructed includes amounts for material, labor, overhead and capitalized interest, if applicable.

For financial reporting purposes, the Operating Partnership uses the straight-line method of depreciation over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Transmission and distribution systems and related	
equipment	15 years
Office furniture and equipment	3-15 years
Leasehold improvements	5-8 years

# OTHER ASSETS:

Other assets are carried at cost and are amortized on a straight-line basis over the following lives:

Franchises	the terms of the franchises (3-13	3
	years)	
Goodwill	40 years	
Organization costs	5 years	
Deferred loan costs	the term of the debt (8 years)	

# INCOME TAXES:

No provision for the payment or refund of income taxes has been provided since the partners are responsible for reporting their distributive share of partnerships net income or loss in their personal capacities.

# R/N SOUTH FLORIDA CABLE MANAGEMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

# CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:

The Partnerships consider all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### REVENUE RECOGNITION:

Customer fees are recorded as revenue in the period the service is provided.  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{C}}$ 

#### FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS:

The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, customer accounts receivable, accounts payable and interpartnership debt approximate fair value.

#### USE OF ESTIMATES:

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# IMPACT OF YEAR 2000 (UNAUDITED):

The Partnerships recognize that certain of its time-sensitive computer programs and product distribution equipment may be affected by conversion to the year 2000. During 1998, management began their evaluation of the information systems, product distribution facilities, and vendor and supplier readiness. To date, considerable progress has been made to complete the evaluation process, to integrate and test compliance installations, and to prepare contingency plans. In addition, third party suppliers are either fully compliant or are expected to be compliant by December 31, 1999. Management expects to have all systems compliant, or have a contingency plan in effect that will result in minimal impact on the operations.

# NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENT:

In April 1998, the Accounting Standards Executive Committee issued Statement of Position (SOP) 98-5 "Reporting on the costs of Start-Up Activities," which requires the Partnerships to expense all start-up costs related to organizing a new business. This new standard also includes one-time activities related to opening a new facility, introduction of a new product or service, or conducting business with a new class of customer or in a new territory. This standard is effective for the Partnerships' 1999 fiscal year. The organization costs are fully amortized, resulting in SOP 98-5 having no material effect on its financial position or the results of operations.

# RECLASSIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION:

Certain reclassifications have been made to the 1996 and 1997 financial statements to conform with the 1998 financial statement presentation. Such reclassifications had no effect on the net income as previously stated.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

#### 2. OTHER ASSETS

At December 31, 1997 and 1998, other assets consisted of the following:

	1997	1998
Franchises and other	\$14,348,984	\$14,535,774
Goodwill	3,429,845	3,429,845
Deferred loan costs	694,819	
Organization costs	23,218	23,218
	18,496,866	17,988,837
Less accumulated amortization	11,690,288	12,807,825
	\$ 6,806,578	\$ 5,181,012
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On December 30, 1998, the Partnerships' loan with a financial institution was paid in full (Note 3). The related deferred loan costs and associated accumulated amortization were written off and an extraordinary loss of \$434,469 was recorded.

# 3. DEBT

The Partnerships had senior term note payable and a revolving credit loan agreement with a financial institution. The senior term note payable was a \$29,500,000 loan which required varying quarterly payments which commenced on September 30, 1996. On June 30, 1997, the loan agreement was amended to defer the June 30, 1997 and September 30, 1997 principal payments and restructured the required principal payment amounts due through December 31, 2003. The revolving credit loan provided for borrowing up to \$3,000,000 at the discretion of the Partnerships. On June 30, 1997, the loan agreement was amended to increase the amount provided for borrowing under the revolving credit loan to \$3,750,000. At December 31, 1997, the term notes and the revolving credit loan had a balance of \$28,387,500 and \$1,050,000, respectively, with a total balance of \$29,437,500. At December 30, 1998, the term notes and the revolving credit loan had a balance of \$27,637,500 and \$3,300,000, respectively; at that date, the total balance of \$30,937,500 and accrued interest were paid in full.

Also on December 30, 1998, the Partnerships obtained a new interpartnership loan agreement with ICP (Note 1). Borrowing under the interpartnership loan, as well as interest and principal payments are due at the discretion of the management of ICP, resulting in no minimum required annual principal payments. The balance of the interpartnership loan at December 31, 1998 was \$31,222,436. The effective interest rate at December 31, 1998 was 8.5%.

# 4. MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

The Partnerships have entered into a management agreement with Rifkin & Associates, Inc. (Rifkin). The management agreement provides that Rifkin shall manage the Operating Partnership and shall be entitled to annual compensation of 4% of gross revenues. Effective September 1, 1998, Rifkin conveyed its CATV management business to R & A Management, LLC (RML). The result of this transaction was the conveyance of the Rifkin management agreement (Rifkin Agreement) to RML (RML Agreement). Expenses incurred pursuant to the Rifkin Agreement and the RML Agreement are disclosed on the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

# R/N SOUTH FLORIDA CABLE MANAGEMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

# 5. LEASE COMMITMENTS

At December 31, 1998, the Operating Partnership had lease commitments under long-term operating leases as follows:

1999	. ,
2001	,
Total	\$501,917

			TOTAL
			RENTAL
PERIOD			EXPENSE
Year Ended December	31.	1996	\$262,231
	,	1997	. ,
Year Ended December	31,	1998	295,107

# 6. RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The Operating Partnership has a 401(k) plan for its employees that have been employed by the Operating Partnership for at least one year. Employees of the Operating Partnership can contribute up to 15% of their salary, on a before-tax basis, with a maximum 1998 contribution of \$10,000 (as set by the Internal Revenue Service). The Operating Partnership matches participant contributions up to a maximum of 50% of the first 3% of a participant's salary contributed. All participant contributions and earnings are fully vested upon contribution and Operating Partnership contributions and earnings vest 20% per year of employment with the Operating Partnership, becoming fully vested after five years. The Operating Partnership's matching contributions for the years ended December 31, 1996, 1997 and 1998 were \$15,549, \$23,292 and \$20,652, respectively.

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

To the Partners of InterMedia Partners and InterMedia Capital Partners IV, L.P.

In our opinion, the accompanying combined balance sheets and the related combined statements of operations, of changes in equity and of cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of InterMedia Cable Systems (comprised of components of InterMedia Partners and InterMedia Capital Partners IV, L.P.) at September 30, 1999 and December 31, 1998, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the nine-months ended September 30, 1999 and for the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of InterMedia Partners and InterMedia Capital Partners IV, L.P.; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for the opinion expressed above.

/s/ PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

San Francisco, California January 6, 2000

# INTERMEDIA CABLE SYSTEMS (COMPRISED OF COMPONENTS OF INTERMEDIA PARTNERS AND INTERMEDIA CAPITAL PARTNERS IV, L.P.)

# COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	SEPTEMBER 30, 1999	DECEMBER 31, 1998
ASSETS Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts		
of \$903 and \$899, respectively	\$ 14,971	\$ 14,425
Receivables from affiliates	7,966	5,623
Prepaid expenses	1,100	423
Other current assets	186	350
Total current assets	24,223	20,821
Intangible assets, net	214, 182	255,356
Property and equipment, net	228,676	218, 465
Deferred income taxes	15,279	12,598
Investments and other non-current assets	544	2,804
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Total assets	\$482,904	\$510,044
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 15,504	\$ 19,230
Deferred revenue	11, 151	11, 104
Payables to affiliates	2,265	3,158
Total current liabilities	28,920	33,492
Note payable to InterMedia Partners IV, L.P	406,975	396,579
Deferred channel launch revenue	3,583	4,045
Total liabilities	439,478	434,116
Commitments and contingencies		
Mandatorily redeemable preferred shares	14,934	14, 184
Equity	28,492	61,744
Total liabilities and equity	\$482,904	TE10 044
Total liabilities and equity	\$482,904 ======	\$510,044 ======

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements.

# INTERMEDIA CABLE SYSTEMS (COMPRISED OF COMPONENTS OF INTERMEDIA PARTNERS AND INTERMEDIA CAPITAL PARTNERS IV, L.P.)

# COMBINED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,	
		1998 	
REVENUES Basic and cable services	\$105,275	\$125,920	\$112,592
	20,699	23,975	24,467
	26,815	26,167	25,519
	152,789	176,062	162,578
COSTS AND EXPENSES Program fees Other direct expenses Selling, general and administrative expenses Management and consulting fees Depreciation and amortization	35,579	39,386	33,936
	15,280	16,580	16,500
	33,315	30,787	29,181
	2,356	3,147	2,870
	79,325	85,982	81,303
Profit/(loss) from operations	165,855	175,882	163,790
	(13,066)	180	(1,212)
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE) Interest expense Interest and other income Gain on sale of investment Gain on sale/exchange of cable systems Other expense	(17,636)	(25, 449)	(28, 458)
	187	341	429
	1,678		
		26, 218	10, 006
	(4,397)	(3, 188)	(1, 431)
	(20,168)	(2,078)	(19,454)
Loss before income tax benefit (expense)	(33,234)	(1,898)	(20,666)
	2,681	(1,623)	4,026
NET LOSS	\$(30,553)	\$ (3,521)	\$(16,640)
	======	=======	======

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements.

# INTERMEDIA CABLE SYSTEMS (COMPRISED OF COMPONENTS OF INTERMEDIA PARTNERS AND INTERMEDIA CAPITAL PARTNERS IV, L.P.)

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

Balance at January 1, 1997	\$ 69,746 (16,640) (882) 6,489
Balance at December 31, 1997  Net loss  Accretion for mandatorily redeemable preferred shares  Net cash contributions from parent  In-kind contribution from parent	58,713 (3,521) (945) 6,350 1,147
Balance at December 31, 1998	61,744 (30,553) (750) (1,949)
Balance at September 30, 1999	\$ 28,492

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements.

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# COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	NINE MONTHS YEAR EI ENDED DECEMBEI		BER 31,	
	SEPTEMBER 30, 1999	1998	1997	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES  Net loss	\$(30,553)	\$ (3,521)	\$(16,640)	
Depreciation and amortization	79,325 1,497 (1,678)	85,982 3,177  (26,218)	81,303 504  (10,006)	
Accounts receivable	(546) (2,343) (677) 164 (2,681)	(1,395) (3,904) 203 (106) 1,623	(2,846) (639) (251) (10) (4,311)	
Other non-current assets	1,088 134 740 (893) 17,636	(517) (2,073) 1,208 373 25,449	(58) 4,436 1,399 469 28,458	
Deferred channel launch revenue  Cash flows from operating activities	(1,155)  60,058	2,895  83,176	2,817  84,625	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Purchases of property and equipment	(52,848)  2,850	(72,673) (398) 	(87,253) 11,157	
Intangible assets  Cash flows from investing activities	(871)  (50,869)	(372)  (73,443)	(506)  (76,602)	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES  Net (distributions) contributions to/from parent  Net repayment of borrowings	(1,949) (7,240)	6,350 (16,083)	6,489 (14,512)	
Cash flows from financing activities	(9,189)	(9,733)	(8,023)	
Net change in cash				
Cash at end of period	\$ =======	\$ ========	\$ =======	

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements.

# NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

# 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

### THE CHARTER TRANSACTIONS

InterMedia Partners, a California limited partnership ("IP-I"), and InterMedia Capital Partners IV, L.P., a California limited partnership, ("ICP-IV", together with IP-I, "InterMedia") are affiliated through common control and management. Robin Media Group, Inc., a Nevada corporation, ("RMG") is a majority owned subsidiary of ICP-IV. On April 20, 1999 InterMedia and certain of its affiliates entered into agreements (the "Agreements") with affiliates of Charter Communications, Inc. ("Charter") to sell and exchange certain of their cable television systems ("the Charter Transactions"). The Charter Transactions closed on October 1, 1999.

Specifically, ICP-IV and its affiliates sold certain of their cable television systems in Tennessee and Gainesville, Georgia through a combination of asset sales and the sale of their equity interests in RMG, and exchanged their systems in and around Greenville and Spartanburg, South Carolina for Charter systems located in Indiana, Kentucky, Utah and Montana. Immediately upon Charter's acquisition of RMG, IP-I exchanged its cable television systems in Athens, Georgia, Asheville and Marion, North Carolina and Cleveland, Tennessee for RMG's cable television systems located in middle Tennessee.

### **PRESENTATION**

The accompanying combined financial statements represent the financial position of the InterMedia Cable Systems as of September 30, 1999 and December 31, 1998 and 1997 and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 1999 and the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997. The Systems being sold or exchanged do not individually or collectively comprise a separate legal entity. Accordingly, the combined financial statements have been carved-out from the historical accounting records of InterMedia.

# CARVE-OUT METHODOLOGY

Throughout the periods covered by the combined financial statements, the individual cable systems were operated and accounted for separately. However, the Charter Transactions exclude certain systems (the "Excluded Systems") which were operated as part of the Marion, North Carolina and western Tennessee systems throughout the periods presented in the combined financial statements. For purposes of carving out and excluding the results of operations and financial position of the Excluded Systems from the combined financial statements, management has estimated the revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities associated with each Excluded System based on the ratio of each Excluded System's basic subscribers to the total basic subscribers served by the Marion, North Carolina and western Tennessee systems, respectively. Management believes the basis used for these allocations is reasonable. The Systems' results of operations are not necessarily indicative of future operating results or the results that would have occurred if the Systems were a separate legal entity.

Management and consulting fees represent an allocation of management fees charged to IP-I and ICP-IV by InterMedia Capital Management, a California limited partnership ("ICM") and InterMedia Management, Inc. ("IMI"), respectively. ICM is a limited partner of IP-I. IMI is the managing member of each of the general partners of IP-I and ICP-IV. These fees are charged at a fixed amount per annum and have been allocated to the Systems based upon the allocated contributed capital of the individual systems as compared to the total contributed capital of InterMedia's subsidiaries.

# NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

As more fully described in Note 9 -- "Related Party Transactions," certain administrative services are also provided by IMI and are charged to all affiliates based on relative basic subscriber percentages.

### CASH AND INTERCOMPANY ACCOUNTS

Under InterMedia's centralized cash management system, cash requirements of its individual operating units were generally provided directly by InterMedia and the cash generated or used by the Systems was transferred to/from InterMedia, as appropriate, through intercompany accounts. The intercompany account balances between InterMedia and the individual operating units, except RMG's intercompany note payable to InterMedia Partners IV, L.P. ("IP-IV"), as described in Note 7 -- "Note Payable to InterMedia Partners IV, L.P.," are not intended to be settled. Accordingly, the balances, other than RMG's note payable to IP-IV, are included in equity and all net cash flows from operations, investing activities and financing activities have been included in the Systems' net (distributions) contributions to/from parent in the combined statements of cash flows.

IP-I and ICP-IV or its subsidiaries maintain all external debt to fund and manage InterMedia's operations on a centralized basis. The combined financial statements present only the debt and related interest expense of RMG, which was assumed and repaid by Charter pursuant to the Charter Transactions. See Note 7 -- "Note Payable to InterMedia Partners IV, L.P." Debt, unamortized debt issue costs and interest expense related to the financing of the cable systems not owned by RMG have not been allocated to the InterMedia Cable Systems. As such, the level of debt, unamortized debt issue costs and related interest expense presented in the combined financial statements are not representative of the debt that would be required or interest expense incurred if InterMedia Cable Systems were a separate legal entity.

# 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### REVENUE RECOGNITION

Cable television service revenue is recognized in the period in which services are provided to customers. Deferred revenue generally represents revenue billed in advance and deferred until cable service is provided. Installation fees are recognized immediately into revenue to the extent of direct selling costs incurred. Any fees in excess of such costs are deferred and amortized into income over the period that customers are expected to remain connected to the cable television system.

# PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Additions to property and equipment, including new customer installations, are recorded at cost. Self-constructed fixed assets include materials, labor and overhead. Costs of disconnecting and reconnecting cable service are expensed. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred. Expenditures for major renewals and improvements are capitalized. Capitalized fixed assets are written down to recoverable values whenever recoverability through operations or sale of the systems becomes doubtful. Gains and losses on disposal of property and equipment are included in the Systems' statements of operations when the assets are sold or retired from service.

Depreciation is computed using the double-declining balance method over the following estimated useful lives:

		YEA	
	-		
Cable television plant			
Buildings and improvements			
Furniture and fixtures	3		7
Equipment and other	3		10

# NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

### INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The Systems have franchise rights to operate cable television systems in various towns and political subdivisions. Franchise rights are being amortized over the lesser of the remaining franchise lives or the base ten and twelve-year terms of IP-I and ICP-IV, respectively. The remaining lives of the franchises range from one to seventeen years.

Goodwill represents the excess of acquisition costs over the fair value of net tangible and franchise assets acquired and liabilities assumed and is being amortized on a straight-line basis over the base ten or twelve-year term of IP-I and ICP-IV, respectively.

Capitalized intangibles are written down to recoverable values whenever recoverability through operations or sale of the systems becomes doubtful. Each year, the Systems evaluate the recoverability of the carrying value of their intangible assets by assessing whether the projected cash flows, including projected cash flows from sale of the systems, is sufficient to recover the unamortized costs of these assets.

### INCOME TAXES

Income taxes reported in InterMedia Cable Systems' combined financial statements represent the tax effects of RMG's results of operations. RMG as a corporation is the only entity within InterMedia Cable Systems which reports a provision/benefit for income taxes. No provision or benefit for income taxes is reported by any of the other cable systems within the InterMedia Cable Systems structure because these systems are currently owned by various partnerships, and, as such, the tax effects of these cable systems' results of operations accrue to the partners.

RMG accounts for income taxes using the asset and liability approach which requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the tax consequences of temporary differences by applying enacted statutory tax rates applicable to future years to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and the tax bases of existing assets and liabilities.

### USE OF ESTIMATES IN THE PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

# DISCLOSURES ABOUT FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying value of receivables, payables, deferred revenue and accrued liabilities approximates fair value due to their short maturity.

# 3. SALE AND EXCHANGE OF CABLE PROPERTIES

# SALE

On December 5, 1997, RMG sold its cable television assets serving approximately 7,400 (unaudited) basic subscribers in and around Royston and Toccoa, Georgia. The sale resulted in a gain, calculated as follows:

Proceeds from sale  Net book value of assets sold	. ,
Gain on sale	\$ 10,006 ======

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# NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

### **EXCHANGE**

On December 31, 1998, certain of the Systems' cable television assets located in and around western and eastern Tennessee ("Exchanged Assets"), serving approximately 10,600 (unaudited) basic subscribers, plus cash of \$398 were exchanged for other cable television assets located in and around western and eastern Tennessee, serving approximately 10,000 (unaudited) basic subscribers.

Property and equipment	. ,
Total	\$ 29,145

The exchange resulted in a gain of \$26,218 calculated as the difference between the fair value of the assets received and the net book value of the Exchanged Assets less cash paid of \$398.

### 4. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets consist of the following:

	SEPTEMBER 30, 1999	DECEMBER 31, 1998
Franchise rights	\$ 332,800 58,505 573	\$ 332,157 58,505 345
Accumulated amortization	391,878 (177,696)	391,007 (135,651)
	\$ 214,182 ======	\$ 255,356 ======

# 5. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following:

	SEPTEMBER 30, 1999	DECEMBER 31, 1998
Land	\$ 1,080	\$ 1,068
Cable television plant	266,848	231,937
Building and improvements	5,546	5,063
Furniture and fixtures	3,509	3,170
Equipment and other	29,953	25,396
Construction-in-progress	22,999	18,065
	329,935	284,699
Accumulated depreciation	(101,259)	(66, 234)
	\$ 228,676	\$ 218,465
	=======	=======

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# NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

### 3. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities consist of the following:

	SEPTEMBER 30, 1999	DECEMBER 31 1998	
Accounts payable Accrued program costs Accrued franchise fees Accrued copyright fees Accrued capital expenditures Accrued payroll costs Accrued property and other taxes	\$ 4,793 1,504 2,659 145 1,355 2,746 1,524	\$ 1,780 1,897 4,676 406 5,215 1,784 862	
Other accrued liabilities	778	2,610	
	\$ 15,504	\$ 19,230	
	=======	φ 19,230 ======	

# 7. NOTE PAYABLE TO INTERMEDIA PARTNERS IV, L.P.

RMG's note payable to IP-IV consists of the following:

	SEPTEMBER 30, 1999	DECEMBER 31, 1998
Intercompany revolving credit facility, \$1,200,000 commitment as of September 30, 1999, interest currently at 6.60% payable on maturity, matures December 31, 2006	\$406,975 ======	\$396,579 ======

RMG's debt is outstanding under an intercompany revolving credit facility executed with IP-IV. The revolving credit facility currently provides for \$1,200,000 of available credit.

RMG's intercompany revolving credit facility requires repayment of the outstanding principal and accrued interest on the earlier of (i) December 31, 2006, or (ii) acceleration of any of IP-IV's obligations to repay under its bank debt outstanding under its revolving credit facility ("IP-IV Revolving Credit Facility") and term loan agreement ("IP-IV Term Loan", together with the IP-IV Revolving Credit Facility, the "IP-IV Bank Facility") dated July 30, 1996.

On October 1, 1999, Charter assumed and repaid RMG's intercompany revolving credit facility pursuant to the Charter Transactions.

Interest rates under RMG's intercompany revolving credit facility are calculated monthly and are referenced to those made available under the IP-IV Bank Facility. Interest rates ranged from 6.21% to 6.96% during the nine months ended September 30, 1999.

Advances under the IP-IV Bank Facility are available under interest rate options related to the base rate of the administrative agent for the IP-IV Bank Facility ("ABR") or LIBOR. Interest rates on borrowings under the IP-IV Term Loan vary from LIBOR plus 1.75% to LIBOR plus 2.00% or ABR plus 0.50% to ABR plus 0.75% based on IP-IV's ratio of debt outstanding to annualized quarterly operating cash flow ("Senior Debt Ratio"). Interest rates on borrowings under the IP-IV Revolving Credit Facility also vary from LIBOR plus 0.625% to LIBOR plus 1.50% or ABR to ABR plus 0.25% based on IP-IV's Senior Debt Ratio. The IP-IV Bank Facility requires quarterly payment of fees on the unused portion of the IP-IV Revolving Credit Facility of 0.375% per annum when the Senior Debt Ratio is greater than 4.0:1.0 and at 0.25% when the Senior Debt Ratio is less than or equal to 4.0:1.0.

# NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

The terms and conditions of RMG's intercompany debt agreement are not necessarily indicative of the terms and conditions which would be available if the Systems were a separate legal entity.

### 8. MANDATORILY REDEEMABLE PREFERRED SHARES

RMG has Redeemable Preferred Stock outstanding at September 30, 1999 and December 31, 1998, which has an annual dividend of 10.0% and participates in any dividends paid on the common stock at 10.0% of the dividend per share paid on the common stock. The Redeemable Preferred Stock bears a liquidation preference of \$12,000 plus any accrued but unpaid dividends at the time of liquidation and is mandatorily redeemable on September 30, 2006 at the liquidation preference amount. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreements, upon consummation of the Charter Transactions, Charter redeemed RMG's Redeemable Preferred Stock at the liquidation preference amount.

### 9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

ICM and IMI provide certain management services to IP-I and ICP-IV, respectively, for per annum fixed fees, of which 20% per annum is deferred and payable in each following year in order to support InterMedia's debt. Management fees charged to InterMedia for the nine months ended September 30, 1999 and the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997 amounted to \$4,059, \$5,410 and \$6,395, respectively, of which \$2,356, \$3,147 and \$2,870, respectively, has been charged to the Systems.

IMI has entered into agreements with both IP-I and ICP-IV to provide accounting and administrative services at cost. Under the terms of the agreements, the expenses associated with rendering these services are charged to the Systems and other affiliates based upon relative basic subscriber percentages. Management believes this method to be reflective of the actual cost. IMI also pays on behalf of the Systems and other affiliates "pass through costs" that are specifically identifiable to the Systems and other affiliates. These include, but are not limited to programming fees and copyright fees. During the nine months ended September 30, 1999 and the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997, IMI administrative fees charged to the Systems totaled \$3,093, \$3,657 and \$4,153, respectively. Receivables from affiliates at September 30, 1999 and December 31, 1998 include \$5,873 and \$52, respectively, of advances to IMI, net of administrative fees charged by IMI and operating expenses paid by IMI on behalf of the Systems.

IP-I is majority-owned, and ICP-IV is owned in part, by AT&T Broadband & Internet Services ("AT&TBIS"), formerly Tele-Communications, Inc. As affiliates of AT&TBIS, IP-I and ICP-IV are able to purchase programming services from a subsidiary of AT&TBIS. Management believes that the overall programming rates made available through this relationship are lower than the Systems could obtain separately. Such volume rates may not continue to be available in the future should AT&TBIS's ownership interest in InterMedia significantly decrease. Program fees charged by the AT&TBIS subsidiary to the Systems for the nine months ended September 30, 1999 and the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997 amounted to \$26,352, \$30,884 and \$26,815, respectively. Payables to affiliates include programming fees payable to the AT&TBIS subsidiary of \$2,918 at December 31, 1998. There were no programming fees payable to the AT&TBIS subsidiary at September 30, 1999.

On January 1, 1998 an affiliate of AT&TBIS entered into agreements with InterMedia to manage the Systems' advertising business and related services for an annual fixed fees per advertising sales subscriber as defined by the agreements. In addition to the annual fixed fee, AT&TBIS is entitled to varying percentage shares of the incremental growth in annual cash flows from advertising sales above specified targets. Management fees charged by the AT&TBIS subsidiary for the nine months ended September 30, 1999 and the year ended December 31, 1998 amounted to \$227 and \$292, respectively. Receivables from affiliates at

# NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

September 30, 1999 and December 31, 1998 include \$2,034 and \$3,437, respectively, of receivable from AT&TBIS for advertising sales.

As part of its normal course of business the Systems are involved in transactions with affiliates of InterMedia which own and operate cable television systems. Such transactions include purchases and sales, at cost, of inventories used in construction of cable plant. Receivables from affiliates at September 30, 1999 and December 31, 1998 include \$59 and \$2,134, respectively, of receivables from affiliated systems. Payables to affiliates at September 30, 1999 and December 31, 1998 include \$2,265 and \$208, respectively, of payables to affiliated systems.

### 10. CABLE TELEVISION REGULATION

Cable television legislation and regulatory proposals under consideration from time to time by Congress and various federal agencies have in the past, and may in the future, materially affect the Systems and the cable television industry.

The cable industry is currently regulated at the federal and local levels under the Cable Act of 1984, the Cable Act of 1992 ("the 1992 Act"), the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "1996 Act") and regulations issued by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") in response to the 1992 Act. FCC regulations govern the determination of rates charged for basic, expanded basic and certain ancillary services, and cover a number of other areas including customer services and technical performance standards, the required transmission of certain local broadcast stations and the requirement to negotiate retransmission consent from major network and certain local television stations. Among other provisions, the 1996 Act eliminated rate regulation on the expanded basic tier effective March 31. 1999.

Current regulations issued in conjunction with the 1992 Act empower the FCC and/or local franchise authorities to order reductions of existing rates which exceed the maximum permitted levels and to require refunds measured from the date a complaint is filed in some circumstances or retroactively for up to one year in other circumstances. Management believes it has made a fair interpretation of the 1992 Act and related FCC regulations in determining regulated cable television rates and other fees based on the information currently available. However, complaints have been filed with the FCC on rates for certain franchises and certain local franchise authorities have challenged existing and prior rates. Further complaints and challenges could be forthcoming, some of which could apply to revenue recorded in 1999 and prior years. Management believes that the effect, if any, of these complaints and challenges will not be material to the Systems' financial position or results of operations.

Many aspects of regulation at the federal and local levels are currently the subject of judicial review and administrative proceedings. In addition, the FCC is required to conduct rulemaking proceedings to implement various provisions of the 1996 Act. It is not possible at this time to predict the ultimate outcome of these reviews or proceedings or their effect on the Systems.

# 11. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Systems are committed to provide cable television services under franchise agreements with remaining terms of up to seventeen years. Franchise fees of up to 5% of gross revenues are payable under these agreements.

Current FCC regulations require that cable television operators obtain permission to retransmit major network and certain local television station signals. The Systems have entered into long-term retransmission agreements with all applicable stations in exchange for in-kind and/or other consideration.

 $\hbox{INTERMEDIA CABLE SYSTEMS} \\ \hbox{(COMPRISED OF COMPONENTS OF INTERMEDIA PARTNERS AND INTERMEDIA CAPITAL PARTNERS} \\ \hbox{IV, L.P.)} \\$ 

# NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

InterMedia has been named in purported and certified class actions in various jurisdictions concerning late fee charges and practices. Certain cable systems owned by InterMedia charge late fees to customers who do not pay their cable bills on time. These late fee cases challenge the amount of the late fees and the practices under which they are imposed. The plaintiffs raise claims under state consumer protection statutes, other state statutes and common law. The plaintiffs generally allege that the late fees charged by InterMedia's cable systems, including the Systems in the States of Tennessee, South Carolina and Georgia are not reasonably related to the costs incurred by the cable systems as a result of the late payment. The plaintiffs seek to require cable systems to reduce their late fees on a prospective basis and to provide compensation for alleged excessive late fee charges for past periods. These cases are either at the early stages of the litigation process or are subject to a case management order that sets forth a process leading to mediation. Based upon the facts available management believes that, although no assurances can be given as to the outcome of these actions, the ultimate disposition of these matters should not have a material adverse effect upon the financial condition of the Systems.

In the Spring of 1999 the Tennessee Department of Revenue ("TDOR") proposed legislation that was passed by the Tennessee State Legislature which replaced the former Amusement Tax with a new sales tax on all cable service revenues in excess of fifteen dollars per month effective September 1, 1999. The new tax is computed at a rate approximately equal to the former effective tax rate.

Prior to the passage of this legislation, the TDOR suggested that under its interpretation of the former legislation it could assess, for prior periods up to three years, additional taxes on expanded basic service revenue. Management believes that based on subsequent correspondence with the TDOR that the TDOR will not pursue additional taxes under the former amusement tax legislation.

The Systems are subject to other claims and litigation in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, the ultimate outcome of any existing litigation or other claims will not have a material effect on the Systems' financial position or results of operations.

The Systems have entered into pole rental agreements and lease certain of its facilities and equipment under non-cancelable operating leases. Minimum rental commitments at September 30, 1999 for the next five years and thereafter under non-cancelable operating leases related to the Systems are as follows:

1999	
2000	623
2001	580
2002	366
2003	252
2004 and thereafter	-,
	\$3,070
	======

Rent expense, including pole rental agreements, for the nine months ended September 30, 1999 and for the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997 was \$2,243, \$2,817 and \$2,828, respectively.

# NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

### 12. INCOME TAXES

Income tax benefit (expense) consists of the following:

	NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,	
	1999	1998 	1997 
Current federal  Deferred federal  Deferred state	\$	\$	\$ (285)
	2,415	(1,454)	3,813
	266	(169)	498
	\$ 2,681	\$(1,623)	\$ 4,026
	======	======	=====

Deferred income taxes relate to temporary differences as follows:

	SEPTEMBER 30, 1999	DECEMBER 31, 1998
Property and equipment	\$ (7,425) (10,514)	\$ (7,258) (12,930)
incangible assets		
	(17,939)	(20,188)
Loss carryforward federal	31,924	31,547
Loss carryforward state	341	297
Other	953	942
	\$ 15,279	\$ 12,598
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At December 31, 1998, RMG had net operating loss carryforwards for federal income tax purposes aggregating \$92,785, which expire through 2018. RMG is a loss corporation as defined in Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, if certain substantial changes in RMG's ownership should occur, there could be a significant annual limitation on the amount of loss carryforwards which can be utilized.

InterMedia's management has not established a valuation allowance to reduce the deferred tax assets related to RMG's unexpired net operating loss carryforwards. Due to an excess of appreciated asset value over the tax basis of RMG's net assets, management believes it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets related to unexpired net operating losses will be realized.

A reconciliation of the tax benefit (expense) computed at the statutory federal rate and the benefit (expense) reported in the accompanying combined statements of operations is as follows:

	NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	1999	1998	1997	
Tax benefit at federal statutory rate State taxes, net of federal benefit Goodwill amortization	\$ 4,476	\$ 626	\$ 4,454	
	522	73	498	
	(1,675)	(2,309)	(2,056)	
			346	
	(642)	(13)	784	
	\$ 2,681	\$ (1,623)	\$ 4,026	
	======	=======	======	

# NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

### 13. CHANNEL LAUNCH REVENUE

During 1997 and 1998, the Systems were credited with amounts representing their share of payments received or to be received by InterMedia from certain programmers to launch and promote their new channels. Of the total amount credited, the Systems recognized advertising revenue of \$434, \$586 and \$1,182 during the nine months ended September 30, 1999 and the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997, respectively, for advertisements provided by the Systems to promote the new channels. The remaining amounts credited to the Systems are being amortized over the respective terms of the program agreements which range between five to ten years. For the nine months ended September 30, 1999 and the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997, the Systems amortized and recorded as other service revenues \$721, \$956 and \$894, respectively. Also, during 1998 the Systems recorded a receivable from a programmer, of which \$853 and \$1,791 remained outstanding at September 30, 1999 and December 31, 1998, respectively, for the launch and promotion of its new channel.

### 14. SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES TO CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

In connection with RMG's sale of its cable television assets located in Royston and Toccoa, Georgia in December 1997, as described in Note 3 -- "Sale and Exchange of Cable Properties," net cash proceeds received were as follows:

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Net proceeds received from buyer	\$ 11,157
Receivable from buyer	(55)
Proceeds from sale	\$ 11,212

In connection with the exchange of certain cable assets in and around western and eastern Tennessee on December 31, 1998, as described in Note 3, the Systems paid cash of \$398.

In December 1998, IP-IV contributed its 4.99% partner interest in a limited partnership to RMG. The book value of the investment at the time of the contribution was \$1.147.

Total accretion on RMG's Redeemable Preferred Stock for the nine months ended September 30, 1999 and for the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997 amounted to \$750, \$945 and \$882, respectively.

# 15. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

The Systems participate in the InterMedia Partners Tax Deferred Savings Plan which covers all full-time employees who have completed at least six months of employment. The plan provides for a base employee contribution of 1% and a maximum of 15% of compensation. The Systems' matching contributions under the plan are at the rate of 50% of the employee's contribution, up to a maximum of 5% of compensation.

### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To Charter Communications Holdings, LLC:

We have audited the accompanying statements of operations and changes in net assets and cash flows of Sonic Communications Cable Television Systems for the period from April 1, 1998, through May 20, 1998. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the results of operations and cash flows of Sonic Communications Cable Television Systems for the period from April 1, 1998, through May 20, 1998, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

St. Louis, Missouri, February 5, 1999

# SONIC COMMUNICATIONS CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS

# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	PERIOD FROM APRIL 1, 1998, THROUGH MAY 20, 1998
REVENUES	\$ 6,343,226
OPERATING EXPENSES: Operating costs General and administrative Depreciation and amortization	1,768,393 1,731,471 1,112,057
	4,611,921
Income from operationsINTEREST EXPENSE	1,731,305 289,687
Income before provision for income taxes PROVISION IN LIEU OF INCOME TAXES	1,441,618 602,090
NET ASSETS, April 1, 1998	839,528 55,089,511
NET ASSETS, May 20, 1998	\$55,929,039 =======

# SONIC COMMUNICATIONS CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

PERIOD FROM

	APRIL 1, 1998, THROUGH MAY 20, 1998
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:  Net income	\$ 839,528
Depreciation and amortization	1,112,057
Changes in assets and liabilities Accounts receivable, net Prepaid expenses and other Accounts payable and accrued expenses	171,474
Net cash provided by operating activities	693,357
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Purchases of property, plant and equipment Payments of franchise costs	(470,530) (166,183)
Net cash used in investing activities	(636,713)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Payments on long-term debt	(41,144)
Net cash used in financing activities NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(41,144) 15,500
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	532,238
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	\$ 547,738
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#### SONIC COMMUNICATIONS CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

### ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Sonic Communications Cable Television Systems (the Company) operates cable television systems in California and Utah.

Effective May 21, 1998, the Company's net assets were acquired by Charter Communications Holdings, LLC.

### CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

### PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The Company depreciates its cable distribution systems using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives of 5 to 15 years for systems acquired on or after April 1, 1981. Systems acquired before April 1, 1981, are depreciated using the declining balance method over estimated useful lives of 8 to 20 years.

Vehicles, machinery, office, and data processing equipment and buildings are depreciated using the straight-line or declining balance method over estimated useful lives of 3 to 25 years. Capital leases and leasehold improvements are amortized using the straight-line or declining balance method over the shorter of the lease term or the estimated useful life of the asset.

# INTANGIBLES

The excess of amounts paid over the fair values of tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired in business combinations are amortized using the straight-line method over the life of the franchise. Identifiable intangible assets such as franchise rights, noncompete agreements and subscriber lists are amortized using the straight-line method over their useful lives, generally 3 to 15 years.

# REVENUES

Cable television revenues from basic and premium services are recognized when the related services are provided.

Installation revenues are recognized to the extent of direct selling costs incurred. The remainder, if any, is deferred and amortized to income over the estimated average period that customers are expected to remain connected to the cable television system. As of May 20, 1998, no installation revenue has been deferred, as direct selling costs exceeded installation revenue.

# INTEREST EXPENSE

Interest expense relates to a note payable to a stockholder of the Company, which accrues interest at 7.8% per annum.

# USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the

reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### 2. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES:

#### FRANCHISES

The Company has committed to provide cable television services under franchise agreements with various governmental bodies for remaining terms up to 13 years. Franchise fees of up to 5% of gross revenues are payable under these agreements.

### LEASES

The Company leases certain facilities and equipment under noncancelable operating leases. Leases and rental costs charged to expense for the period from April 1, 1998, through May 20, 1998, were \$59,199.

The Company also rents utility poles in its operations. Generally, pole rentals are cancelable on short notice, but the Company anticipates that such rentals will recur. Rent expense incurred for pole rental attachments for the period from April 1, 1998, through May 20, 1998, was \$64,159.

### 3. INCOME TAXES:

The results of the Company are included in the consolidated federal income tax return of its parent, Sonic Enterprises, Inc., which is responsible for tax payments applicable to the Company. The financial statements reflect a provision in lieu of income taxes as if the Company was filing on a separate company basis. Accordingly, the Company has included the provision in lieu of income taxes in the accompanying statement of operations.

The provision in lieu of income taxes approximates the amount of tax computed using U.S. statutory rates, after reflecting state income tax expense of \$132,510 for the period from April 1, 1998, through May 20, 1998.

### 4. REGULATION IN THE CABLE TELEVISION INDUSTRY:

The cable television industry is subject to extensive regulation at the federal, local and, in some instances, state levels. The Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 (the "1984 Cable Act"), the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (the "1992 Cable Act") and together with the 1984 Cable Act, the "Cable Acts"), and the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "1996 Telecom Act"), establish a national policy to guide the development and regulation of cable television systems. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has principal responsibility for implementing the policies of the Cable Acts. Many aspects of such regulation are currently the subject to judicial proceeding and administrative or legislative proposals. Legislation and regulations continue to change, and the Company cannot predict the impact of future developments on the cable television industry.

The 1992 Cable Act and the FCC's rules implementing that act generally have increased the administrative and operational expenses of cable television systems and have resulted in additional regulatory oversight by the FCC and local or state franchise authorities. The Cable Acts and the corresponding FCC regulations have established rate regulations.

The 1992 Cable Act permits certified local franchising authorities to order refunds of basic service tier rates paid in the previous twelve-month period determined to be in excess of the maximum permitted rates. For the period from April 1, 1998, through May 20, 1998, the amount refunded by the Company has been insignificant. The Company may be required to refund additional amounts in the future.

The Company believes that it has complied in all material respects with the ownership of the 1992 Cable Act, including the rate setting provisions promulgated by the FCC. However, in jurisdictions that have chosen not to certify, refunds covering the previous twelve-month period may be ordered upon certification if the Company are unable to justify its basic rates. The Company is unable to estimate at this time the amount of refunds, if any, that may be payable by the Company in the event certain of its rates are successfully challenged by franchising authorities or found to be unreasonable by the FCC. The Company does not believe that the amount of any such refunds would have a material adverse effect on the financial position or results of operations of the Company.

The 1996 Telecom Act, among other things, immediately deregulated the rates for certain small cable operators and in certain limited circumstances rates on the basic service tier, and as of March 31, 1999, deregulates rates on the cable programming service tier (CPST). The FCC is currently developing permanent regulations to implement the rate deregulation provisions of the 1996 Telecom Act. The Company cannot predict the ultimate effect of the 1996 Telecom Act on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

The FCC may further restrict the ability of cable television operators to implement rate increases or the United States Congress may enact legislation that could delay or suspend the scheduled March 1999 termination of CPST rate regulation. This continued rate regulation, if adopted, could limit the rates charged by the Systems.

A number of states subject cable television systems to the jurisdiction of centralized state governmental agencies, some of which impose regulation of a character similar to that of a public utility. State governmental agencies are required to follow FCC rules when prescribing rate regulation, and thus, state regulation of cable television rates is not allowed to be more restrictive than the federal or local regulation.

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To Long Beach Acquisition Corp.:

We have audited the accompanying statements of operations, stockholder's equity and cash flows of Long Beach Acquisition Corp. (a Delaware corporation) for the period from April 1, 1997, through May 23, 1997. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the results of operations and cash flows of Long Beach Acquisition Corp. for the period from April 1, 1997, through May 23, 1997, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

St. Louis, Missouri, July 31, 1998

# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 1, 1997, THROUGH MAY 23, 1997

SERVICE REVENUES	\$ 5,313,282
EXPENSES:  Operating costs  General and administrative  Depreciation and amortization  Management fees related parties	1,743,493 1,064,841 3,576,166 230,271
	6,614,771
Loss from operations	(1,301,489) 753,491
Net loss	\$(2,054,980) =======

# STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 1, 1997, THROUGH MAY 23, 1997

	CLASS A, VOTING COMMON STOCK	SENIOR REDEEMABLE PREFERRED STOCK	ADDITIONAL PAID-IN CAPITAL	ACCUMULATED DEFICIT	TOTAL STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY
BALANCE,					
April 1, 1997	\$100	\$11,000,000	\$33,258,723	\$(51,789,655)	\$(7,530,832)
Net loss				(2,054,980)	(2,054,980)
DALANCE					
BALANCE, May 23, 1997	\$100 ====	\$11,000,000 ======	\$33,258,723 =======	\$(53,844,635) =======	\$(9,585,812) ======

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 1, 1997, THROUGH MAY 23, 1997

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:  Net loss	\$(2,054,980) 3,576,166
Accounts receivable, net	(830,725) (19,583) (528,534) 203,282
Net cash provided by operating activities	345,626
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(596,603)
Net cash used in investing activities	(596,603)
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(250,977) 3,544,462
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	\$ 3,293,485
CASH PAID FOR INTEREST	\$ 1,316,462 =======

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MAY 23, 1997

### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

# ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Long Beach Acquisition Corp. (LBAC or the "Company") was a wholly owned corporation of KC Cable Associates, L.P., a partnership formed through a joint venture agreement between Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts & Co. (KKR) and Cablevision Industries Corporation (CVI). The Company was formed to acquire cable television systems serving Long Beach, California, and surrounding areas.

On May 23, 1997, the Company executed a stock purchase agreement with Charter Communications Long Beach, Inc. (CC-LB) whereby CC-LB purchased all of the outstanding stock of the Company for an aggregate purchase price, net of cash acquired, of \$150.9 million. Concurrent with this stock purchase, CC-LB was acquired by Charter Communications, Inc. (Charter) and Kelso Investment Associates V, L.P., an investment fund (Kelso).

As of May 23, 1997, LBAC provided cable television service to subscribers in southern California.

# CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

### PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment is recorded at cost, including all direct and certain indirect costs associated with the construction of cable transmission and distribution facilities, and the cost of new customer installation. The costs of disconnecting a customer are charged to expense in the period incurred. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred, and equipment replacement costs and betterments are capitalized.

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the related asset as follows:

Leasehold improvements		se
Cable systems and equipment	5-10 yea	rs
Subscriber devices	5 yea	rs
Vehicles	5 yea	rs
Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	5-10 yea	rs

# FRANCHISES

Franchises include the assigned fair value of the franchise from purchased cable television systems. These franchises are amortized on a straight-line basis over six years, the remaining life of the franchise at acquisition.

# INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets include goodwill, which is amortized over fifteen years; subscriber lists, which are amortized over seven years; a covenant not to compete which is amortized over five years; organization costs which are amortized over five years and debt issuance costs which are amortized over ten years, the life of the loan.

# IMPAIRMENT OF ASSETS

If facts and circumstances suggest that a long-lived asset may be impaired, the carrying value is reviewed. If a review indicates that the carrying value of such asset is not recoverable based on projected undiscounted cash flows related to the asset over its remaining life, the carrying value of such asset is reduced to its estimated fair value.

# **REVENUES**

Cable television revenues from basic and premium services are recognized when the related services are provided.

Installation revenues are recognized to the extent of direct selling costs incurred. The remainder, if any, is deferred and amortized to income over the average estimated period that customers are expected to remain connected to the cable television system. As of May 23, 1997, no installation revenue has been deferred, as direct selling costs have exceeded installation service revenues.

#### INCOME TAXES

LBAC's income taxes are recorded in accordance with SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes."  $\,$ 

### USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### 2. STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY:

For the period from April 1, 1997, through May 23, 1997, stockholder's equity consisted of the following:

# Stockholder's (deficit) equity:

Common stock Class A, voting \$1 par value, 100 shares		
authorized, issued and outstanding	\$ 10	90
Common stock Class B, nonvoting, \$1 par value, 1,000		
shares authorized, no shares issued		
Senior redeemable preferred stock, no par value, 110,000		
shares authorized, issued and outstanding, stated at		
redemption value	11,000,00	ЭO
Additional paid-in capital	33, 258, 7	23
Accumulated deficit	(53,844,63	35)
Total stockholder's (deficit) equity	\$ (9,585,83	12)
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# 3. INTEREST EXPENSE:

The Company has the option of paying interest at either the Base Rate of the Eurodollar rate, as defined, plus a margin which is based on the attainment of certain financial ratios. The weighted average interest rate for the period from April 1, 1997, through May 23, 1997, was 7.3%.

# 4. REGULATION IN THE CABLE TELEVISION INDUSTRY:

The cable television industry is subject to extensive regulation at the federal, local and, in some instances, state levels. The Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 (the "1984 Cable Act"), the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (the "1992 Cable Act") and together with the 1984 Cable Act, the "Cable Acts"), and the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "1996 Telecom Act"), establish a national policy to guide the development and regulation of cable television systems. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has principal responsibility for implementing the policies of the Cable Acts. Many aspects of such regulation are currently the subject to judicial proceeding and administrative or legislative proposals. Legislation and regulations continue to change, and the Company cannot predict the impact of future developments on the cable television industry.

The 1992 Cable Act and the FCC's rules implementing that act generally have increased the administrative and operational expenses of cable television systems and have resulted in additional regulatory oversight by the FCC and local or state franchise authorities. The Cable Acts and the corresponding FCC regulations have established rate regulations.

The 1992 Cable Act permits certified local franchising authorities to order refunds of basic service tier rates paid in the previous twelve-month period determined to be in excess of the maximum permitted rates. As of May 23, 1997, the amount refunded by the Company has been insignificant. The Company may be required to refund additional amounts in the future.

The Company believes that it has complied in all material respects with the ownership of the 1992 Cable Act, including the rate setting provisions promulgated by the FCC. However, in jurisdictions that have chosen not to certify, refunds covering the previous twelve-month period may be ordered upon certification if the Company are unable to justify its basic rates. The Company is unable to estimate at this time the amount of refunds, if any, that may be payable by the Company in the event certain of its rates are successfully challenged by franchising authorities or found to be unreasonable by the FCC. The Company does not believe that the amount of any such refunds would have a material adverse effect on the financial position or results of operations of the Company.

The 1996 Telecom Act, among other things, immediately deregulated the rates for certain small cable operators and in certain limited circumstances rates on the basic service tier, and as of March 31, 1999, deregulates rates on the cable programming service tier (CPST). The FCC is currently developing permanent regulations to implement the rate deregulation provisions of the 1996 Telecom Act. The Company cannot predict the ultimate effect of the 1996 Telecom Act on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

The FCC may further restrict the ability of cable television operators to implement rate increases or the United States Congress may enact legislation that could delay or suspend the scheduled March 1999 termination of CPST rate regulation. This continued rate regulation, if adopted, could limit the rates charged by the Company.

A number of states subject cable television systems to the jurisdiction of centralized state governmental agencies, some of which impose regulation of a character similar to that of a public utility. State governmental agencies are required to follow FCC rules when prescribing rate regulation, and thus, state regulation of cable television rates is not allowed to be more restrictive than the federal or local regulation.

# 5. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

The Company has entered into a management agreement (the "Management Agreement") with CVI under which CVI manages the operations of the Company for an annual management fee equal to 4% of gross operating revenues, as defined. Management fees under this agreement amounted to \$210,100 for the period

from April 1, 1997, through May 23, 1997. In addition, the Company has agreed to pay a monitoring fee of two dollars per basic subscriber, as defined, per year for services provided by KKR. Monitoring fees amounted to \$20,171 for the period from April 1, 1997, through May 23, 1997.

### 6. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES:

### LEASES

The Company leases certain facilities and equipment under noncancelable operating leases. Rent expense incurred under these leases for the period from April 1, 1997, through May 23, 1997, was \$67,600.

The Company rents utility poles in its operations. Generally, pole rental agreements are short term, but LBAC anticipates that such rentals will recur. Rent expense for pole attachments for the period from April 1, 1997, through May 23, 1997, was \$12,700.

### LITIGATION

The Company is a party to lawsuits which are generally incidental to its business. In the opinion of management, after consulting with legal counsel, the outcome of these lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

### 7. INCOME TAXES:

The Company has not recognized the tax benefit associated with its taxable loss for the period from April 1, 1997, through May 23, 1997, as the Company believes the benefit will likely not be realized.

### 8. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS:

Substantially all employees of the Company are eligible to participate in a defined contribution plan containing a qualified cash or deferred arrangement pursuant to IRC Section 401(k). The plan provides that eligible employees may contribute up to 10% of their compensation to the plan. The Company made no contributions to the plan for the period from April 1, 1997, through May 23, 1997.

The Audit Committee
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

We have audited the accompanying combined balance sheets of Fanch Cable Systems Sold to Charter Communications, Inc. (comprised of components of TWFanch-one Co., components of TWFanch-two Co., Mark Twain Cablevision, North Texas Cablevision LTD., Post Cablevision of Texas L.P., Spring Green Communications L.P., Fanch Narragansett CSI L.P., Cable Systems Inc., ARH, and Tioga), as of November 11, 1999 and December 31, 1998, and the related combined statements of operations, net assets and cash flows for the period from January 1, 1999 through November 11, 1999 and for the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997. These financial statements are the responsibility of Fanch Communications, Inc.'s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We did not audit the financial statements of North Texas Cablevision, LTD., Spring Green Communications L.P., Cable Systems Inc. and Fanch Narragansett CSI Limited Partnership, which statements reflect total assets of \$18,289,788 as of December 31, 1998 and total revenues of \$14,562,704 and \$11,906,101 for the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to data included for North Texas Cablevision LTD., Spring Green Communications L.P., Cable Systems Inc. and Fanch Narragansett CSI Limited Partnership, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, based on our audits and the reports of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined financial position of Fanch Cable Systems Sold to Charter Communications, Inc. at November 11, 1999 and December 31, 1998, and the combined results of its operations and its cash flows for the period from January 1, 1999 through November 11, 1999 and the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

Denver, Colorado January 28, 2000

The Shareholders CABLE SYSTEMS, INC.

The Partners
FANCH NARRAGANSETT CSI LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Cable Systems, Inc. and Fanch Narragansett CSI Limited Partnership as of December 31, 1998 and 1997, and the related statements of operations and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Corporation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The accompanying combined financial statements have been prepared pursuant to Section 5.04(a) of the Loan Agreement between Cable Systems, Inc., Fanch Narragansett CSI Limited Partnership and Fleet National Bank. Generally accepted accounting principles do not recognize consolidated financial statements when a less than 50% ownership ratio exists between two companies. As a result, our opinion is restricted to the individual company statements shown.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cable Systems, Inc. and Fanch Narragansett CSI Limited Partnership at December 31, 1998 and 1997, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ SHIELDS & CO.

March 9, 1999 Englewood, Colorado

The Partners
NORTH TEXAS CABLEVISION, LTD.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of North Texas Cablevision, Ltd. as of December 31, 1998 and 1997, and the related consolidated statements of operations and partners' deficit and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Partnership's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of North Texas Cablevision, Ltd. at December 31, 1998 and 1997, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ SHIELDS & CO.

March 9, 1999 Englewood, Colorado

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The Partners
SPRING GREEN COMMUNICATIONS, L.P.

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of Spring Green Communications, L.P. as of December 31, 1998 and 1997, and the related statements of operations and partners' capital and cash flows from inception November 3, 1997, through December 31, 1998. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Partnership's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Spring Green Communications, L.P. at December 31, 1998 and 1997, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the periods ended December 31, 1997, and 1998 in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ SHIELDS & CO.

March 10, 1999 Englewood, Colorado

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# FANCH CABLE SYSTEMS SOLD TO CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS

	NOVEMBER 11, 1999	DECEMBER 31, 1998
ASSETS		
Current assets:  Cash and cash equivalents  Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of approximately \$229,000 and \$443,000 in 1999 and	\$ 568,583	\$ 809,720
1998, respectively Prepaid expenses and other current assets	7,424,375 1,529,577	3,236,751 1,645,785
Total current assetsProperty, plant and equipment:	9,522,535	5,692,256
Transmission and distribution systems and related equipment Furniture and equipment	325,687,737 13,704,415	200,526,755 8,389,207
Less accumulated depreciation	339, 392, 152 (73, 807, 164)	208, 915, 962 (52, 484, 281)
Net property, plant and equipment	265, 584, 988	156,431,681
respectively	515, 312, 398	266,776,690
1998, respectively  Other intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of approximately \$17,157,000 and \$14,411,000 in 1999 and	67,444,869	17,615,056
1998, respectively	12,032,316	11,482,409
Total intangible assets	594, 789, 583  ========	295,874,155 1,050,815 =======
Total assets	\$869,897,106 =======	\$459,048,907 =======
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities Subscriber advances and deposits	\$ 7,065,436 5,492,869	\$ 13,630,205 2,033,992
Total current liabilities	12,558,305 857,338,801	15,664,197 443,384,710
Total liabilities and net assets	\$869,897,106 =======	\$459,048,907 =======

See accompanying notes.

# FANCH CABLE SYSTEMS SOLD TO CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. COMBINED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1 TO		
	1999	1998	1997
Revenues:			
Service	\$165,967,333	\$123,183,391	\$113,954,539
Installation and other	19,948,268	17,920,743	16,587,074
	185,915,601	141,104,134	130,541,613
Operating expenses, excluding depreciation and	, ,	, ,	, ,
amortization	58,504,674	42,616,007	40,346,214
Selling, general and administrative expenses	27,071,932	20,361,890	21,363,377
	85,576,606	62,977,897	61,709,591
Income before other expenses	100,338,995	78,126,237	68,832,022
Depreciation and amortization	62,097,138	45,885,038	61,502,426
Management fees	6,161,558	3,998,259	3,663,561
Loss (gain) on disposal of assets	8, 135, 954	6,420,250	(1,229,272)
Other (income) expense, net	(340,049)	313,693	232,102
Net income before tax expense	24,284,394	21,508,997	4,663,205
Income tax expense	197,334	286,451	2,260,369
Net income	\$ 24,087,060	\$ 21,222,546	\$ 2,402,836
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See accompanying notes.

# FANCH CABLE SYSTEMS SOLD TO CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

# COMBINED STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS

	PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1 TO NOVEMBER 11,	JANUARY 1 TO YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	1999	1998	1997	
Net assets at beginning of period	\$443,384,710	\$455,085,231	\$481,540,621	
Net income	24,087,060	21,222,546	2,402,836	
Contributions from (payments to) owners	389,867,031	(32,923,067)	(28,858,226)	
Net assets at end of period	\$857,338,801	\$443,384,710	\$455,085,231	
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See accompanying notes.

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# FANCH CABLE SYSTEMS SOLD TO CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

# COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

provided by operating activities:  Depreciation and amortization  Loss (gain) on disposal of assets	62,097,138 8,135,954	45,885,038 6,420,250	61,502,426 (1,229,272)
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable, prepaid expenses and other current assets	(3,020,601)	(2,053,483)	2,067,370
other accrued liabilities and subscriber advances and deposits	(3,105,892)	1,434,091	(4,676,441)
Net cash provided by operating activities INVESTING ACTIVITIES	88,193,659	72,908,442	60,066,919
Acquisition of systems	(413, 345, 351)		(18, 243, 593)
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(64,956,476)	(39,343,681)	(17,213,637)
Additions to intangibles, net		(909,674)	(1,116,251)
Proceeds from sale of equipment		103,028	5,337,321
Net cash used in investing activities FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(478,301,827)	(40,150,327)	(31,236,160)
Contributions from (payments to) owners	389,867,031	(32,923,067)	(28,858,226)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing			
activities		(32,923,067)	
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		(164,952)	(27,467)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	809,720	974,672	1,002,139
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 568,583	\$ 809,720	\$ 974,672

See accompanying notes.

#### FANCH CABLE SYSTEMS SOLD TO CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS. INC.

### NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOVEMBER 11, 1999

### 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

#### ACQUISITION BY CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The Fanch Cable Systems Sold to Charter Communications, Inc. are comprised of the following entities: components of TWFanch-one Co., components of TWFanch-two Co., Mark Twain Cablevision, North Texas Cablevision LTD., Post Cablevision of Texas L.P., Spring Green Communications L.P., Fanch Narragansett CSI L.P., Cable Systems Inc., ARH, and Tioga (the "Combined Systems"). The Combined Systems were managed by Fanch Communications, Inc. (the "Management Company").

Pursuant to a purchase agreement, dated May 12, 1999 between certain partners ("Partners") of the Combined Systems and Charter Communications, Inc. ("Charter"), the Partners of the Combined Systems entered into a distribution agreement whereby the Partners will distribute and/or sell certain of their cable systems to certain of their respective Partners. These Partners will then sell the Combined Systems through a combination of asset sales and the sale of equity and partnership interests to Charter.

Accordingly, these combined financial statements of the Combined Systems reflect the "carved out" financial position, results of operations, cash flows and changes in net assets of the operations of the Combined Systems as if they had been operating as a separate company. For purposes of determining the financial statement amounts of the Combined Systems, management excluded certain systems (the "Excluded Systems"). In order to exclude the results of operations and financial position of the Excluded Systems from the combined financial statements, management has estimated certain revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities that are not specifically identified to systems based on the ratio of each Excluded System's basic subscribers to the total basic subscribers served by the respective partnerships. Management believes the basis used for these allocations is reasonable. The Combined Systems' results of operations are not necessarily indicative of future operating results or the results that would have occurred if the Combined Systems were a separate legal entity.

### DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

The Combined Systems, operating in various states throughout the United States, are principally engaged in operating cable television systems and related activities under non-exclusive franchise agreements.

# PRINCIPLES OF COMBINATION

The accompanying combined financial statements include the accounts of the Combined Systems, as if the Combined Systems were a single company. All material intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

# CASH, INTERCOMPANY ACCOUNTS AND DEBT

Under the Combined Systems' centralized cash management system, the cash requirements of its individual operating units were generally subsidized by the Management Company and the cash generated or used by the individual operating units was transferred to/from the Management Company, as appropriate, through the use of intercompany accounts. The resulting intercompany account balances are included in net assets and all the net cash generated from (used in) operations, investing activities and financing activities has been included in the Combined Systems' net contributions by (payments to) the Management Company in the combined statements of cash flows. The Management Company maintains external debt to fund and manage operations on a centralized basis. Debt, unamortized loan costs and interest expense of the Management Company have not been allocated to the Combined Systems. As such, the debt, unamortized

# FANCH CABLE SYSTEMS SOLD TO CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

# NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)

loan costs, and related interest are not representative of the debt that would be required or interest expense incurred if the Combined Systems were a separate legal entity.

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The Combined Systems record additions to property, plant and equipment at cost, which in the case of assets constructed includes amounts for material, labor and overhead. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred.

For financial reporting purposes, the Combined Systems use the straight-line method of depreciation over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

LIVES

Transmission and distribution systems and related equipment
Furniture and equipment

3 to 20 years 4 to 8 1/2 years

### INCOME TAXES

The Combined Systems pay an immaterial amount of income taxes. Taxes are paid for Cable Systems, Inc., Hornell, ARH, Tioga, and systems operating in the State of Michigan. The majority of the Combined Systems are various partnerships and, as such, the tax effects of the Combined Systems' results of operations accrue to the partners.

# USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and disclosures made in the accompanying notes to the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# REVENUE RECOGNITION

The Combined Systems recognize revenue when services have been delivered. Revenues on long-term contracts are recognized over the term of the contract using the straight-line method.

# INTANGIBLES

Intangibles are recorded at cost and are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

LIVES

Goodwill Subscriber list

Subscriber list Other, including franchise costs 7 to 20 years (7 to 10 in 1997) 3 to 7 years 2 to 13 years

Amortization expense was \$38,229,923, \$25,955,253, and \$44,595,992 for the period from January 1, 1999 to November 11, 1999 and for the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997, respectively. Certain of the Combined Systems changed the estimated useful life of goodwill from 7 and 10 years in 1997 to 20 years

### NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED) effective January 1, 1998 to better match the amortization period to anticipated economic lives of the franchises and to better reflect industry practice. This change in estimate resulted in an increase in net income of approximately \$20 million for the year ended December 31, 1998.

#### 3. DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

During the periods presented, various upgrades were performed on certain plant locations. The cost and accumulated depreciation applicable to the plant replaced has been estimated and recorded as a loss on disposal, which is summarized as follows:

	PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1 TO NOVEMBER 11 1999	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31	
		1998	1997
Cost	\$12,238,388	\$8,606,851	\$ 5,529,505
Accumulated depreciation	(4, 102, 434)	(2,083,573)	(2,003,191)
Proceeds		(103,028)	(5,337,321)
Disposal of intangible assets			2,978,143
Accumulated amortization			(2,396,408)
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Loss (gain) on disposal	\$ 8,135,954	\$6,420,250	\$(1,229,272)
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### 4. PURCHASE AND SALE OF SYSTEMS

On March 30, 1997, the Combined Systems acquired cable television systems, including plant and franchise and business licenses, serving communities in the states of Pennsylvania and Virginia. The purchase price was \$1.4 million, of which \$765,000 was allocated to property, plant and equipment and \$635,000 was allocated to intangible assets.

Concurrent with the purchase of the systems in Pennsylvania on March 30, 1997, the Combined Systems sold certain of these assets, including plant and franchise and business licenses, for \$340,000. No gain or loss on this transaction was recorded.

On June 30, 1997, the Combined Systems acquired cable television systems, including plant and franchise and business licenses, serving communities in the State of Indiana. The purchase price was \$6,345,408, of which \$2,822,260 was allocated to property, plant and equipment and \$3,523,148 was allocated to intangible assets.

On November 3, 1997, the Combined Systems acquired substantially all of the assets, including franchise and business licenses, for cable systems serving various communities in Wisconsin. The purchase price was \$8.7 million, of which \$3.9 million was allocated to property, plant and equipment and \$4.8 million was allocated to intangible assets.

On June 12, 1998, the Combined Systems entered into an agreement to acquire cable television systems, including plant and franchise and business licenses, serving communities in the State of Michigan. The purchase price was \$42 million, subject to purchase price adjustments. In connection with the agreement, the Combined Systems received an additional \$8.76 million in capital contributions. The agreement was completed and the assets were transferred to the Combined Systems on February 1, 1999. The Combined Systems recorded approximately \$11.7 million in property, plant and equipment and approximately \$30.3 million in intangible assets.

#### NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 4. PURCHASE AND SALE OF SYSTEMS (CONTINUED)

On July 8, 1998, the Combined Systems entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement to acquire cable television systems, including plant and franchise and business licenses, serving communities in the states of Maryland, Ohio and West Virginia. The purchase price was \$248 million, subject to purchase price adjustments. The transaction was completed and the assets were transferred to the Combined Systems on February 24, 1999. The Combined Systems recorded approximately \$39 million to property, plant and equipment and approximately \$209 million to intangible assets.

On January 15, 1999, the Combined Systems entered into an agreement to acquire cable television systems, including plant and franchise and business licenses, serving communities in the State of Michigan from a related party. The purchase price was \$70 million, subject to purchase price adjustments. The agreement was completed and the assets were transferred to the Combined Systems on March 31, 1999. In connection with the agreement, the Combined Systems received an additional \$25 million in capital contributions. The Combined Systems recorded approximately \$14.4 million to property, plant and equipment and approximately \$55.6 million to intangible assets.

On May 12, 1999, the Combined Systems entered into an agreement to acquire the stock of ARH, Ltd. ARH, Ltd. is engaged in the business of owning and operating cable television systems in Texas and West Virginia. The purchase price was \$50 million subject to purchase price adjustments. The transaction was completed and the assets were transferred to the Combined Systems on June 22, 1999. The Combined Systems recorded approximately \$3.9 million to property, plant and equipment and approximately \$46.1 million to intangible assets.

Unaudited pro forma operating results as though the acquisitions discussed above had occurred at the beginning of the periods, with adjustments to give effect to amortization of franchises and certain other adjustments for the period, are as follows:

	PERIOD FROM	
	JANUARY 1 TO	YEAR ENDED
	NOVEMBER 11	DECEMBER 31
	1999	1998
Revenues	\$202,259,532	\$197,803,975
Income from operations	92,986,581	107,053,905
Net income	27,704,095	32,130,293

The unaudited pro forma information has been presented for comparative purposes and does not purport to be indicative of the results of operations had these transactions been complete as of the assumed date or which may be obtained in the future.

### 5. RELATED PARTIES

The Combined Systems have entered into management agreements with the Management Company whose sole stockholder is affiliated with several of the Combined Systems. The Combined Systems have also entered into a management agreement with an entity (the "Affiliated Company") that has ownership interest in certain of the Combined Systems. The agreements provide that the Management Company and the Affiliated Company will manage their respective systems and receive annual compensation equal to 2.5% to 5% of the gross revenues from operations from their respective systems. Management fees were \$6,161,558, \$4,072,179, and \$3,663,560 for the period from January 1, 1999 to November 11, 1999 and the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997, respectively.

A company affiliated with the Management Company provides subscriber billing services for a portion of the Combined Systems' subscribers. The Combined Systems incurred fees for monthly billing and related

#### NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

## 5. RELATED PARTIES (CONTINUED)

services in the approximate amounts of \$362,000, \$507,000, and \$535,000 for the period from January 1, 1999 to November 11, 1999 and the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997, respectively.

The Combined Systems purchase the majority of their programming through the Affiliated Company. Fees incurred for programming were approximately \$38,356,000, \$24,600,000, and \$22,200,000 for the period from January 1, 1999 to November 11, 1999 and the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997, respectively.

The Management Company pays amounts on behalf of and receives amounts from the Combined Systems in the ordinary course of business. Accounts receivable and payable of the Combined Systems include amounts due from and due to the Management Company.

#### 6. COMMITMENTS

The Combined Systems, as an integral part of their cable operations, have entered into lease contracts for certain items including tower rental, microwave service and office space. Rent expense, including office, tower and pole rent, for the period from January 1, 1999 to November 11, 1999 and the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997 was approximately \$3,110,000, \$2,462,866, and \$2,238,394, respectively. The majority of these agreements are on month-to-month arrangements and, accordingly, the Combined Systems have no material future minimum commitments related to these leases.

#### 7. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

The Combined Systems each have a defined contribution plan (the "Plan") which qualifies under section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, each system of the Combined Systems participates in the respective plan. Combined Systems contributions were approximately \$497,000, \$354,000, and \$297,000 for the period from January 1, 1999 to November 11, 1999 and the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997, respectively.

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Partners Falcon Communications, L.P.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Falcon Communications, L.P. as of December 31, 1998 and November 12, 1999, and the related consolidated statements of operations, partners' equity (deficit) and cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 1998 and for the period from January 1, 1999 to November 12, 1999 (date of disposition). These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Partnership's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Falcon Communications, L.P. at December 31, 1998 and November 12, 1999 and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 1998 and for the period from January 1, 1999 to November 12, 1999 (date of disposition), in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

Los Angeles, California March 2, 2000

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	DECEMBER 31, 1998	NOVEMBER 12, 1999 (DATE OF DISPOSITION)
	(DOLLARS IN	I THOUSANDS)
ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,284	\$ 9,995
Receivables: Trade, less allowance of \$670,000 and \$1,074,000 for		
possible losses	15,760	18,946
Affiliates	2,322	3,511
Other assets	16,779	33,456
Property, plant and equipment, less accumulated		
depreciation and amortization	505,894	553,851
Franchise cost, less accumulated amortization of	007 707	070 404
\$226,526,000 and \$269,752,000	397,727	370,461
Goodwill, less accumulated amortization of \$25,646,000 and \$31,636,000	135,308	130,581
Customer lists and other intangible costs, less	135,300	130,301
accumulated amortization of \$59,422,000 and		
\$127,314,000	333,017	273,851
Deferred loan costs, less accumulated amortization of	, .	-,
\$2,014,000 and \$3,137,000	24,331	22,623
	\$1,445,422	\$1,417,275
LIABILITIES AND DARTHERS! DEFICIT	========	=======
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' DEFICIT		
Notes payable	\$1,611,353	\$1,711,835
Accounts payable	10,341	16,790
Due to affiliate		15,202
Accrued expenses	83,077	56,160
Customer deposits and prepayments	2,257	8,070
Deferred income taxes	8,664	8,393
Minority interest	403	541
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,716,095	1,816,991
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINCENCIES		
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES	122 022	424 280
REDEEMABLE PARTNERS' EQUITY	133,023	424,280
PARTNERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT):		
General partners	(408, 369)	(826,681)
Limited partners	4,673	2,685
TOTAL PARTNERS' DEFICIT	(403,696)	(823,996)
	\$1,445,422	\$1,417,275
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See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.  ${\hbox{\scriptsize F-328}}$ 

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1999 TO NOVEMBER 12, 1999	
	1997	1998	•	
	(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)			
REVENUES	\$255,886	\$ 307,558	\$ 371,617	
EXPENSES:	75.040	07.000	405.040	
Service costs	•	97,832	125,246	
General and administrative expenses	46,437	63,401	139,462	
Depreciation and amortization	118,856	152,585	196,260	
Total expenses	240,936	313,818	460,968	
Operating income (loss)	14,950	(6,260)	(89,351)	
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):				
Interest expense, net	(79,137)	(102,591)	(114,993)	
partnerships	443	(176)	(41)	
Other income (expense), net	885	(2,917)	8, 062´	
Income tax benefit (expense)	2,021	(1,897)	(2,509)	
Net loss before extraordinary item	(60,838)	(113,841)	(198,832)	
Extraordinary item, retirement of debt		(30,642)		
NET LOGG	*/**************	D(4.4.4.400)	<b>*</b> (100,000)	
NET LOSS	\$(60,838)	\$(144,483)	\$(198,832)	
	======	=======	=======	

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.  $\mbox{F-329} \label{eq:F-329}$ 

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PARTNERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)

	GENERAL PARTNERS	PARTNERS	TOTAL
		ARS IN THOUSA	
PARTNERS' DEFICIT,			
January 1, 1997 Reclassification from redeemable partners'	\$ (12,591)	\$ (443,908)	\$ (456,499)
equity		100,529	100,529
Capital contribution		53	53
Net loss for year	(609)	(60,229)	
PARTNERS' DEFICIT,			
December 31, 1997	. , ,	(403,555)	, ,
Reclassification of partners' deficit		408,603	
Redemption of partners' interests  Net assets retained by the managing general	(155,908)		(155,908)
partner	(5,392)		(5,392)
equity	38,350		38,350
Acquisition of Falcon Video and TCI net assets	280,409		280,409
Capital contributions			
Net loss for year	(144,108)	(375)	(144,483)
PARTNERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT) December 31, 1998	(408,369)	4,673	(403,696)
Reclassification to redeemable partners'			
equity	(291, 257)		(291, 257)
Capital contributions	70,723		70,723
Acquisition of TCI net assets adjustment			
Net loss for period	(196,844)	(1,988)	(198,832)
DADTHEROL FOLLTY (DEFICIT)			
PARTNERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)	ф (nne ent)	Ф 2.60Г	Φ (022 006)
November 12, 1999	\$ (826,681)	\$ 2,685 ======	\$ (823,996)

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.  $\mbox{F-330} \label{eq:F-330}$ 

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		NOVEMBER 12, 1999
	1997	1998	(DATE OF DISPOSITION)
		(DOLLARS IN	
Cash flows from operating activities: Net loss	\$(60,838)	\$ (144,483)	\$ (198,832)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		ψ (144)400)	<b>(100,002)</b>
Payment-in-kind interest expense	20,444		<del></del>
Amortization of debt discount		19,342	24,103
Depreciation and amortization	118,856 2,192	152,585 2,526	196,260 1,782
Partner			70,723
Write-off deferred loan costs		10,961	(4)
Gain on sale of cable system			(11,069)
Casualty (gain) loss Equity in net (income) loss of investee	(3,476)	(314)	69
partnerships	(443)	176	41
Provision for losses on receivables, net of			
recoveries	5,714	4,775	4,510
Deferred income taxes	(2,748)	1,111	(271)
Other Increase (decrease) from changes in:	1,319	278	348
Receivables	(9,703)	(1,524)	(6,114)
Other assets	(4,021)	906	(7,194)
Accounts payable	(1,357)	337	6,450
Accrued expenses and due to affiliate	13,773	24,302	(11,634)
Customer deposits and prepayments	(175)	633	5,813
Net cash provided by operating activities	79,537	71,611	74,981
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Capital expenditures	(76, 323)	(96, 367)	(126,548)
Increase in intangible assets	(1,770)	(7,124)	(3,344)
Acquisitions of cable television systems		(83,391)	(27,161)
Cash acquired in connection with the acquisition of TCI and Falcon Video Communications,			
L.P		317	
Proceeds from sale of cable system		(0.050)	3,178
Partner		(3,656)	
Other	1,806	1,893	(1,871)
	(== ===)	(400,000)	(4== = 40)
Net cash used in investing activities	(76,287) 	(188,328)	(155,746)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Borrowings from notes payable	37,500	2,388,607	1,153,250
Repayment of debt	(40,722)	(2,244,752)	(1,076,871)
Deferred loan costs	(29)	(25,684)	(70)
Capital contributions	93		
Redemption of partners' interests		(1,170)	
Minority interest capital contributions	192	83	167
Net cash provided by (used in) financing			
activities	(2,966)	117,084	76,476
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash			
equivalents	284	367	(4,289)
Cash and cash equivalents, at beginning of	20-	557	(-,200)
period	13,633	13,917	14,284
Cash and cash equivalents, at end of period	\$ 13,917 ======	\$ 14,284 =======	\$ 9,995 ======

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements. F-331  $\,$ 

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### NOTE 1 -- SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### FORM OF PRESENTATION

Falcon Communications, L.P. ("FCLP"), a California limited partnership (the "Partnership") and successor to Falcon Holding Group, L.P. ("FHGLP"), owned and operated cable television systems serving small to medium-sized communities and the suburbs of certain cities in 23 states through November 12, 1999. On September 30, 1998, pursuant to a Contribution and Purchase Agreement dated as of December 30, 1997, as amended (the "Contribution Agreement"), FHGLP acquired the assets and liabilities of Falcon Video Communications, L.P. ("Falcon Video"), in exchange for ownership interests in FHGLP. Simultaneously with the closing of that transaction, in accordance with the Contribution Agreement, FHGLP contributed substantially all of the existing cable television system operations owned by FHGLP and its subsidiaries (including the Falcon Video Systems) to the Partnership and TCI Falcon Holdings, LLC ("TCI") contributed certain cable television systems owned and operated by affiliates of TCI (the "TCI Systems") to the Partnership (the "TCI Transaction"). As a result, Tele-Communications, Inc. held approximately 46% of the equity interest of the Partnership and FHGLP owned the remaining 54% and served as the managing general partner of the Partnership. The TCI Transaction has been accounted for as a recapitalization of FHGLP into the Partnership and the concurrent acquisition by the Partnership of the TCI systems. In March 1999, AT&T and Tele-Communications, Inc. completed a merger under which Tele-Communications, Inc. became a unit of FTCLP as a result of a merger.

On November 12, 1999, Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC ("Charter") acquired the Partnership in a cash and stock transaction valued at approximately \$3.6 billion, including assumption of liabilities. Upon closing of the transaction, the Partnership was merged with CC VII Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and successor to FCLP.

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Partnership and its subsidiary holding companies and cable television operating partnerships and corporations, which include Falcon Cable Communications LLC ("Falcon LLC"), a Delaware limited liability company that serves as the general manager of the cable television subsidiaries. Such statements reflect balances immediately prior to the acquisition transaction. The assets contributed by FHGLP in 1998 to the Partnership excluded certain immaterial investments, principally FHGLP's ownership of 100% of the outstanding stock of Enstar Communications Corporation ("ECC"), which is the general partner and manager of fifteen limited partnerships operating under the name "Enstar." ECC's ownership interest in the Enstar partnerships ranges from 0.5% to 5%. Upon the consummation of the TCI Transaction, the management of the Enstar partnerships was assigned to the Partnership by FHGLP. The consolidated statements of operations and statements of cash flows for the year ended December 31, 1998 include FHGLP's interest in ECC for the nine months ended September 30, 1998. The effects of ECC's operations on all previous periods presented are immaterial. On November 12, 1999, Charter acquired ECC.

FHGLP also controlled, held varying equity interests in and managed certain other cable television partnerships (the "Affiliated Partnerships") for a fee. FHGLP is a limited partnership, the sole general partner of which is Falcon Holding Group, Inc., a California corporation ("FHGI"). FHGI also holds a 1% interest in certain of the subsidiaries of the Partnership. At the beginning of 1998, the Affiliated Partnerships were comprised of Falcon Classic Cable Income Properties, L.P. ("Falcon Classic") whose cable television systems are referred to as the "Falcon Classic Systems," Falcon Video and the Enstar partnerships. As discussed in Note 3, the Falcon Classic Systems were acquired by FHGLP during 1998. The Falcon Video Systems were acquired on September 30, 1998 in connection with the TCI Transaction. As a result of these transactions, the Affiliated Partnerships consist solely of the Enstar partnerships from October 1, 1998 forward.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED ETNANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

## NOTE 1 -- SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES -- (CONTINUED)

All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The consolidated financial statements do not give effect to any assets that the partners may have outside their interests in the Partnership, nor to any obligations, including income taxes, of the partners.

#### CASH EOUIVALENTS

For purposes of the consolidated statements of cash flows, the Partnership considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents at December 31, 1997 and 1998 included \$4.5 million and \$345.000 of investments in commercial paper and short-term investment funds of major financial institutions. There were no such cash equivalents at November 12, 1999.

#### INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATED PARTNERSHIPS

Prior to closing the TCI Transaction, the Partnership was the general partner of certain entities, which in turn acted as general partner of the Affiliated Partnerships. The Partnership's effective ownership interests in the Affiliated Partnerships were less than one percent. The Affiliated Partnerships were accounted for using the equity method of accounting. Equity in net losses were recorded to the extent of the investments in and advances to the partnerships plus obligations for which the Partnership, as general partner, was responsible. The liabilities of the Affiliated Partnerships, other than amounts due the Partnership, principally consisted of debt for borrowed money and related accrued interest. The Partnership's ownership interests in the Affiliated Partnerships were eliminated in 1998 with the acquisition of Falcon Video and Falcon Classic and the retention by FHGLP of its interests in the Enstar partnerships.

## PROPERTY, PLANT, EQUIPMENT AND DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost. Direct costs associated with installations in homes not previously served by cable are capitalized as part of the distribution system, and reconnects are expensed as incurred. For financial reporting, depreciation and amortization is computed using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives.

#### CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS: Headend buildings and equipment.....

Headend buildings and equipment  Trunk and distribution	5-15 years
Microwave equipment	10-15 years
OTHER:	
Furniture and equipment	3-7 years
Vehicles	3-10 years
Leasehold improvements	Life of lease

# FRANCHISE COST AND GOODWILL

The excess of cost over the fair values of tangible assets and customer lists of cable television systems acquired represents the cost of franchises and goodwill. In addition, franchise cost includes capitalized costs incurred in obtaining new franchises and in the renewal of existing franchises. These costs are amortized using the straight-line method over the lives of the franchises, ranging up to 28 years (composite 15 year average). Goodwill is amortized over 20 years. Costs relating to unsuccessful franchise applications are charged to expense when it is determined that the efforts to obtain the franchise will not be successful.

NOTE 1 -- SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES -- (CONTINUED)

#### CUSTOMER LISTS AND OTHER INTANGIBLE COSTS

Customer lists and other intangible costs include customer lists, covenants not to compete and organization costs which are amortized using the straight-line method over two to five years.

#### DEFERRED LOAN COSTS

Costs related to borrowings are capitalized and amortized to interest expense over the life of the related loan.

#### RECOVERABILITY OF ASSETS

The Partnership assesses on an ongoing basis the recoverability of intangible assets (including goodwill) and capitalized plant assets based on estimates of future undiscounted cash flows compared to net book value. If the future undiscounted cash flow estimates were less than net book value, net book value would then be reduced to estimated fair value, which generally approximates discounted cash flows. The Partnership also evaluates the amortization periods of assets, including goodwill and other intangible assets, to determine whether events or circumstances warrant revised estimates of useful lives.

#### REVENUE RECOGNITION

Revenues from customer fees, equipment rental and advertising are recognized in the period that services are delivered. Installation revenue is recognized in the period the installation services are provided to the extent of direct selling costs. Any remaining amount is deferred and recognized over the estimated average period that customers are expected to remain connected to the cable television system. Management fees are recognized on the accrual basis based on a percentage of gross revenues of the respective cable television systems managed. Effective October 1, 1998, 20% of the management fees from the Enstar partnerships was retained by FHGLP.

#### DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

As part of the Partnership's management of financial market risk and as required by certain covenants in its New Credit Agreement, the Partnership enters into various transactions that involve contracts and financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk, principally interest rate swap and interest rate cap agreements. The Partnership enters into these agreements in order to manage the interest-rate sensitivity associated with its variable-rate indebtedness. The differential to be paid or received in connection with interest rate swap and interest rate cap agreements is recognized as interest rates change and is charged or credited to interest expense over the life of the agreements. Gains or losses for early termination of those contracts are recognized as an adjustment to interest expense over the remaining portion of the original life of the terminated contract.

# INCOME TAXES

The Partnership and its subsidiaries, except for Falcon First, Inc., are limited partnerships or limited liability companies and pay no income taxes as entities except for nominal taxes assessed by certain state jurisdictions. All of the income, gains, losses, deductions and credits of the Partnership are passed through to its partners. The basis in the Partnership's assets and liabilities differs for financial and tax reporting purposes. At November 12, 1999, the book basis of the Partnership's net assets exceeded its tax basis by \$623 million.

#### ADVERTISING COSTS

All advertising costs are expensed as incurred.

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NOTE 1 -- SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES -- (CONTINUED)

#### USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### NOTE 2 -- PARTNERSHIP MATTERS

The Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of FCLP ("FCLP Partnership Agreement") provided that profits and losses will be allocated, and distributions will be made, in proportion to the partners' percentage interests. Prior to November 13, 1999, FHGLP was the managing general partner and a limited partner and owned a 54% interest in FCLP, and Tele-Communications, Inc. was a general partner and owned a 46% interest. The partners' percentage interests were based on the relative net fair market values of the assets contributed to FCLP under the Contribution Agreement, as estimated at the closing. The percentage interests were subsequently adjusted to reflect the December 1998 redemption of a small part of FHGLP's partnership interest.

Through the closing of the sale to Charter, FCLP was required, under certain circumstances, on or after April 1, 2006, to purchase the interests of the non-management limited partners of FHGLP at their then fair value. The estimated redemption value at December 31, 1998 was \$133 million and was reflected in the consolidated financial statements as redeemable partners' equity. Such amount was determined based on management's estimate of the relative fair value of such interests under then current market conditions. These limited partners were redeemed from their portion of the Charter sale proceeds as of November 12, 1999 for \$424 million, which amount is shown as redeemable partners' equity at that date.

The Partnership assumed the obligations of FHGLP under the 1993 Incentive Performance Plan (the "Incentive Performance Plan"), but FHGLP funded this obligation from its portion of the Charter sale proceeds. See Note 8.

#### NOTE 3 -- ACQUISITIONS AND SALES

In March and July 1998, FHGLP acquired the Falcon Classic Systems for an aggregate purchase price of \$83.4 million. Falcon Classic had revenue of approximately \$20.3 million for the year ended December 31, 1997.

As discussed in Note 1, on September 30, 1998 the Partnership acquired the TCI Systems and the Falcon Video Systems in accordance with the Contribution Agreement.

NOTE 3 -- ACQUISITIONS AND SALES -- (CONTINUED)
Sources and uses of funds for each of the transactions were as follows:

	TCI SYSTEMS	FALCON CLASSIC SYSTEMS	FALCON VIDEO SYSTEMS
	(D0	LLARS IN THOUS	ANDS)
Sources of Funds: Cash on hand Advance under bank credit facilities	\$ 11,429 429,739	\$ 59,038 56,467	\$ 6,591 76,800
Total sources of funds	\$441,168 ======	\$115,505 ======	\$83,391
Uses of Funds: Repay debt assumed from TCI and existing debt of Falcon Video, including accrued			
interest  Purchase price of assets  Payment of assumed obligations at closing	\$429,739  6,495	\$115,505 	\$ 83,391
Transaction fees and expenses	2,879 2,055		
Total uses of funds	\$441,168 	\$115,505 	\$83,391

The following unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations present the consolidated results of operations of the Partnership as if the acquisitions referred to above had occurred at the beginning of the periods presented and are not necessarily indicative of what would have occurred had the acquisitions been made as of such dates or of results which may occur in the future.

	YEAR ENDED I	DECEMBER 31,
	1997	1998
	(DOLLARS IN	THOUSANDS)
Revenues	\$ 424,994 (438,623)	\$ 426,827 (444,886)
Operating loss	(13,629) (115,507)	(18,059) (130,632)
Loss before extraordinary item	\$(129,136) =======	\$(148,691) =======

## NOTE 3 -- ACQUISITIONS AND SALES -- (CONTINUED)

The acquisitions of the TCI Systems, the Falcon Video Systems and the Falcon Classic Systems were accounted for by the purchase method of accounting, whereby the purchase prices were allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values at the dates of acquisition, as follows:

	TCI	FALCON	FALCON
	SYSTEMS	VIDEO SYSTEMS	CLASSIC SYSTEMS
		(DOLLARS IN THOU	JSANDS)
Purchase Price: General partnership interests issued Debt assumed Debt incurred Other liabilities assumed Transaction costs	\$234,457 275,000  955 2,879	\$ 43,073 112,196  3,315	\$ 83,391 2,804
	513,291	158,584	86,195
Fair Market Value of Net Assets Acquired: Property, plant and equipment Franchise costs	77,992	41,889	33,539
	170,799	36,374	7,847
	217,443	53,602	34,992
	4,165	2,381	3,164
Excess of purchase price over fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed	470,399	134,246	79,542
	\$ 42,892	\$ 24,338	\$ 6,653
	=======	=======	======

The excess of purchase price over the fair value of net assets acquired has been recorded as goodwill and is being amortized using the straight-line method over 20 years.

The general partnership interests issued in the TCI Transaction were valued in proportion to the estimated fair value of the TCI Systems and the Falcon Video Systems as compared to the estimated fair value of the Partnership's assets, which was agreed upon in the Contribution Agreement by all holders of Partnership interests.

In January 1999, the Partnership acquired the assets of certain cable systems serving approximately 591 customers in Oregon for \$801,000. On March 15, 1999, the Partnership acquired the assets of certain cable systems serving approximately 7,928 customers in Utah for \$6.8 million. On March 22, 1999, the Partnership acquired the assets of the Franklin, Virginia system in exchange for the assets of its Scottsburg, Indiana systems and \$8 million in cash and recognized a gain of \$8.5 million. The Franklin system serves approximately 9,042 customers and the Scottsburg systems served approximately 4,507 customers. On July 30, 1999, the Partnership acquired the assets of certain cable systems serving approximately 6,500 customers in Oregon for \$9.5 million.

On March 1, 1999, the Partnership contributed \$2.4 million cash and certain systems located in Oregon with a net book value of \$5.6 million to a joint venture with Bend Cable Communications, Inc., which manages the joint venture. The Partnership owns 17% of the joint venture. These systems had been acquired from Falcon Classic in March 1998, and served approximately 3,471 subscribers at March 1, 1999. On March 26, 1999, the Partnership sold certain systems serving approximately 2,550 subscribers in Kansas for \$3.0 million and recognized a gain of \$2.4 million. The effects of these transactions on results of operations are not material.

## NOTE 4 -- DISCLOSURES ABOUT FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate that value:

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The carrying amount approximates fair value due to the short maturity of those instruments.

#### Notes Payable

The fair value of the Partnership's 8.375% Senior Debentures and 9.285% Senior Discount Debentures is based on quoted market prices for those issues of debt as of December 31, 1998. The fair value at December 31, 1999 is based on the redemption amounts paid by Charter to retire the obligations after the acquisition by Charter. The fair value of the Partnership's other subordinated notes is based on quoted market prices for similar issues of debt with similar maturities. The carrying amount of the Partnership's remaining debt outstanding approximates fair value due to its variable rate nature.

#### Interest Rate Hedging Agreements

The fair value of interest rate hedging agreements is estimated by obtaining quotes from brokers as to the amount either party would be required to pay or receive in order to terminate the agreements.

The following table depicts the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate that value as of December 31.

	DECEMBER	31, 1998	NOVEMBER	12, 1999
			VALUE	FAIR VALUE
		(DOLLARS IN	THOUSANDS)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,284	\$ 14,284	\$ 9,995	\$ 9,995
8.375% Senior Debentures	375,000	382,500	375,000	378,750
9.285% Senior Discount Debentures	294,982	289,275	319,085	321,459
Bank credit facilities	926,000	926,000	1,017,750	1,017,750
Other Subordinated Notes	15,000	16,426		
Other	371	371		
	NOTIONAL AMOUNT	FAIR VALUE	NOTIONAL AMOUNT	FAIR VALUE
Interest Rate Hedging Agreements (Note 6): Interest rate swaps	\$1,534,713	\$ (22,013)	\$1,279,713	\$ 22,518

The carrying value of interest rate swaps was a net obligation of \$9.3 million at December 31, 1998 and \$9 million at November 12, 1999. See Note 6(e). The amount of debt on which current interest expense has been affected is \$960 million and \$745 million for swaps at December 31, 1998 and November 12, 1999, respectively. The balance of the contract totals presented above reflects contracts entered into as of November 12, 1999 which do not become effective until existing contracts expire.

#### NOTE 5 -- PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment consist of:

	DECEMBER 31, 1998	NOVEMBER 12, 1999
	(DOLLARS IN	THOUSANDS)
Cable television systems  Furniture and equipment  Vehicles  Land, buildings and improvements	\$765,641 25,576 18,381 16,505	\$862,889 29,514 19,835 16,568
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	826,103 (320,209)  \$505,894	928,806 (374,955)  \$553,851

#### NOTE 6 -- NOTES PAYABLE

Notes payable consist of:

	DECEMBER 31, 1998	NOVEMBER 12, 1999
	(DOLLARS I	N THOUSANDS)
FCLP Only:		
8.375% Senior Debentures(a)	\$ 375,000	\$ 375,000
discount(a)	294,982	319,085
Credit Facility(b)	926,000	
Amended and Restated Credit Agreement(c)	·	1,017,750
Other subordinated notes(d)	15,000	
Other	371	
	\$1,611,353 =======	\$1,711,835 =======

# (a) 8.375% SENIOR DEBENTURES AND 9.285% SENIOR DISCOUNT DEBENTURES

On April 3, 1998, FHGLP and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Falcon Funding Corporation ("FFC" and, collectively with FHGLP, the "Issuers"), sold \$375,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 8.375% Senior Debentures due 2010 (the "Senior Debentures") and \$435,250,000 aggregate principal amount at maturity of 9.285% Senior Discount Debentures due 2010 (the "Senior Discount Debentures" and, collectively with the Senior Debentures, the "Debentures") in a private placement. The Debentures were exchanged for debentures with the same form and terms, but registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in August 1998.

In connection with consummation of the TCI Transaction, the Partnership was substituted for FHGLP as an obligor under the Debentures and thereupon FHGLP was released and discharged from any further obligation with respect to the Debentures and the related Indenture. FFC remains as an obligor under the Debentures and is now a wholly owned subsidiary of the Partnership. FFC was incorporated solely for the purpose of serving as a co-issuer of the Debentures and does not have any material operations or assets and will not have any revenues.

The Senior Discount Debentures were issued at a price of 63.329% per \$1,000 aggregate principal amount at maturity, for total gross proceeds of approximately \$275.6 million, and will accrete to stated value at an

NOTE 6 -- NOTES PAYABLE -- (CONTINUED) annual rate of 9.285% until April 15, 2003. The unamortized discount amounted to \$140.3 million at December 31, 1998 and \$116.2 at November 12, 1999, respectively. After giving effect to offering discounts, commissions and estimated expenses of the offering, the sale of the Debentures (representing aggregate indebtedness of approximately \$650.6 million as of the date of issuance) generated net proceeds of approximately \$631 million. The Partnership used substantially all the net proceeds from the sale of the Debentures to repay outstanding bank indebtedness.

#### (b) CREDIT FACILITY

On June 30, 1998, the Partnership entered into a \$1.5 billion senior credit facility (the "Credit Facility") which replaced its earlier credit facility and provided funds for the closing of the TCI Transaction. See Note 1. The borrowers under the Credit Facility were the operating subsidiaries prior to consummation of the TCI Transaction and, following the TCI Transaction, the borrower is Falcon LLC. The restricted companies, as defined under the Credit Facility, are Falcon LLC and each of its subsidiaries (excluding certain subsidiaries designated as excluded companies from time to time) and each restricted company (other than Falcon LLC) is also a guarantor of the Credit Facility.

The Credit Facility consisted of three committed facilities (one revolver and two term loans) and one uncommitted \$350 million supplemental credit facility (the terms of which will be negotiated at the time the Partnership makes a request to draw on such facility). Facility A is a \$650 million revolving credit facility maturing December 29, 2006; Facility B is a \$200 million term loan maturing June 29, 2007; and Facility C is a \$300 million term loan maturing December 31, 2007. All of Facility C and approximately \$126 million of Facility B were funded on June 30, 1998, and the debt outstanding under the Partnership's earlier credit facility of approximately \$329 million was repaid. As a result, from June 30, 1998 until September 29, 1998, FHGLP had an excess cash balance of approximately \$90 million. Immediately prior to closing the TCI Transaction, approximately \$39 million was borrowed under Facility A to discharge certain indebtedness of Falcon Video. In connection with consummation of the TCI Transaction, Falcon LLC assumed the approximately \$433 million of indebtedness outstanding under the Credit Facility. In addition to utilizing cash on hand of approximately \$63 million, Falcon LLC borrowed the approximately \$74 million remaining under Facility B and approximately \$366 million under Facility A to discharge approximately \$73 million of Falcon Video indebtedness and to retire approximately \$430 million of TCI indebtedness assumed as part of the contribution of the TCI Systems. As a result of these borrowings, the amount outstanding under the Credit Facility at December 31, 1998 was \$926 million. Subject to covenant limitations, the Partnership had available to it additional borrowing capacity thereunder of \$224 million at December 31, 1998. However, limitations imposed by the Partnership's partnership agreement, as amended, would limit available borrowings at December 31, 1998 to \$23.1 million.

### (c) AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT

On November 12, 1999, the Partnership amended the Credit Facility with the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the "Amended Agreement") providing for a \$1.85 billion senior credit facility. The Amended Agreement consists of four committed facilities (two revolvers and two term loans) and one uncommitted \$590 million supplemental credit facility (the terms of which will be negotiated at the time the Partnership makes a request to draw on such facility). Facility A is a \$646 million revolving credit facility maturing December 29, 2006; Facility B is a \$200 million term loan maturing June 29, 2007; Facility C is a \$300 million term loan maturing December 31, 2007; and Facility D is a \$110 million supplemental revolving credit facility maturing on December 31, 2007. As a result of borrowings, the amount outstanding under the Amended Agreement at November 12, 1999 was \$1.018 billion. The Partnership had available to it additional borrowing capacity thereunder of \$235 million. However debt covenants limit the amount that can be

NOTE 6 -- NOTES PAYABLE -- (CONTINUED) borrowed to \$205 million at November 12, 1999, which was subject to limitations imposed by the Partnership's partnership agreement. Charter paid the lenders a fee of \$2 million to obtain the Amended Agreement.

#### (d) OTHER SUBORDINATED NOTES

Other subordinated notes consisted of 11.56% Subordinated Notes due March 2001. The subordinated notes were repaid by Charter on November 12, 1999 with accrued interest of \$202,000 and a prepayment premium of \$1,143,000.

#### (e) INTEREST RATE HEDGING AGREEMENTS

The Partnership utilizes interest rate hedging agreements to establish long-term fixed interest rates on a portion of its variable-rate debt. The Amended Agreement requires that interest be tied to the ratio of consolidated total debt to consolidated annualized cash flow (in each case, as defined therein), and further requires that the Partnership maintain hedging arrangements with respect to at least 50% of the outstanding borrowings thereunder plus any additional borrowings of the Partnership, including the Debentures, for a two year period. As of November 12, 1999, borrowings under the Amended Agreement bore interest at an average rate of 7.51% (including the effect of interest rate hedging agreements). The Partnership has entered into fixed interest rate hedging agreements with an aggregate notional amount at November 12, 1999 of \$1.28 billion. Agreements in effect at November 12, 1999 totaled \$745 million, with the remaining \$535 million to become effective as certain of the existing contracts mature from 2000 through October 2004. These agreements expire at various times through October 2006.

The hedging agreements resulted in additional interest expense of \$350,000, \$1.2 million and \$3.9 million for the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1998 and for the period from January 1, 1999 to November 12, 1999, respectively. The Partnership does not believe that it has any significant risk of exposure to non-performance by any of its counterparties.

#### (f) DEBT MATURITIES

The Partnership's notes payable outstanding at November 12, 1999 mature as follows:

YEAR	8.375% SENIOR DEBENTURES	9.285% SENIOR DEBENTURES	NOTES TO BANKS	TOTAL
		(DOLLARS IN	THOUSANDS)	-
2000	\$	\$	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
2001			5,000	5,000
2002			5,000	5,000
2003			5,000	5,000
2004			5,000	5,000
Thereafter	\$375,000	\$435,250	\$992,750	\$1,803,000

### (G) EXTRAORDINARY ITEM

Fees and expenses incurred in connection with the repurchase of the Partnership's 11% Notes (the "Notes") on May 19, 1998 and the retirement of the remaining Notes on September 15, 1998 were \$19.7 million in the aggregate. In addition, the unamortized portion of deferred loan costs related to the Notes and a previous credit facility, which amounted to \$10.9 million in the aggregate, were written off as an extraordinary charge upon the extinguishment of the related debt in 1998.

#### NOTE 7 -- COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Partnership leases land, office space and equipment under operating leases expiring at various dates through the year 2039. See Note 9.

Future minimum rentals for operating leases at November 12, 1999 are as follows:

YEAR	TOTAL
	(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)
1999	2,904
2001	
2002	, -
2003	, -
Thereafter	4,612
	\$13,760
	======

In most cases, management expects that, in the normal course of business, these leases will be renewed or replaced by other leases. Rent expense amounted to \$2.4 million in 1997, \$3.1 million in 1998 and \$3.6 million for the period from January 1, 1999 to November 12, 1999.

In addition, the Partnership rents line space on utility poles in some of the franchise areas it serves. These rentals amounted to \$3.1 million for 1997, \$3.9 million for 1998 and \$4.5 million for the period from January 1, 1999 to November 12, 1999. Generally, such pole rental agreements are short-term; however, the Partnership anticipates such rentals will continue in the future.

Beginning in August 1997, the Partnership elected to self-insure its cable distribution plant and subscriber connections against property damage as well as possible business interruptions caused by such damage. The decision to self-insure was made due to significant increases in the cost of insurance coverage and decreases in the amount of insurance coverage available. In October 1998, the Partnership reinstated third party insurance coverage against damage to its cable distribution plant and subscriber connections and against business interruptions resulting from such damage. This coverage is subject to a significant annual deductible and is intended to limit the Partnership's exposure to catastrophic losses, if any, in future periods. Management believes that the relatively small size of the Partnership's markets in any one geographic area, coupled with their geographic separation, will mitigate the risk that the Partnership could sustain losses due to seasonal weather conditions or other events that, in the aggregate, could have a material adverse effect on the Partnership's liquidity and cash flows. The Partnership continues to purchase insurance coverage in amounts management views as appropriate for all other property, liability, automobile, workers' compensation and other types of insurable risks.

The Partnership is required under various franchise agreements at November 12, 1999 to rebuild certain existing cable systems at a cost of approximately \$125.4 million.

The Partnership is regulated by various federal, state and local government entities. The Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (the "1992 Cable Act"), provides for among other things, federal and local regulation of rates charged for basic cable service, cable programming service tiers ("CPSTs") and equipment and installation services. Regulations issued in 1993 and significantly amended in 1994 by the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC") have resulted in changes in the rates charged for the Partnership's cable services. The Partnership believes that compliance with the 1992 Cable Act has had a negative impact on its operations and cash flow. It also presently believes that any potential future liabilities for refund claims or other related actions would not be material. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "1996 Telecom Act") was signed into law on February 8, 1996. As it pertains to cable television,

NOTE 7 -- COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES -- (CONTINUED) the 1996 Telecom Act, among other things, (i) ends the regulation of certain CPSTs in 1999; (ii) expands the definition of effective competition, the existence of which displaces rate regulation; (iii) eliminates the restriction against the ownership and operation of cable systems by telephone companies within their local exchange service areas; and (iv) liberalizes certain of the FCC's cross-ownership restrictions.

The Partnership has various contracts to obtain basic and premium programming from program suppliers whose compensation is generally based on a fixed fee per customer or a percentage of the gross receipts for the particular service. Some program suppliers provide volume discount pricing structures or offer marketing support to the Partnership. The Partnership's programming contracts are generally for a fixed period of time and are subject to negotiated renewal. The Partnership does not have long-term programming contracts for the supply of a substantial amount of its programming. Accordingly, no assurances can be given that the Partnership's programming costs will not continue to increase substantially or that other materially adverse terms will not be added to the Partnership's programming contracts. Management believes, however, that the Partnership's relations with its programming suppliers generally are good.

Effective December 1, 1998, the Partnership elected to obtain certain of its programming services through an affiliate of TCI. This election resulted in a reduction in the Partnership's programming costs, the majority of which will be passed on to its customers in the form of reduced rates in compliance with FCC rules. The Partnership has elected to continue to acquire its remaining programming services under its existing programming contracts. The Partnership, in the normal course of business, purchases cable programming services from certain program suppliers owned in whole or in part by an affiliate of TCI.

The Partnership is periodically a party to various legal proceedings. Such legal proceedings are ordinary and routine litigation proceedings that are incidental to the Partnership's business, and management presently believes that the outcome of all pending legal proceedings will not, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Partnership.

The Partnership, certain of its affiliates, and certain third parties were named as defendants in an action entitled Frank O'Shea I.R.A. et al. v. Falcon Cable Systems Company, et al., Case No. BC 147386, in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles (the "Action"). Plaintiffs in the Action were certain former unitholders of Falcon Cable Systems Company ("FCSC") purporting to represent a class consisting of former unitholders of FCSC other than those affiliated with FCSC and/or its controlling persons. The complaint in the Action alleged, among other things, that defendants breached their fiduciary and contractual duties to unitholders, and acted negligently, with respect to the purchase from former unitholders of their interests in FCSC in 1996. A settlement of the action was approved by the court in May 1999 and has become effective. The terms of the settlement did not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Partnership. Net of insurance proceeds, the settlement's cost to the Partnership amounted to approximately \$2.9 million. The Partnership recognized expenses related to the settlement of \$145,000, \$2.5 million and \$166,000 in 1997, 1998, and for the period from January 1, 1999 to November 12, 1999, respectively.

In various states, customers have filed punitive class action lawsuits on behalf of all persons residing in those states who are or were customers of the Partnership's cable television service, and who have been charged a fee for delinquent payment of their cable bill. The actions challenge the legality of the processing fee and seek declaratory judgment, injunctive relief and unspecified damages. At this stage, the Partnership is not able to project the outcome of the actions.

#### NOTE 8 -- EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

The subsidiaries of the Partnership have a cash or deferred profit sharing plan (the "Profit Sharing Plan") covering substantially all of their employees. FHGLP joined in the adoption of the FHGI cash or deferred profit sharing plan as of March 31, 1993. The provisions of this plan were amended to be substantially identical to the provisions of the Profit Sharing Plan.

The Profit Sharing Plan provides that each participant may elect to make a contribution in an amount up to 20% of the participant's annual compensation which otherwise would have been payable to the participant as salary. The Partnership's contribution to the Profit Sharing Plan, as determined by management, is discretionary but may not exceed 15% of the annual aggregate compensation (as defined) paid to all participating employees. Effective January 1, 1999 the Profit Sharing Plan was amended, whereby the Partnership would make an employer contribution equal to 100% of the first 3% and 50% of the next 2% of the participant's contributions, respectively. There were no contributions for the Profit Sharing Plan in 1997 or 1998. The partnership contributed \$1.0 million during the period from January 1, 1999 to November 12, 1999.

On September 30 1998, the Partnership assumed the obligations of FHGLP for its 1993 Incentive Performance Plan (the "Incentive Plan"). The value of the interests in the Incentive Plan was tied to the equity value of certain partnership units in FHGLP held by FHGI. In connection with the assumption by the Partnership, FHGLP agreed to fund any benefits payable under the Incentive Plan through additional capital contributions to the Partnership, the waiver of its rights to receive all or part of certain distributions from the Partnership and/or a contribution of a portion of its partnership units to the Partnership. The benefits which were payable under the Incentive Plan are equal to the amount of distributions which FHGI would have otherwise received with respect to 1,932.67 of the units of FHGLP held by FHGI and a portion of FHGI's interest in certain of the partnerships that are the general partners of the Partnership's operating subsidiaries. Benefits were payable under the Incentive Plan only when distributions would otherwise be paid to FHGI with respect to the above-described units and interests.

In 1999, the Partnership adopted a Restricted Unit Plan (the "New FCLP Incentive Plan" or "Plan") for the benefit of certain employees. Grants of restricted units are provided at the discretion of the Advisory Committee. The value of the units in the New FCLP Incentive Plan is tied to the equity value of FCLP above a base equity as determined initially in 1999 by the partners, and for grants in subsequent years by an appraisal. Benefits are payable under the New FCLP Incentive Plan only when distributions would otherwise be payable to equity holders of FCLP. An initial grant of 100,000 units representing 2.75% of the equity of FCLP in excess of the equity base was approved and will be allocated to the participants in the Plan. There is a five-year vesting requirement for all participants.

In connection with the sale of the Partnership to Charter discussed in Note 1, the Partnership recorded compensation expense in the amount of approximately \$46.4 million related to both the Incentive Plan (\$21 million) and the New FCLP Incentive Plan (\$25.4 million). The amount was determined based on the value of the underlying ownership units, as established by the sale of the Partnership to Charter, and on estimated closing working capital and debt balances of the Partnership. The Partnership paid \$33 million on November 12, 1999 to certain employees. The payments were funded by net proceeds of the sale. The Partnership transferred its remaining liability approximating \$13.4 million to FHGLP who will make the final payments under the plans. The participants in the Incentive Plan were present and former employees of the Partnership, FHGLP and its operating affiliates, all of whom were 100% vested. Prior to the closing of the TCI Transaction, FHGLP amended the Incentive Plan to provide for payments by FHGLP at the closing of the TCI Transaction to participants in an aggregate amount of approximately \$6.5 million and to reduce by such amount FHGLP's obligations to make future payments to participants under the Incentive Plan.

In addition to the amounts expensed pursuant to the equity plans, the Partnership recorded bonuses to certain employees in the aggregate amount of \$20 million upon the closing of the sale to Charter. The

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NOTE 8 -- EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS -- (CONTINUED)
Partnership also recorded employee severance and other compensation aggregating
\$4.2 million. The Partnership paid \$11.8 million on November 12, 1999 to certain
employees. The payments were funded by net proceeds of the sale. The Partnership
transferred its remaining liability approximating \$12.4 million to FHGLP who
will make the final payment. The aggregate amount of expenses recorded under
benefit plans and severance and other compensation of \$70.7 million was recorded
as a capital contribution, as FHGLP's share of the proceeds from the sale have
been, or will be, used to fund such obligations.

#### NOTE 9 -- RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Partnership is a separate, stand-alone holding company which employs all of the management personnel. The Partnership is financially dependent on the receipt of permitted payments from its operating subsidiaries, management and consulting fees from domestic cable ventures, and the reimbursement of specified expenses by certain of the Affiliated Partnerships to fund its operations. Expected increases in the funding requirements of the Partnership combined with limitations on its sources of cash may create liquidity issues for the Partnership in the future. Specifically, the Credit Facility permitted the subsidiaries of the Partnership to remit to the Partnership no more than 4.25% of their net cable revenues, as defined, in any year. Beginning on January 1, 1999, this limitation was increased to 4.5% of net cable revenues in any year. As a result of the 1998 acquisition by the Partnership of the Falcon Classic and Falcon Video Systems, the Partnership will no longer receive management fees and reimbursed expenses from Falcon Classic or receive management fees from Falcon Video. Commencing on October 1, 1998, FHGLP retains 20% of the management fees paid by the Enstar partnerships. The management fees earned from the Enstar partnerships were \$2 million, \$1.9 million and \$1.4 million for the years ended becember 31, 1997 and 1998 and for the period from January 1, 1999 to November 12, 1999, respectively.

The management and consulting fees and expense reimbursements earned from the Affiliated Partnerships amounted to approximately \$5.2 million and \$2.1 million, \$3.7 million and \$1.5 million and \$1.4 million and \$1.4 million for the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1998 and for the period ended November 12, 1999, respectively. The fees and expense reimbursements of \$3.7 million and \$1.5 million earned in 1998 included \$191,000 and \$128,000 earned from Falcon Classic from January 1, 1998 through July 16, 1998, and \$1.2 million in management fees from Falcon Video from January 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998. Subsequent to these acquisitions, the amounts payable to the Partnership in respect of its management of the former Falcon Classic and Falcon Video systems became subject to the limitations contained in the Credit Facility.

Included in Commitments and Contingencies (Note 7) is a facility lease agreement with the Partnership's Chief Executive Officer and his wife, or entities owned by them, requiring annual future minimum rental payments aggregating \$2.5 million through 2005. During the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1998 and for the period ended November 12, 1999, rent expense on the facility amounted to \$383,000, \$416,000 and \$369,000, respectively. FCLP purchased a facility owned by the Partnership's Chief Executive Officer and his wife in February 1999 for \$283,000 which was previously leased by FCLP.

In addition, the Partnership provides certain accounting, bookkeeping and clerical services to the Partnership's Chief Executive Officer. The costs of services provided were determined based on allocations of time plus overhead costs (rent, parking, supplies, telephone, etc.). Such services amounted to \$163,000, \$212,000 and \$256,000 for the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1998 and for the period from January 1, 1999 to November 12, 1999, respectively. These costs were net of amounts reimbursed to the Partnership by the Chief Executive Officer amounting to \$55,000, \$72,000 and \$77,000 for the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1998 and for the period from January 1, 1999 to November 12, 1999, respectively.

#### NOTE 10 -- OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)

Other income (expense) is comprised of the following:

	YEAR E DECEMBE	ENDED ER 31,	PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1999 TO NOVEMBER 12,	
	1997	1998	1999	
	(DC	DLLARS IN T	HOUSANDS)	
Gain (loss) on insured casualty losses	\$ 3,476	\$ 314	\$ (69)	
Gain on sale of system			10,671	
Sale of system Falcon			(2,427)	
Gain (loss) on sale of investment	(1,360)	174		
Net lawsuit settlement costs	(1,030)	(2,614)	(166)	
Other, net	(201)	(791)	53	
	\$ 885	\$(2,917)	\$ 8,062	
	======	======	======	

#### NOTE 11 -- SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION

#### Operating activities

During the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1998 and the period from January 1, 1999 to November 12, 1999, FCLP paid cash interest amounting to approximately \$48.1 million, \$84.9 million and \$93.9 million, respectively.

#### Investing activities

See Note 3 regarding the non-cash investing activities related to the acquisitions of the cable systems of the TCI Systems, the Falcon Video Systems and the Falcon Classic Systems. Also included in Note 3 are the non-cash investing activities related to the exchange of the Partnership's Scottsburg, Indiana system for a system in Franklin, Virginia.

#### Financing activities

See Note 3 regarding the non-cash financing activities relating to the acquisitions of the cable systems of the TCI Systems, the Falcon Video Systems and the Falcon Classic Systems. See Note 2 regarding the reclassification to redeemable partners' equity.

## NOTE 12 -- FCLP (PARENT COMPANY ONLY)

The following parent-only condensed financial information presents Falcon Communications, L.P.'s balance sheets and related statements of operations and cash flows by accounting for the investments in its subsidiaries on the equity method of accounting. The accompanying condensed financial information should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto.

# NOTE 12 -- FCLP (PARENT COMPANY ONLY) -- (CONTINUED) CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET INFORMATION

	DECEMBER 31, 1998	NOVEMBER 12, 1999 (DATE OF DISPOSITION)	
	(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)		
ASSETS:			
Cash and cash equivalentsReceivables:	\$ 1,605	\$ 3,363	
Intercompany notes and accrued interest receivable	655,128	674,409	
Due from affiliates and other entities	2,129	108	
Prepaid expenses and otherProperty, plant and equipment, less accumulated	236	305	
depreciation and amortization	3,599	4,572	
Deferred loan costs, less accumulated amortization	20,044	18,718	
	\$ 682,741	\$ 701,475 =======	
LIABILITIES:			
Senior notes payable	\$ 669,982	\$ 694,085	
Notes payable to affiliates	70,805	71,801	
Accounts payable	135	340	
Accrued expenses	14,000	10,432	
investment	198,492	324,533	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	953,414	1,101,191	
REDEEMABLE PARTNERS' EQUITY	133,023	424,280	
PARTNERS' DEFICIT	(403,696)	(823,996)	
	\$ 682,741	\$ 701,475	
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# NOTE 12 -- FCLP (PARENT COMPANY ONLY) -- (CONTINUED) CONDENSED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS INFORMATION

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 		PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1999 TO NOVEMBER 12, 1999	
			(DATE OF DISPOSITION)	
		(DOLLARS IN	THOUSANDS)	
REVENUES: Management fees:				
Affiliated Partnerships	\$ 2,873 13,979	\$ 2,120	\$ 1,372	
Subsidiaries International and other	281	14,010 33	16,530 29	
Total revenues	17,133	16,163	17,931	
EXPENSES:				
General and administrative expenses Depreciation and amortization	274	21,134 559	83,180 1,242	
Total expenses	11,602	21,693	84,422	
Operating income (loss)	5,531		(66,491)	
Interest income		50,562	49,731	
Interest expense		(59,629)	(56,861)	
Equity in net losses of subsidiaries	(56, 422)	(105,659)	(126,041)	
Equity in net losses of investee partnerships	(4)	(31)		
Other, net	(2,455)		830	
Net loss before extraordinary item	(60,838)	(120,287)	(198,832)	
Extraordinary item, retirement of debt		(24, 196)		
NET LOSS	\$(60,838) ======	\$(144,483) =======	\$(198,832) ======	

# NOTE 12 -- FCLP (PARENT COMPANY ONLY) -- (CONTINUED) CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS INFORMATION

			PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1999 TO NOVEMBER 12, 1999	
			(DATE OF DISPOSITION)	
			THOUSANDS)	
Net cash provided by (used in) Operating activities	\$1,478	\$(418,226)	\$2,982	
Cash flows from investing activities: Distributions from affiliated partnerships Capital expenditures	 (117)	1,820 (2,836)	 (2,218)	
Investments in affiliated partnerships and other	(417)	(2,030)	(2,210)	
investments  Proceeds from sale of investments and other	(254)	(2,998)		
assets		1,694	4	
Assets retained by Falcon Holding Group, L.P		(2,893)		
Net cash provided by (used in) investing				
activities	31	(5,213)	(2,214)	
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Repayment of debt		(282,203)		
Borrowings from notes payable		650,639		
Borrowings from subsidiaries		70,805	996	
Capital contributions	93			
Redemption of partners' equity		(1,170)		
Deferred loan costs		(21,204)	(7)	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing				
activities	(38)	416,867	989	
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash				
equivalents	1 471	(6 572)	1,757	
Cash and cash equivalents, at beginning of period		8,177		
Cash and cash equivalents, at end of period	\$8,177			

# NOTE 13 -- VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

	BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	ADDITIONS CHARGED TO COST AND EXPENSES(A)	DEDUCTIONS(B)	OTHER(C)	BALANCE AT END OF PERIOD
		(DOL	LARS IN THOUSAND	S)	
Allowance for possible losses on receivables					
Year ended December 31,	\$907	ФЕ 71 <i>1</i>	¢(F 706)		\$ 825
		\$5,714	\$(5,796)	#260	
1998 Period from January 1, 1999 to	\$825	\$4,775	\$(5,299)	\$369	\$ 670
November 12, 1999	\$670	\$4,510	\$(4,106)		\$1,074

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- (a) Provision for losses, net of recoveries.
- (b) Write-off uncollectible accounts.
- (c) Allowance for losses on receivables acquired in connection with the acquisition of Falcon Classic, Falcon Video and the TCI Systems.

NOTE 14 -- YEAR 2000 (UNAUDITED)

In the prior years, the Partnership discussed the nature and progress of its plans to become Year 2000 ready. In late 1999, the Partnership completed its remediation and testing of systems. As a result of those planning and implementation efforts, the Partnership experienced no significant disruptions in mission critical information technology and non-information technology systems and believes those systems successfully responded to the Year 2000 date change. The Partnership expensed approximately \$4.7 million during the period from January 1, 1999 to November 12, 1999 in connection with remediating its systems. The Partnership is not aware of any material problems resulting from Year 2000 issues, either with its products, its internal systems, or the products and services of third parties.

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Directors
Tele-Communications, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying combined balance sheets of the TCI Falcon Systems (as defined in Note 1 to the combined financial statements) as of September 30, 1998 and December 31, 1997, and the related combined statements of operations and parent's investment, and cash flows for the nine-month period ended September 30, 1998 and for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 1997. These combined financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these combined financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the TCI Falcon Systems as of September 30, 1998 and December 31, 1997, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the nine-month period ended September 30, 1998 and for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 1997, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Denver, Colorado June 21, 1999

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# COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS

	SEPTEMBER 30, 1998	DECEMBER 31, 1997
	(AMOUNTS IN	
ASSETS Trade and other receivables, net Property and equipment, at cost:	\$ 2,452	\$ 4,665
Land Distribution systems Support equipment and buildings	1,289 151,017 20,687	1,232 137,767 18,354
Less accumulated depreciation	172,993 80,404	157,353 69,857
	92,589	87,496
Franchise costs	399,258 70,045	393,540 62,849
	329,213	330,691
Other assets, net of accumulated amortization	630	714
	\$424,884 ======	\$423,566
LIABILITIES AND PARENT'S INVESTMENT Accounts payable	\$ 729 5,267 124,586	\$ 350 3,487 121,183
Total liabilities	130,582 294,302	125,020 298,546
Commitments and contingencies (note 6)	\$424,884 ======	\$423,566 ======

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements. F-352  $\,$ 

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# COMBINED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND PARENT'S INVESTMENT

	JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30,	YEARS   DECEMBI	ER 31,
	1998	1997	
		IN THOUSANDS	)
RevenueOperating costs and expenses:	\$ 86,476	\$113,897	\$102,155
Operating (note 5)	31,154	39,392	33,521
Selling, general and administrative	17,234	19,687	21,695
Administrative fees (note 5)	2,853	5,034	5,768
Depreciation	10,317	12,724	12,077
Amortization	7,440	9,785	8,184
	68,998	86,622	81,245
Operating income	17,478	27,275	20,910
Intercompany interest expense (note 5)	(4,343) 28	(84)	(4,701) (44)
	(4,315)	(5,916)	(4,745)
Earnings before income taxes	13,163 (5,228)	21,359 (8,808)	16,165 (6,239)
Net earnings Parent's investment:	7,935	12,551	9,926
Beginning of period	298,546	319,520	262,752
(note 5)	(12,179)	(33,525)	46,842
End of period	\$294,302 ======	\$298,546 ======	\$319,520 ======

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements. F-353  $\,$ 

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# COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30,	DECEMBE	ER 31,
	1998	1997	1996
		IN THOUSANDS	
Cash flows from operating activities:  Net earnings	\$ 7,935	\$ 12,551	\$ 9,926
Depreciation and amortization  Deferred income tax expense  Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions:	17,757 3,403	22,509 7,181	20,261 4,533
Change in receivables	2,213 84	(1,644) (125)	(55) (248)
expenses	2,159	418	(473)
Net cash provided by operating activities	33,551	40,890	33,944
Cash flows from investing activities: Capital expended for property and equipment Cash paid for acquisitions Other investing activities	(13,540)  (809)	,	
Net cash used in investing activities	(14,349)	(7,365)	
Cash flows from financing activities: Change in due to TCI	(19,202)	(33,525)	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(19,202)	(33,525)	46,842
Net change in cashCash:			
Beginning of period			
End of period	\$ ======	\$ ======	\$ ======
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information: Cash paid during the period for interest	\$ 4,343 =======	\$ 5,832 =======	\$ 4,701
Cash paid during the period for income taxes	\$ ======	\$ 140 ======	\$ 86 ======

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements. F-354  $\,$ 

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1998 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1998, AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997 AND 1996

#### (1) BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The combined financial statements include the accounts of thirteen of TCI's cable television systems serving certain subscribers within Oregon, Washington, Alabama, Missouri and California (collectively, the "TCI Falcon Systems"). This combination was created in connection with the Partnership formation discussed below. The TCI Falcon Systems were indirectly wholly-owned by TCI in all periods presented herein up to the date of the Contribution, as defined below. All significant inter-entity accounts and transactions have been eliminated in combination. The combined net assets of the TCI Falcon Systems including amounts due to TCI are referred to as "Parent's Investment".

TCI's ownership interests in the TCI Falcon Systems, as described above, were acquired through transactions wherein TCI acquired various larger cable entities (the "Original Systems"). The TCI Falcon System's combined financial statements include an allocation of the purchase price and certain purchase accounting adjustments, including the related deferred tax effects, from TCI's acquisition of the Original Systems. Such allocation and the related franchise cost amortization was based on the relative fair market value of the systems acquired. In addition, certain costs of TCI are charged to the TCI Falcon Systems based on their number of customers (see note 5). Although such allocations are not necessarily indicative of the costs that would have been incurred by the TCI Falcon Systems on a stand alone basis, management believes that the resulting allocated amounts are reasonable.

#### Partnership Formation

On September 30, 1998, TCI and Falcon Holding Group, LP ("Falcon") closed a transaction under a Contribution and Purchase Agreement (the "Contribution"), whereby TCI contributed the TCI Falcon Systems to a newly formed partnership (the "Partnership") between TCI and Falcon in exchange for an approximate 46% ownership interest in the Partnership. The accompanying combined financial statements reflect the position, results of operations and cash flows of the TCI Falcon Systems immediately prior to the Contribution, and, therefore, do not include the effects of such Contribution.

#### (2) ACQUISITION

On January 1, 1998, a subsidiary of TCI acquired certain cable television assets in and around Ellensburg, WA from King Videocable Company. On the same date, these assets were transferred to the TCI Falcon Systems. As a result of these transactions, the TCI Falcon Systems recorded non-cash increases in property and equipment of \$2,100,000, in franchise costs of \$4,923,000, and in parent's investment of \$7,023,000. Assuming the acquisition had occurred on January 1, 1997, the TCI Falcon Systems' pro forma results of operations would not have been materially different from the results of operations for the year ended December 31, 1997.

#### (3) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Receivables

Receivables are reflected net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. Such allowance at September 30, 1998 and December 31, 1997 was not significant.

#### Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost, including acquisition costs allocated to tangible assets acquired. Construction costs, labor and applicable overhead related to installations, and interest during

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

construction are capitalized. During the nine-month period ended September 30, 1998 and for the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1996, interest capitalized was not significant.

Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis using estimated useful lives of 3 to 15 years for distribution systems and 3 to 40 years for support equipment and buildings.

Repairs and maintenance are charged to operations, and renewals and additions are capitalized. At the time of ordinary retirements, sales or other dispositions of property, the original cost and cost of removal of such property are charged to accumulated depreciation, and salvage, if any, is credited thereto. Gains or losses are only recognized in connection with the sales of properties in their entirety.

#### Franchise Costs

Franchise costs include the difference between the cost of acquiring cable television systems and amounts assigned to their tangible assets. Such amounts are generally amortized on a straight-line basis over 40 years. Costs incurred by the TCI Falcon Systems in negotiating and renewing franchise agreements are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the franchise, generally 10 to 20 years.

#### Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

Management periodically reviews the carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment and its intangible assets to determine whether current events or circumstances warrant adjustments to such carrying amounts. If an impairment adjustment is deemed necessary based on an analysis of undiscounted cash flows, such loss is measured by the amount that the carrying value of such assets exceeds their fair value. Considerable management judgment is necessary to estimate the fair value of assets, accordingly, actual results could vary significantly from such estimates. Assets to be disposed of are carried at the lower of their financial statement carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell.

#### Revenue Recognition

Cable revenue for customer fees, equipment rental, advertising, and pay-per-view programming is recognized in the period that services are delivered. Installation revenue is recognized in the period the installation services are provided to the extent of direct selling costs. Any remaining amount is deferred and recognized over the estimated average period that customers are expected to remain connected to the cable television system.

### Combined Statements of Cash Flows

Transactions effected through the intercompany account with TCI (except for the acquisition and dividend discussed in notes 2 and 5, respectively) have been considered constructive cash receipts and payments for purposes of the combined statements of cash flows.

#### Estimates

The preparation of combined financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the combined financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Reclassifications

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified for comparability with the 1998 presentation.

#### NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

#### (4) INCOME TAXES

The TCI Falcon Systems were included in the consolidated federal income tax return of TCI. Income tax expense for the TCI Falcon Systems is based on those items in the consolidated calculation applicable to the TCI Falcon Systems. Intercompany tax allocation represents an apportionment of tax expense or benefit (other than deferred taxes) among subsidiaries of TCI in relation to their respective amounts of taxable earnings or losses. The payable or receivable arising from the intercompany tax allocation is recorded as an increase or decrease in amounts due to TCI. Deferred income taxes are based on the book and tax basis differences of the assets and liabilities within the TCI Falcon Systems. The income tax amounts included in the accompanying combined financial statements approximate the amounts that would have been reported if the TCI Falcon Systems had filed a separate income tax return.

Income tax expense for the nine-month period ended September 30, 1998 and for the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1996 consists of:

	CURRENT	DEFERRED	TOTAL	
	(AMOU	(AMOUNTS IN THOUS		
Nine-month period ended September 30, 1998: Intercompany allocation	. ' ' 	(2,778)	(2,778) (625)	
	\$(1,825) ======	\$(3,403) ======	\$(5,228) ======	
Year ended December 31, 1997: Intercompany allocationFederalState and local		(5,862)	(5,862)	
	\$(1,627) ======	\$(7,181) ======	\$(8,808) ======	
Year ended December 31, 1996: Intercompany allocation Federal State and local		(4,032)	(4,032)	
	\$(1,706) ======	\$(4,533) ======	\$(6,239) ======	

Income tax expense differs from the amounts computed by applying the federal income tax rate of 35% as a result of the following:

	JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1998	YEARS E DECEMBE	R 31,
		1997	1996
	(AMOUNTS IN	THOUSANDS)	
Computed "expected" tax expense	\$(4,607) (198)	\$(7,476) (265)	\$(5,658) (178)
income tax benefit	(406)	(948)	(382)
Other	(17)	(119)	(21)
	\$(5,228)	\$(8,808)	\$(6,239)
	======	======	======

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of the deferred tax asset and deferred tax liabilities at September 30, 1998 and December 31, 1997 are presented below:

	SEPTEMBER 30, 1998	DECEMBER 31, 1997	
	(AMOUNTS IN	THOUSANDS)	
Deferred tax asset principally due to non-deductible accruals	\$ 146 	\$ 128 	
Deferred tax liabilities: Property and equipment, principally due to differences in depreciation Franchise costs, principally due to differences	24,246	20,985	
in amortization and initial basis	100,486	100,326	
Total gross deferred tax liabilities	124,732	121,311	
Net deferred tax liability	\$124,586 ======	\$121,183 ======	

#### (5) PARENT'S INVESTMENT

Parent's investment in the TCI Falcon Systems at September 30, 1998 and December 31, 1997 is summarized as follows:

	SEPTEMBER 30, 1998	DECEMBER 31, 1997
	(AMOUNTS IN	THOUSANDS)
Due to TCIRetained earnings (deficit)	\$ 642,228 (347,926)	\$224,668 73,878
	\$ 294,302 =======	\$298,546 ======

The amount due to TCI represents advances for operations, acquisitions and construction costs, as well as, the amounts owed as a result of the allocation of certain costs from TCI. TCI charges intercompany interest expense at variable rates to cable systems within the TCI Falcon Systems based upon amounts due to TCI from the cable systems. Such amounts are due on demand.

On August 15, 1998, TCI caused the TCI Falcon Systems to effect distributions from the TCI Falcon Systems to TCI aggregating \$429,739,000 (the "Dividend"). The Dividend resulted in a non-cash increase to the intercompany amounts owed to TCI and a corresponding non-cash decrease to retained earnings.

As a result of TCI's ownership of 100% of the TCI Falcon Systems prior to the Contribution, the amounts due to TCI have been classified as a component of parent's investment in the accompanying combined financial statements.

The TCI Falcon Systems purchase, at TCI's cost, substantially all of their pay television and other programming from affiliates of TCI. Charges for such programming were \$21,479,000, \$25,500,000 and \$20,248,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 1998 and the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1996, respectively, and are included in operating expenses in the accompanying combined financial statements.

Certain subsidiaries of TCI provide administrative services to the TCI Falcon Systems and have assumed managerial responsibility of the TCI Falcon Systems' cable television system operations and construction. As compensation for these services, the TCI Falcon Systems pay a monthly fee calculated on a per-customer basis.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

The intercompany advances and expense allocation activity in amounts due to TCI consists of the following:

	JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1998	DECEMBER 31,	
		1997	
	(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)		
Beginning of period  Transfer of cable system acquisition purchase	\$224,668	\$258,193	\$211,351
price	7,023		68,240
Programming charges	21,479	25,500	20,248
Administrative fees	2,853	5,034	5,768
Intercompany interest expense	4,343	5,832	4,701
Tax allocations	1,825	1,487	1,620
Distribution to TCI	429,739		
Cash transfer	(49,702)	(71,378)	(53,735)
End of period	\$642,228	\$224,668	\$258,193
	=======	=======	=======

#### (6) COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (the "1992 Cable Act") imposed certain rate regulations on the cable television industry. Under the 1992 Cable Act, all cable systems are subject to rate regulation, unless they face "effective competition," as defined by the 1992 Cable Act and expanded in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "1996 Act"), in their local franchise area.

Although the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC") has established regulations required by the 1992 Cable Act, local government units (commonly referred to as local franchising authorities) are primarily responsible for administering the regulation of a cable system's basic service tier ("BST"). The FCC itself directly administered rate regulation of any cable programming service tier ("CPST"). The FCC's authority to regulate CPST rates expired on March 31, 1999. The FCC has taken the position that it will still adjudicate CPST complaints filed after this sunset date (but no later than 180 days after the last CPST rate increase imposed prior to March 31, 1999), and will strictly limit its review (and possible refund orders) to the time period predating the sunset date.

Under the FCC's rate regulations, most cable systems were required to reduce their BST and CPST rates in 1993 and 1994, and have since had their rate increases governed by a complicated price structure that allows for the recovery of inflation and certain increased costs, as well as providing some incentive for expanding channel carriage. Operators also have the opportunity to bypass this "benchmark" regulatory structure in favor of the traditional "cost-of-service" regulation in cases where the latter methodology appears favorable. Premium cable services offered on a per-channel or per-program basis remain unregulated, as do affirmatively marketed packages consisting entirely of new programming product.

The management of the TCI Falcon Systems believes that it has complied in all material respects with the provisions of the 1992 Cable Act and the 1996 Act, including its rate setting provisions. If, as a result of the review process, a system cannot substantiate its rates, it could be required to retroactively reduce its rates to the appropriate benchmark and refund the excess portion of rates received. Any refunds of the excess portion of CPST rates would be retroactive to the date of complaint. Any refunds of the excess portion of BST or equipment rates would be retroactive to one year prior to the implementation of the rate reductions.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

Certain plaintiffs have filed or threatened separate class action complaints against certain of the systems of TCI Falcon Systems, alleging that the systems' practice of assessing an administrative fee to customers whose payments are delinquent constitutes an invalid liquidated damage provision, a breach of contract, and violates local consumer protection statutes. Plaintiffs seek recovery of all late fees paid to the subject systems as a class purporting to consist of all customers who were assessed such fees during the applicable limitation period, plus attorney fees and costs.

The TCI Falcon Systems have contingent liabilities related to legal proceedings and other matters arising in the ordinary course of business. Although it is possible the TCI Falcon Systems may incur losses upon conclusion of the matters referred to above, an estimate of any loss or range of loss cannot presently be made. Based upon the facts available, management believes that, although no assurance can be given as to the outcome of these actions, the ultimate disposition should not have a material adverse effect upon the combined financial condition of the TCI Falcon Systems.

The TCI Falcon Systems lease business offices, have entered into pole rental agreements and use certain equipment under lease arrangements. Rental expense under such arrangements amounted to \$1,268,000, \$1,868,000 and \$1,370,000 for the nine-month period ended September 30, 1998, and the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1996, respectively.

Future minimum lease payments under noncancellable operating leases for each of the next five years are summarized as follows (amounts in thousands):

YEARS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,

 1999.
 \$ 762

 2000.
 667

 2001.
 533

 2002.
 469

 2003.
 414

 Thereafter
 2,768

 \$5,613
 =====

TCI formed a year 2000 Program Management Office (the "PMO") to organize and manage its year 2000 remediation efforts. The PMO is responsible for overseeing, coordinating and reporting on TCI's year 2000 remediation efforts, including the year 2000 remediation efforts of the TCI Falcon Systems prior to the Contribution. Subsequent to the date of the Contribution, the year 2000 remediation efforts of the TCI Falcon Systems are no longer the responsibility of TCI or the PMO.

The failure to correct a material year 2000 problem could result in an interruption or failure of certain important business operations. There can be no assurance that the TCI Falcon Systems or the systems of other companies on which the TCI Falcon Systems relies will be converted in time or that any such failure to convert by the TCI Falcon Systems or other companies will not have a material adverse effect on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

## TO CC V HOLDINGS, LLC:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of CC V Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1999, and the related consolidated statements of operations and cash flows for the period from November 15, 1999, through December 31, 1999, and the consolidated statements of operations, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for the period from January 1, 1999, through November 14, 1999. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of CC V Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1999, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the period from November 15, 1999, through December 31, 1999, and for the period from January 1, 1999, through November 14, 1999, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

As discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, substantially all of CC V Holdings, LLC was acquired by Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC as of November 15, 1999, in a business combination accounted for as a purchase. As a result of the application of purchase accounting, the consolidated financial statements of CC V Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1999, and for the Successor Period (November 15, 1999, through December 31, 1999), are presented on a different cost basis than financial statements presented for the Predecessor Period (January 1, 1999, through November 14, 1999), and accordingly, are not directly comparable.

/s/ ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

St. Louis, Missouri, February 16, 2000

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	SUCCESSOR
	DECEMBER 31, 1999
ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,806
accounts of \$1,143 Prepaid expenses and other	1,920 663
Total current assets	9,389
INVESTMENT IN CABLE PROPERTIES: Property, plant and equipment	121, 285 721, 744
Total investment in cable properties	843,029
DEFERRED FINANCING COSTS	1,983
	\$854,401 ======
LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Accounts payable and accrued expensesPayables to manager of cable systemsrelated parties	\$ 25,132 4,971
Total current liabilities	30,103
LONG-TERM DEBT  DEFERRED MANAGEMENT FEESRELATED PARTIES  MEMBER'S EQUITY100 units issued and outstanding	451,212 262 372,824
	\$854,401 ======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this consolidated statement.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-362}}$ 

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	SUCCESSOR	PREDECESSOR
	PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 15, 1999, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1999	PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1999, THROUGH NOVEMBER 14, 1999
REVENUES: Basic services Premium services Other	\$ 11,281 1,008 1,641	\$ 76,721 7,088 10,574
	13,930	94,383
ADEDITING EVERYOPE		
OPERATING EXPENSES: Programming. General and administrative	3,597 1,991 2,377 316 7,822 501	24,927 10,968 16,311 883 39,943
	16,604	93,032
(Loss) income from operations	(2,674)	1,351
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE): Interest income	(7,537) (7,537)	764 (40,162)  (39,398)
	(1,551)	(39,390)
Loss before income taxes	(10,211)	(38,047) (13,936)
Loss before minority interest	(10,211)	(24,111) 4,499
Net loss	\$(10,211) ======	\$(19,612) ======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{\textbf{F-363}}}$ 

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	ADDITIONAL COMMON PAID-IN ACCUMULATED STOCK CAPITAL DEFICIT		D-IN ACCUMULATED SHAREHOLDER	
BALANCE, January 1, 1999			\$ (8,918)	\$ 26,082
Net loss			(19,612)	(19,612)
BALANCE, November 14, 1999	\$	\$35,000	\$(28,530)	\$ 6,470
	======	======	=======	=======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this consolidated statement.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-364}}$ 

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

SUCCESSOR

PREDECESSOR

	SUCCESSUR	PREDECESSOR
	PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 15, 1999, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1999	PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1999, THROUGH NOVEMBER 14, 1999
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:  Net loss	\$(10,211)	\$(19,612)
operating activities	7 000	20 042
Depreciation and amortization  Deferred income taxes	7,822 	39,943 (16,969)
Minority interest in loss of subsidiary		4,499
Noncash interest expense  Net change in certain assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisitions	1,855	11,764
Accounts receivable	782	(1,182)
Prepaid expenses and other	76	(409)
Receivable from affiliate	(2 200)	124
Accounts payable and accrued expenses  Payables to manager of cable systemsrelated parties	(3,399) 4,971	15,285
Payable to affiliate	4,971	(2,206)
Other operating activities	(469)	(2,905)
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,427	28,332
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(2,042)	(13,683)
Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	'	(47, 237)
Other investing activities		(11,414)
Not sook wood in investing sotivities	(2.042)	(70, 004)
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,042)	(72,334)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Borrowings of long-term debt	5,000	39,428
Repayments of long-term debt		(20)
Payment of deferred financing costs	(2,000)	
Distributions	(273)	
Net cash provided by financing activities	2,727	39,408
Not outline provided by rindholling doctivities		
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2,112	(4,594)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	4,694	9,288
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	\$ 6,806 ======	\$ 4,694 ======
CASH PAID FOR INTEREST	\$ 2,551 ======	\$ 30,429 ======
CASH PAID FOR TAXES	\$ ======	\$ 283 ======
NONCASH TRANSACTIONIncrease in franchises and member's equity resulting from the application of purchase		
accounting	\$383,308 ======	\$ =======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{\textbf{F-365}}}$ 

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

## Organization and Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of CC V Holdings, LLC (CC V Holdings), (formerly known as Avalon Cable LLC (Avalon Cable)), and its wholly owned subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company"). CC V Holdings is a Delaware limited liability company. The Company derives its primary source of revenues by providing various levels of cable programming and services to residential and business customers. The Company operates primarily in the state of Michigan and in the New England area. The Company also owns and operates various Internet service providers, which provide dial-up telephone access to the Internet via a modem.

All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

#### Acquisition

On November 15, 1999, Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC (Charter Holdco) purchased directly and indirectly all of the equity interests of Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc. (Avalon Michigan Holdings) for an aggregate purchase price of \$832,000, including assumed debt of \$273,400 (the "Charter Acquisition"). In connection with a multistep restructuring following the acquisition of Avalon Michigan Holdings, Avalon Michigan Holdings was merged with and into CC V Holdings. Effective January 1, 2000, these interests acquired were transferred to Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Holdco.

As a result of the Charter Acquisition, the Company has applied purchase accounting in the preparation of the accompanying consolidated financial statements. Accordingly, CC V Holdings' increased its member's equity to \$383,308 to reflect the amount paid in the Charter Acquisition and has allocated that amount to assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their relative fair values including amounts assigned to franchises of \$727,720. The allocation of the purchase price is based, in part, on preliminary information, which is subject to adjustment upon completion of certain appraisal and valuation information. Management believes that finalization of the purchase price and allocation will not have a material impact on the consolidated results of operations or financial position of the Company.

As a result of the Charter Acquisition and the application of purchase accounting, financial information in the accompanying consolidated financial statements and notes thereto as of December 31, 1999, and for the period from November 15, 1999, through December 31, 1999 (the "Successor Period") are presented on a different cost basis than the financial information for the period from January 1, 1999, through November 14, 1999, (the "Predecessor Period") and therefore, such information is not comparable.

Prior to the Charter Acquisition, Avalon Michigan Holdings had a majority interest in CC V Holdings.

## Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. These investments are carried at cost that approximates market value.

# Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is recorded at cost, including all direct and certain indirect costs associated with the construction of cable television transmission and distribution facilities, and the cost of new customer installations. The costs of disconnecting a customer are charged to expense in the period incurred. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred, while equipment replacement and betterments are capitalized.

Depreciation for the Successor Period is provided on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets as follows:  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{$ 

Cable distribution systems	3-15 years
Buildings and leasehold improvements	5-15 years
Vehicles and equipment	3-5 years

Depreciation for the Predecessor Period was provided on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets as follows:

Buildings and improvement	10-25 years
Cable plant and equipment	5-12 years
Vehicles	5 years
Office furniture and equipment	5-10 years

## Franchises

Costs incurred in obtaining and renewing cable franchises are deferred and amortized over the lives of the franchises. Costs relating to unsuccessful franchise applications are charged to expense when it is determined that the efforts to obtain the franchise will not be successful. Franchise rights acquired through the purchase of cable systems, including the Charter Acquisition, represent the excess of the cost of properties acquired over the amounts assigned to net tangible assets and identifiable intangible assets at the date of acquisition and are amortized using the straight-line method over a period of 15 years. The period of 15 years is management's best estimate of the useful lives of the franchises and assumes substantially all of those franchises that expire during the period will be renewed by the Company. Accumulated amortization was \$5,976 at December 31, 1999. Amortization expense for the period from January 1, 1999 through November 14, 1999 and for the period from November 15, 1999, through December 31, 1999, was \$29,679 and \$5,976, respectively.

## Deferred Financing Costs

Costs related to the Senior Credit Facilities (as defined below) are deferred and amortized to interest expense using the effective interest rate method over the term of the related borrowing. As of December 31, 1999, accumulated amortization of deferred financing costs is \$17.

# Impairment of Assets

If facts and circumstances suggest that a long-lived asset may be impaired, the carrying value is reviewed. If a review indicates that the carrying value of such asset is not recoverable based on projected undiscounted cash flows related to the asset over its remaining life, the carrying value of such asset is reduced to its estimated fair value.

## Revenues

Cable television revenues from basic and premium services are recognized when the related services are provided.

Installation revenues are recognized to the extent of direct selling costs incurred. The remainder, if any, is deferred and amortized to income over the estimated average period that customers are expected to remain connected to the cable system. As of December 31, 1999, no installation revenue has been deferred, as direct selling costs have exceeded installation revenue.

Fees collected from programmers to guarantee carriage are deferred and amortized to income over the life of the contracts. Local governmental authorities impose franchise fees on the Company ranging up to a

federally mandated maximum of 5.0% of gross revenues. Such fees are collected on a monthly basis from the Company's customers and are periodically remitted to local franchises. Franchise fees collected and paid are reported as revenues and expenses.

## Interest Rate Hedge Agreements

The Company manages fluctuations in interest rates by using interest rate hedge agreements, as required by certain of its debt agreements. Interest rate caps are accounted for as hedges of debt obligations, and accordingly, the net settlement amounts are recorded as adjustments to interest expense in the period incurred. Premiums paid for interest rate caps are deferred, included in other assets, and are amortized over the original term of the interest rate agreement as an adjustment to interest expense.

Interest rate caps are entered into by the Company to reduce the impact of rising interest rates on floating rate debt.

The Company's participation in interest rate hedging transactions involves instruments that have a close correlation with its debt, thereby managing its risk. Interest rate hedge agreements have been designated for hedging purposes and are not held or issued for speculative purposes.

#### Income Taxes

Prior to the Charter Acquisition, the Company filed a consolidated income tax return. The tax benefit of \$13,936 in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations for the period from January 1, 1999, through November 14, 1999, is recorded at 37%. This approximates the statutory tax rate of the Company.

Beginning November 15, 1999, the Company and all subsidiaries are limited liability companies such that all income taxes are the responsibility of the equity member of the Company and are not provided for in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. In addition, certain subsidiaries or corporations are subject to income taxes but have no operations and, therefore, no material income tax liabilities or assets.

#### Segments

Segments have been identified based upon management responsibility. The Company operates in one segment, cable services.

## Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments which potentially expose the Company to a concentration of credit risk include cash and subscriber and other receivables. The Company had cash in excess of federally insured deposits at financial institutions at December 31, 1999. The Company does not believe that such deposits are subject to any unusual credit risk beyond the normal credit risk associated with operating its business. The Company extends credit to customers on an unsecured basis in the normal course of business. The Company maintains reserves for potential credit losses and such losses, in the aggregate, have not historically exceeded management's expectations. The Company's trade receivables reflect a customer base centered in Michigan

and New England. The Company routinely assesses the financial strength of its customers; as a result, concentrations of credit risk are limited.

## 2. MEMBER'S EOUITY:

For the period from November 15, 1999, through December 31, 1999, successor member's equity consisted of the following:

BALANCE, November 15, 1999	\$383,308
Net loss	(10, 211)
Distributions to Charter Communications, Inc. and	
Charter Investment, Inc	(273)
BALANCE, December 31, 1999	\$372,824
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## 3. ACQUISITIONS:

On March 26, 1999, Avalon Michigan Holdings acquired the minority interest of Mercom Inc. (Mercom) for \$21,875. In addition, the Company acquired eight cable systems for an aggregate purchase price of \$25,362 in 1999. These eight acquisitions, which were completed during the Predecessor Period, were accounted for using the purchase method of accounting and, accordingly, results of operations of the acquired systems have been included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements from the dates of acquisition. The purchase prices were allocated to tangible and intangible assets based on estimated fair market values at the dates of acquisition. The excess of the consideration paid over the estimated fair market values of the net assets acquired was \$12,940 and was amortized using the straight-line method over 15 years during the Predecessor Period. All goodwill was eliminated as a result of the Charter Acquisition.

Unaudited pro forma operating results as though the 1999 acquisitions discussed above, including the Charter Acquisition, had occurred on January 1, 1999, with adjustments to give effect to amortization of franchises, interest expense and certain other adjustments are as follows:

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999
	(UNAUDITED)
	(UNAUDITED)
Revenues Loss from operations Net loss	\$110,308 (17,580) (59,668)

The unaudited pro forma financial information has been presented for comparative purposes and does not purport to be indicative of the results of operations had these transactions been completed as of the assumed date or which may be obtained in the future.

## 4. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:

Property, plant and equipment consists of the following at December 31, 1999:

Cable distribution systems  Buildings and leasehold improvements  Vehicles and equipment	
LessAccumulated depreciation	123,087 (1,802)
·	
	\$121,285
	=======

Depreciation expense for assets owned by the Company for the period from January 1, 1999, through November 14, 1999, and for the period from November 15, 1999, through December 31, 1999, was \$10,264\$ and \$1,802, respectively.

## 5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES:

Accounts payable and accrued expenses consist of the following at December 31, 1999:

Accrued litigation costssee Note 10	. ,
Accrued interest	5,417
Accounts payable	3,427
Accrued programming	3,047
Accrued franchises	1,578
Other	2,228
	\$25,132
	======

## 6. LONG-TERM DEBT:

The Company has outstanding the following borrowings on long-term debt arrangements at December 31, 1999:

\$170,000 150,000 196,000 500
516,500 (65,288)
\$451,212

## Credit Facilities

On November 6, 1998, Avalon Michigan became a co-borrower along with Avalon Cable of New England LLC (Avalon New England) and Avalon Cable Finance, Inc. (Avalon Finance), affiliated companies on the \$320,888 senior credit facilities, which included term loan facilities consisting of (i) tranche A term loans of \$120,888 and (ii) tranche B term loans of \$170,000 and a revolving credit facility of \$30,000 (collectively, the "Old Credit Facilities").

In connection with the Senior Subordinated Notes (as defined below) and Senior Discount Notes (as defined below) offerings, Avalon Michigan repaid \$125,013 of the Old Credit Facilities, and the availability under the Old Credit Facilities was reduced to \$195,875 prior to the Charter Acquisition.

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The interest rate under the Old Credit Facilities was a rate based on either (i) the base rate (a rate per annum equal to the greater of the Prime Rate and the Federal Funds Effective Rate plus 1/2 of 1%) or (ii) the Eurodollar rate (a rate per annum equal to the Eurodollar Base Rate divided by 1.00 less the Eurocurrency Reserve Requirements) plus, in either case, an applicable margin.

In connection with the Charter Acquisition, the Old Credit Facilities were terminated.

Effective November 15, 1999, the Company became a borrower on \$300,000 senior credit facilities, which includes term loan facilities consisting of (i) a Term B Loan of \$125,000 that matures on November 15, 2008, and (ii) a revolving credit facility of \$175,000 that matures on May 15, 2008 (collectively, the "Senior Credit Facilities"). The Senior Credit Facilities also provide for, at the option of the lenders, supplemental credit facilities in the amounts of \$75,000, available until December 31, 2003.

The interest rate under the Senior Credit Facilities is a rate based on either (i) the base rate (a rate per annum equal to the greater of the Prime Rate and the Federal Funds Effective Rate plus 1/2 of 1%) or (ii) the Eurodollar rate (a rate per annum equal to the Eurodollar Base Rate divided by 1.00 less the Eurocurrency Reserve Requirements) plus, in either case, an applicable margin. The variable interest rate as of December 31, 1999, ranged from 7.995% to 8.870%. A quarterly commitment fee of between 0.250% to 0.375% per annum is payable on the unborrowed balance of the revolving credit facility.

Commencing March 31, 2003, and at the end of each quarter thereafter through September 30, 2008, the Term B Loan is payable in installments of 0.25% of the outstanding balance, and the remaining 94.25% unpaid outstanding balance is due on November 15, 2008. Commencing March 31, 2003, and at the end of each quarter thereafter, available borrowings under the revolving credit facility shall be reduced on an annual basis by 5.0% in 2003, 15.0% in 2004, 20.0% in 2005, 22.0% in 2006, 24.0% in 2007 and 14.0% in 2008.

The Senior Credit Facilities contain restrictive covenants which, among other things, require the Company to maintain certain ratios including consolidated leverage ratios and the interest coverage ratio, fixed charge ratio and debt service coverage.

The obligations of the Company under the Senior Credit Facilities agreement are secured by substantially all of the assets of the Company.

## Senior Subordinated Notes

In December 1998, Avalon Michigan became a co-issuer of a \$150,000 principal amount of 9.375% Senior Subordinated Notes (the "Senior Subordinated Notes").

The indenture governing the Senior Subordinated Notes provides that upon the occurrence of a change of control each holder of the Senior Subordinated Notes has the right to require the Company to purchase all or any part (equal to \$1,000 or an integral multiple thereof) of such holder's Senior Subordinated Notes at an offer price in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount thereon plus accrued and unpaid interest and Liquidated Damages (as defined in the indentures) thereof, if any, to the date of purchase. The Charter Acquisition constituted a change of control.

Pursuant to a change of control offer dated December 3, 1999, 134,050 of the Company's 9.375% Senior Subordinated Notes due December 1, 2008 were validly tendered.

The aggregate repurchase price was \$137,400, including accrued and unpaid interest through January 28, 2000, and was funded with equity contributions from Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (Charter Holdings), a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Holdco and parent of CC V Holdings, which made the cash available from the proceeds of its sale of \$1.5 billion of high yield notes in January 2000 (the "January 2000 Charter Holdings Notes").

In addition to the above change of control repurchase, the Company repurchased the remaining 15,950 notes (including accrued and unpaid interest) in the open market for \$16,300, also using cash received from equity contributions ultimately from Charter Holdings, which made the cash available from the sale proceeds of the January 2000 Charter Holdings Notes.

#### Senior Discount Notes

On December 10, 1998, Avalon Michigan Holdings and Avalon Cable Holdings Finance, Inc. (collectively, the "Holdings Co-Issuers") issued \$196,000 aggregate principal amount at maturity of 11.875% Senior Discount Notes (the "Senior Discount Notes") due 2008.

The Senior Discount Notes were issued at a substantial discount from their principal amount at maturity, for proceeds of approximately \$110,400. Interest on the Senior Discount Notes will accrue but not be payable before December 1, 2003. Thereafter, interest on the Senior Discount Notes will accrue on the principal amount at maturity at a rate of 11.875% per annum commencing December 1, 2003, and will be payable semiannually in arrears on June 1 and December 1 of each year. Prior to December 1, 2003, the accreted value of the Senior Discount Notes will increase, representing amortization of original issue discount, between the date of original issuance and December 1, 2003, on a semiannual basis using a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months, such that the accreted value shall be equal to the full principal amount at maturity of the Senior Discount Notes on December 1, 2003.

On December 1, 2003, the Holdings Co-Issuers will be required to redeem an amount equal to \$369.79 per \$1,000 principal amount at maturity of each Senior Discount Note then outstanding on a pro rata basis at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount at maturity.

On or after December 1, 2003, the Senior Discount Notes will be subject to redemption at any time at the option of the Holdings Co-Issuers, in whole or in part, at the redemption prices, which are expressed as percentages of principal amount, shown below plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, and liquidated damages, if any, thereon to the applicable redemption date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on December 1 of the years indicated below:

YEAR	PERCENTAGE
2003	105.938%
2004	103.958%
2005	101.979%
2006 and thereafter	100.000%

Notwithstanding the foregoing, at any time before December 1, 2001, the holding companies may on any one or more occasions redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of senior discount notes originally issued under the Senior Discount Note indenture at a redemption price equal to 111.875% of the accreted value at the date of redemption, plus liquidated damages, if any, to the redemption date, with the net cash proceeds of any equity offering and/or the net cash proceeds of a strategic equity investment.

Upon the occurrence of a change of control, each holder of Senior Discount Notes will have the right to require the Holdings Co-Issuers to repurchase all or any part of such holder's Senior Discount Notes pursuant to a change of control offer at an offer price in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest and liquidated damages thereon, if any, to the date of purchase. The Charter Acquisition constituted a change of control.

Upon expiration of the change of control offer (January 26, 2000), 16,250 of the Senior Discount Notes due were validly tendered.

The Senior Discount Notes were repurchased for \$10,500 using cash received from equity contributions from Charter Holdings. As of February 29, 2000, 179,750 Senior Discount Notes remain outstanding with an accreted value of \$116.400.

Based upon outstanding indebtedness at December 31, 1999, and the amortization of term, and scheduled reductions in available borrowings of the revolving credit facility, aggregate future principal payments on the total borrowings under all debt agreements at December 31, 1999, are as follows:

	YEAR	AMOUNT
		74,229
		1,250
Thereafter		441,021
		\$516,500
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## 7. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS:

The carrying and fair values of the Company's significant financial instruments as of December 31, 1999, are as follows:

	CARRYING VALUE	NOTIONAL AMOUNT	FAIR VALUE
Debt:			
Senior Credit Facilities	\$170,000	\$	\$170,000
Senior Subordinated Notes	151,500		151,500
Senior Discount Notes	129,212		129,212
7.0% Note payable, due May 2003	500		500
Interest Rate Hedge Agreement:			
Cap		15,000	16

The carrying amount of the Senior Credit Facilities approximates fair value as the outstanding borrowings bear interest at market rates. The fair values of the Senior Subordinated Notes and Senior Discount Notes are based on quoted market prices.

The interest pay rate for the interest rate cap agreement was 9.0% at December 31, 1999.

The notional amount of the interest rate hedge agreement does not represent amounts exchanged by the parties and, thus, are not a measure of the Company's exposure through its use of the interest rate hedge agreement. The amounts exchanged are determined by reference to the notional amount and the other terms of the contract.

The fair value of the interest rate hedge agreement generally reflects the estimated amount that the Company would receive (excluding accrued interest) to terminate the contract on the reporting date, thereby taking into account the current unrealized gains or losses of the open contract. Dealer quotations are available for the Company's interest rate hedge agreement.

Management believes that the seller of the interest rate hedge agreement will be able to meet their obligations under the agreement. In addition, the interest rate hedge agreement is with certain of the participating banks under the Company's Senior Credit Facilities thereby reducing the exposure to credit loss. The Company has policies regarding the financial stability and credit standing of the major counterparties. Nonperformance by the counterparties is not anticipated nor would it have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

#### 8. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

Charter Investment, Inc. (Charter Investment) provides management services to the Company including centralized customer billing services, and data processing and related support. Costs for these services are charged directly to the Company's operating subsidiaries and are included in operating costs. These billings are determined based on the number of basic customers. Charter Investment utilizes a combination of excess insurance coverage and self-insurance programs for its medical, dental and workers' compensation claims. Charges are made to the Company as determined by independent actuaries at the present value of the actuarially computed present and future liabilities for such benefits. Depreciation and amortization incurred by Charter Investment and Charter have been allocated to the Company based on the number of the basic customers. Such costs totaled \$44 for the period from November 15, 1999, through December 31, 1999, are reflected as a capital contribution. Management believes that costs incurred by Charter Investment on the Company's behalf and included in the accompanying financial statements are not materially different than costs the Company would have incurred as a stand-alone entity.

Charter, an entity controlled by Paul G. Allen, was named manager of CC V Holdings pursuant to the terms of the limited liability company agreement for CC V Holdings dated as of November 15, 1999. Furthermore, Charter now manages and operates the Company's cable systems pursuant to a Management Agreement entered into with certain subsidiaries of CC V Holdings. The term of the management agreement is 10 years, commencing on November 15, 1999. Charter is entitled to reimbursement for all expenses, costs, losses and liabilities or damages incurred by Charter in connection with the performance of its services. Payment of the management fee is permitted under the Company's credit agreement, but ranks below the Company's senior debt and shall not be paid except to the extent permitted under the Senior Credit Facilities. Such costs totaled \$501 for the period from November 15, 1999, through December 31, 1999, and are recorded in corporate expense charges-related parties in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. Deferred management fees at December 31, 1999, are \$262.

## 9. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN:

Avalon Michigan had a qualified savings plan under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Plan"). In connection with the Charter Acquisition, the Plan's assets were frozen as of November 14, 1999, and employees became fully vested. Effective January 1, 2000, the Company's employees with two months of service are eligible to participate in the Charter Communications, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the "Charter Plan"). Employees that qualify for participation in the Charter Plan can contribute up to 15% of their salary, on a before tax basis, subject to a maximum contribution limit as determined by the Internal Revenue Service.

# 10. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES:

## Leases

The Company rents poles from utility companies for use in its operations. While rental agreements are generally short-term, the Company anticipates such rentals will continue in the future. The Company also leases office facilities and various equipment under month-to-month operating leases. Rent expense was \$1,506 and \$212 for the periods from January 1, 1999, through November 14, 1999, and from November 15, 1999, through December 31, 1999, respectively. Rental commitments are expected to continue at approximately the same level for the foreseeable future, including pole rental commitments which are cancelable.

Regulation in the Cable Television Industry

The cable television industry is subject to extensive regulation at the federal, local and, in some instances, state levels. The Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 (the "1984 Cable Act"), the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (the "1992 Cable Act" and together with the 1984 Cable

Act, the "Cable Acts"), and the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "1996 Telecom Act"), establish a national policy to guide the development and regulation of cable television systems. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has principal responsibility for implementing the policies of the Cable Acts. Many aspects of such regulation are currently the subject of judicial proceedings and administrative or legislative proposals. Legislation and regulations continue to change, and the Company cannot predict the impact of future developments on the cable television industry.

The 1992 Cable Act and the FCC's rules implementing that act generally have increased the administrative and operational expenses of cable television systems and have resulted in additional regulatory oversight by the FCC and local or state franchise authorities. The Cable Acts and the corresponding FCC regulations have established rate regulations.

The 1992 Cable Act permits certified local franchising authorities to order refunds of basic service tier rates paid in the previous twelve-month period determined to be in excess of the maximum permitted rates. As of December 31, 1999, the amount refunded by the Company has been insignificant. The Company may be required to refund additional amounts in the future.

The Company believes that it has complied in all material respects with the provisions of the 1992 Cable Act, including the rate setting provisions promulgated by the FCC. However, in jurisdictions that have chosen not to certify, refunds covering the previous twelve-month period may be ordered upon certification if the Company is unable to justify its basic rates. As of December 31, 1999, approximately 26% of the Company's local franchising authorities are certified to regulate basic tier rates. The Company is unable to estimate at this time the amount of refunds, if any, that may be payable by the Company in the event certain of its rates are successfully challenged by franchising authorities or found to be unreasonable by the FCC. The Company does not believe that the amount of any such refunds would have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position or results of operations of the Company.

The 1996 Telecom Act, among other things, immediately deregulated the rates for certain small cable operators and in certain limited circumstances rates on the basic service tier, and as of March 31, 1999, deregulated rates on the cable programming service tier (CPST). The FCC has taken the position that it will still adjudicate pending CPST complaints but will strictly limit its review, and possible refund orders, to the time period predating the sunset date, March 31, 1999. The Company does not believe any adjudications regarding their pre-sunset complaints will have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

A number of states subject cable television systems to the jurisdiction of centralized state governmental agencies, some of which impose regulation of a character similar to that of a public utility. State governmental agencies are required to follow FCC rules when prescribing rate regulation, and thus, state regulation of cable television rates is not allowed to be more restrictive than the federal or local regulation.

## Litigation

In connection with the Company's acquisition of Mercom, former Mercom shareholders holding approximately 731,894 Mercom common shares (approximately 15.3% of all outstanding Mercom common shares) gave notice of their election to exercise appraisal rights as provided by Delaware law. On July 2, 1999, former Mercom shareholders holding 535,501 shares of Mercom common stock filed a petition for appraisal of stock in the Delaware Chancery Court. With respect to 209,893 of the total number of shares for which the Company received notice, the notice provided to the Company was received from beneficial holders of Mercom shares who were not holders of record. The Company believes that the notice with respect to these shares did not comply with Delaware law and is ineffective.

The Company cannot predict at this time the effect of the elections to exercise appraisal rights on the Company since the Company does not know the extent to which these former Mercom shareholders will

continue to pursue appraisal rights under Delaware law or choose to abandon these efforts and seek to accept the consideration payable in the Mercom merger. If these former Mercom shareholders continue to pursue their appraisal rights and if a Delaware court were to find that the fair value of the Mercom common shares, exclusive of any element of value arising from our acquisition of Mercom, exceeded \$12.00 per share, the Company would have to pay the additional amount for each Mercom common share subject to the appraisal proceedings together with a fair rate of interest. The Company could be ordered by the Delaware court also to pay reasonable attorney's fees and the fees and expenses of experts for the shareholders. In addition, the Company would have to pay their own litigation costs. The Company has already provided for the consideration of \$12.00 per Mercom common share due under the terms of the merger with Mercom with respect to these shares but has not provided for any additional amounts or costs. The Company can provide no assurance as to what a Delaware court would find in any appraisal proceeding or when this matter will be resolved. Accordingly, the Company cannot assure you that the ultimate outcome would have no material adverse impact on the Company.

## 11. ACCOUNTING STANDARDS NOT YET IMPLEMENTED:

The Company is required to adopt Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities (SFAS No. 133) in 2001. SFAS No. 133 establishes accounting and reporting standards requiring that every derivative instrument (including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts) be recorded on the consolidated balance sheet as either an asset or liability measured at its fair value and that changes in the derivative's fair value be recognized currently in earnings unless specific hedge accounting criteria are met. Special accounting for qualifying hedges allows a derivative's gains and losses to offset related results on the hedged item in the income statement, and requires that a company must formally document, designate and assess the effectiveness of transactions that receive hedge accounting. The adoption of SFAS No. 133 is not expected to have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

To the Board of Managers of Avalon Cable LLC

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in members' interest and cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Avalon Cable LLC and its subsidiaries (the "Company") at December 31, 1997 and 1998 and the results of their operations, changes in members' interest and their cash flows for the period from September 4, 1997 (inception), through December 31, 1997 and for the year ended December 31, 1998 in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards which require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for the opinion expressed above.

/s/ PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

New York, New York March 30, 1999, except for Note 12, as to which the date is May 13, 1999

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# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	DECEMBER 31,	
	1998	1997
	(DOLLARS IN	
ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS: Cash	\$ 9,288	\$
of \$943  Accounts receivable-affiliate  Deferred income taxes  Prepaid expenses and other current assets	5,862 124 479 580	   504
Total current assets.  Property, plant and equipment, net	16,333 111,421 462,117 227	504  
Total assets	\$590,098 ======	\$504 ====
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' INTEREST CURRENT LIABILITIES: Current portion of notes payable Accounts payable and accrued expenses Accounts payable, net-affiliate Advance billings and customer deposits	\$ 20 11,646 2,023 3,171	\$  500 
Total current liabilities	16,860 402,949 3,341 1,841	500   
Total liabilities	424,991	500
Minority interest	13,855	
Members' capital	166,630 (15,378)	 4 
Total member's interest	151,252	4
Total liabilities and member's interest	\$590,098 ======	\$504 ====

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.  ${\hbox{\scriptsize F-378}}$ 

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998 (DOLLARS IN	FOR THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 4, 1997 (INCEPTION) THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1997
REVENUE:		
Basic services	\$ 14,976	\$
Premium services	1,468	·
Other	1,743	
Total revenues	18,187	
Operating expenses:		
Selling, general and administrative	4,207	
Programming	4,564	
Technical and operations	1,951	
Depreciation and amortization	8,183	
Loss from operations	(718)	
Other income (expense):		
Interest income	173	4
Interest expense	(8,223)	
Other expense, net	(65)	
<pre>Income (loss) before income taxes</pre>	(8,833)	4
Provision for income taxes	(186)	
Income (loss) before minority interest and extraordinary		
item	(9,019)	4
Minority interest in consolidated entity	(398)	
Income (loss) before the extraordinary loss on early		
extinguishment of debt	(9,417)	4
Extraordinary loss on early extinguishment of debt	(5,965)	
Net income (loss)	\$(15,382)	\$ 4
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.  ${\hbox{\scriptsize F-379}}$ 

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' INTEREST FROM THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 4, 1997 (INCEPTION) THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1998

	CLAS	S A	CLASS	B-1	ACCUMULATED EARNINGS	TOTAL MEMBERS'
	UNITS	\$	UNITS	\$	(DEFICIT)	INTEREST
		(DOLLARS	IN THOUSANDS	S, EXCEPT	SHARE DATA)	
Net income for the period from September 4, 1997 through December						
31, 1997		\$		\$	\$ 4	\$ 4
Issuance of Class A units Issuance of Class B-1 units in consideration for Avalon Cable of	45,000	45,000				45,000
New England LLC Contribution of assets and liabilities of Avalon Cable of			64,696	4,345		4,345
Michigan Inc Net loss for the year ended December			510,994	117,285		117,285
31, 1998					(15,382)	(15,382)
Balance at December 31, 1998	45,000 =====	\$45,000 =====	575,690 =====	\$121,630 ======	\$(15,378) ======	\$151,252 ======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.  ${\hbox{\scriptsize F-380}}$ 

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(INCEPTION) FOR THE YEAR THROUGH ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998 DECEMBER 31, 1997 ----------(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS) CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: \$ (15,382) \$ 4 Net income (loss)..... Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities 8,183 Depreciation and amortization..... 1.010 5,965 - -75 Minority interest in consolidated entity..... 398 Accretion of senior discount notes..... 1,083 Changes in operating assets and liabilities Increase in (1,679)subscriber receivables..... Increase in accounts receivable-affiliates..... (124) Increase in prepaid expenses and other current assets..... (76)Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses.......

Increase in accounts payable-affiliates...... 4,863 1,523 1,684 Increase in advance billings and customer deposits...... Change in Other, net..... (227)Net cash provided by operating activities..... 7,296 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Capital expenditures..... (11.468)Acquisitions, net of cash acquired..... (554,402)---Net cash used in investing activities..... (565,870) CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Proceeds from issuance of credit facility..... 265,888 Principal payment on credit facility..... (125,013) Proceeds from issuance of senior subordinated debt.......
Proceeds from issuance of note payable-affiliate...... 150,000 3,341 Proceeds from issuance of senior discount notes..... 110,411 Proceeds from other notes payable..... 600 Payments for debt issuance costs..... (3,995)Contribution by members..... 166,630 567,862 Net cash provided by financing activities..... Increase in cash..... 9,288 - -Cash, beginning of period..... ---Cash, end of period..... \$ 9,288 ======= === SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION: Cash paid during the period for interest..... 3.480

FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 4, 1997

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1998 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

## 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

Avalon Cable LLC ("Avalon"), and its wholly owned subsidiaries Avalon Cable Holdings Finance, Inc. ("Avalon Holdings Finance") and Avalon Cable of Michigan LLC ("Avalon Michigan"), were formed in October 1998, pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware, as a wholly owned subsidiary of Avalon Cable of New England Holdings, Inc. ("Avalon New England Holdings").

On November 6, 1998, Avalon New England Holdings contributed its 100% interest in Avalon Cable of New England LLC ("Avalon New England") to Avalon in exchange for a membership interest in Avalon. This contribution was between entities under common control and was accounted for similar to a pooling-of-interests. Under this pooling-of-interests method, the results of operations for Avalon include the results of operations from the date of inception (September 4, 1997) of Avalon New England. On that same date, Avalon received \$63,000 from affiliated entities, which was comprised of (i) a \$45,000 capital contribution by Avalon Investors, LLC ("Avalon Investors") and (ii) a \$18,000 promissory note from Avalon Cable Holdings LLC ("Avalon Holdings"), which was used to make a \$62,800 cash contribution to Avalon New England.

The cash contribution received by Avalon New England was used to (i) extinguish existing indebtedness of \$29,600 and (ii) fund a \$33,200 loan to Avalon Holdings Finance which matures on December 31, 2001.

On December 10, 1998, Avalon received a dividend distribution from Avalon New England in the amount of \$18,206, which was used by Avalon to pay off the promissory note payable to Avalon Holdings, plus accrued interest.

Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. was formed in June 1998, pursuant to the laws of the state of Delaware, as a wholly owned subsidiary of Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc. ("Michigan Holdings".) On June 3, 1998, Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Agreement") among Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc., Michigan Holdings and Cable Michigan, Inc. ("Cable Michigan"), pursuant to which Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. will merge into Cable Michigan and Cable Michigan will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Michigan Holdings (the "Merger"). As part of the Merger, the name of the company was changed to Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc.

In accordance with the terms of the Agreement, each share of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share ("common stock"), of Cable Michigan outstanding prior to the effective time of the Merger (other than treasury stock shares owned by Michigan Holdings or its subsidiaries, or shares as to which dissenters' rights have been exercised) shall be converted into the right to receive \$40.50 in cash (the "Merger Consideration"), subject to certain possible closing adjustments.

In conjunction with the acquisition of Cable Michigan, Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. acquired Cable Michigan's 62% ownership interest in Mercom, Inc. ("Mercom").

On November 6, 1998, Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. completed its Merger. The total consideration payable in conjunction with the Merger, including fees and expenses is \$431,629, including repayment of all existing Cable Michigan indebtedness and accrued interest of \$135,205. Subsequent to the Merger, the arrangements with RCN and CTE for certain support services were terminated. The Agreement also permitted Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. to agree to acquire the remaining shares of Mercom that it did not own.

Michigan Holdings contributed \$137,375 in cash to Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc., which was used to consummate the Merger. On November 5, 1998, Michigan Holdings received \$105,000 in cash in exchange for promissory notes to lenders (the "Bridge Agreement"). On November 6, 1998, Michigan Holdings contributed the proceeds received from the Bridge Agreement and an additional \$35,000 in cash to Avalon Cable of Michigan Inc. in exchange for 100 shares of common stock.

On March 26, 1999, Avalon completed a series of transactions to facilitate certain aspects of its financing between affiliated entities under common control. As a result of these transactions:

- Avalon Cable of Michigan Inc. contributed its assets and liabilities excluding deferred tax liabilities, net to Avalon in exchange for an approximate 88% voting interest in Avalon. Avalon contributed these assets and liabilities to its wholly-owned subsidiary, Avalon Cable of Michigan.
- Avalon Michigan has become the operator of the Michigan cluster replacing Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc.
- Avalon Michigan is an obligor on the Senior Subordinated Notes replacing Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc., and
- Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. is a guarantor of the obligations of Avalon Michigan under the Senior Subordinated Notes. Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. does not have significant assets, other than its investment in Avalon.
- Avalon is an obligor on the Senior Discount Notes replacing Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc.

As a result of the reorganization between entities under common control, Avalon accounted for the reorganization similar to a pooling-of-interests. Under the pooling-of-interests method, the results of operations for Avalon include the results of operations from the date of inception (June 2, 1998) inception of Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. and the date of acquisition of the completed acquisitions.

Avalon New England and Avalon Michigan provide cable service to the western New England area and the state of Michigan, respectively. Avalon cable systems offer customer packages of basic and premium cable programming services which are offered at a per channel charge or are packaged together to form a tier of services offered at a discount from the combined channel rate. Avalon cable systems also provide premium cable services to their customers for an extra monthly charge. Customers generally pay initial connection charges and fixed monthly fees for cable programming and premium cable services, which constitute the principal sources of revenue for Avalon.

Avalon Holdings Finance was formed for the sole purpose of facilitating financings associated with the acquisitions of various cable operating companies. Avalon Holdings Finance conducts no other activities.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## Principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements of Avalon and its subsidiaries, include the accounts of Avalon and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Avalon New England, Avalon Michigan and Avalon Holdings Finance (collectively, the "Company"). All significant transactions between Avalon and its subsidiaries have been eliminated.

## Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and use assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure for contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results may vary from estimates used.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

#### Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognized as cable services are provided. Installation fee revenue is recognized in the period in which the installation occurs to the extent that direct selling costs meet or exceed installation revenues.

#### Advertising costs

Advertising costs are charged to operations as incurred. Advertising costs were \$82 for the year ended December 31, 1998.

## Concentration of credit risk

Financial instruments which potentially expose the Company to a concentration of credit risk include cash and subscriber and other receivables. The Company had cash in excess of federally insured deposits at financial institutions at December 31, 1998. The Company does not believe that such deposits are subject to any unusual credit risk beyond the normal credit risk associated with operating its business. The Company extends credit to customers on an unsecured basis in the normal course of business. The Company maintains reserves for potential credit losses and such losses, in the aggregate, have not historically exceeded management's expectations. The Company's trade receivables reflect a customer base centered in the state of Michigan and New England. The Company routinely assesses the financial strength of its customers; as a result, concentrations of credit risk are limited.

## Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment is stated at its fair value for items acquired from Cable Michigan, historical cost for the minority interests share of Mercom property, plant and equipment and cost for additions subsequent to the merger. Initial subscribers installation costs, including materials, labor and overhead costs, are capitalized as a component of cable plant and equipment. The cost of disconnection and reconnection are charged to expense when incurred. Depreciation is computed for financial statement purposes using the straight-line method based upon the following lives:

Vehicles	5 years
Cable plant and equipment	5-12 years
Office furniture and equipment	5-10 years
Buildings and improvements	10-25 years

## Intangible assets

Intangible assets represent the estimated fair value of cable franchises and goodwill resulting from acquisitions. Goodwill is the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net assets acquired, determined through an independent appraisal. Deferred financing costs represent direct costs incurred to obtain long-term financing and are amortized to interest expense over the term of the underlying debt utilizing the effective interest method. Amortization is computed for financial statement purposes using the straightline method based upon the anticipated economic lives:

Cable franchises	13-15 years
Goodwill	15 years
Non-compete agreement	5 years

#### Accounting for impairments

The Company follows the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 121 -- "Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed of" ("SFAS 121").

SFAS 121 requires that long-lived assets and certain identifiable intangibles to be held and used by an entity be reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. In performing the review for recoverability, the Company estimates the net future cash flows expected to result from the use of the asset and its eventual disposition. If the sum of the expected net future cash flows (undiscounted and without interest charges) is less than the carrying amount of the asset, an impairment loss is recognized. Measurement of an impairment loss for long-lived assets and identifiable intangibles expected to be held and used is based on the fair value of the asset.

No impairment losses have been recognized by the Company pursuant to SFAS 121.

## Financial instruments

The Company estimates that the fair value of all financial instruments at December 31, 1998 does not differ materially from the aggregate carrying values of its financial instruments recorded in the accompanying balance sheet. The fair value of the notes payable-affiliate are considered to be equal to carrying values since the Company believes that its credit risk has not changed from the time this debt instrument was executed and therefore, would obtain a similar rate in the current market.

#### Income taxes

The Company is not subject to federal and state income taxes since the income or loss of the Company is included in the tax returns of Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. and the Company's minority partners. However, Mercom, its majority-owned subsidiary is subject to taxes that are accounted for using Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109 -- "Accounting for Income Taxes". The statement requires the use of an asset and liability approach for financial reporting purposes. The asset and liability approach requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between financial reporting basis and tax basis of assets and liabilities. If it is more likely than not that some portion or all of a deferred tax asset will not be realized, a valuation allowance is recognized.

## 3. MEMBERS' CAPITAL

Avalon has authorized two classes of equity units; class A units ("Class A Units") and class B units ("Class B Units") (collectively, the "Units"). Each class of the Units represents a fractional part of the membership interests in Avalon and has the rights and obligations specified in Avalon's Limited Liability Company Agreement. Each Class B Unit is entitled to voting rights equal to the percentage such units represents of the aggregate number of outstanding Class B Units. The Class A Units are not entitled to voting rights.

## Class A Units

The Class A Units are participating preferred equity interests. A preferred return accrues annually (the Company's "Preferred Return") on the initial purchase price (the Company's "Capital Value") of each Class A Unit at a rate of 15, or 17% under certain circumstances, per annum. The Company cannot pay distributions in respect of other classes of securities including distributions made in connection with a liquidation until the Company's Capital Value and accrued Preferred Return in respect of each Class A Unit is paid to the holders thereof (such distributions being the Company's "Priority Distributions"). So long as any portion of the Company's Priority Distributions remains unpaid, the holders of a majority of the Class A

Units are entitled to block certain actions by the Company including the payment of certain distributions, the issuance of senior or certain types of pari passu equity securities or the entering into or amending of certain related-party agreements. In addition to the Company's Priority Distributions, each Class A Unit is also entitled to participate in common distributions, pro rata according to the percentage such unit represents of the aggregate number of the Company's units then outstanding.

## Class B Units

The Class B Units are junior equity securities which are divided into two identical subclasses, Class B-1 Units and Class B-2 Units. After the payment in full of Avalon's Priority Distributions, each Class B Unit is entitled to participate in distributions pro rata according to the percentage such unit represents of the aggregate number of the Avalon units then outstanding.

## 4. MERGER AND ACOUISITIONS

The Merger was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. Accordingly, the consideration was allocated to the net assets acquired based on their fair market values at the date of the Merger. The purchase price was allocated as follows: current assets and liabilities at fair values of \$470, approximately \$94,000 to property, plant and equipment, \$315,000 to cable franchises and the excess of consideration paid over the fair market value of the net assets acquired, or goodwill, of \$81,705, offset by deferred taxes net of \$60,000.

The Merger agreement between Michigan Holdings and Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. permitted Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. to agree to acquire the 1,822,810 shares (approximately 38% of the outstanding stock) of Mercom that it did not own (the "Mercom Acquisition"). On September 10, 1998 Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. and Mercom entered into a definitive agreement (the "Mercom Merger Agreement") providing for the acquisition by Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. of all of such shares at a price of \$12.00 per share. Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. completed this acquisition in March 1999. The total estimated consideration payable in conjunction with the Mercom Acquisition, excluding fees and expenses was \$21,900.

In March 1999, Avalon Michigan acquired the cable television systems of Nova Cablevision, Inc., Nova Cablevision VI, L.P. and Nova Cablevision VII, L.P. for approximately \$7,800, excluding transaction fees.

On May 29, 1998, the Company acquired certain assets of Amrac Clear View, A Limited Partnership ("Amrac") for consideration of \$8,124, including acquisition costs of \$589. The acquisition was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. Accordingly, the consideration was allocated to the net assets acquired based on the fair market values at the date of acquisition as determined through the use of an independent appraisal. The excess of the consideration paid over the estimated fair market value of the net assets acquired, or goodwill, was \$256.

On July 21, 1998, the Company acquired certain assets and liabilities from Pegasus Cable Television, Inc. and Pegasus Cable Television of Connecticut, Inc. (collectively, "Pegasus") for consideration of \$30,467, including acquisition costs of \$175. The acquisition was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. Accordingly, the consideration was allocated to the net assets acquired based on the fair market values at the date of acquisition as determined through use of an independent appraisal. The excess of the consideration paid over the estimated fair market value of the net assets acquired, or goodwill, was \$977.

Unaudited pro forma results of operations of the Company for the year ended December 31, 1998, as if the Merger and acquisitions occurred on January 1, 1998.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

	DECEMBER 31, 1998
	(UNAUDITED)
Revenues	\$ 96,751 ======
Loss from operations	\$ (5,292) ======
Net loss	\$(22,365) ======

In September 1998, the Company entered into a definitive agreement to purchase all of the cable systems of Taconic Technology Corporation ("Taconic") for approximately \$8,525 (excluding transaction fees). As of December 31, 1998, the Company incurred \$41 of transaction costs related to the acquisition of Taconic. This merger is expected to close in the second quarter of 1999.

# 5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

At December 31, 1998, property, plant and equipment consists of the following:

Cable plant and equipment  Vehicles  Office furniture and fixtures.  Buildings and improvements.  Construction in process	2,572 1,026 2,234
Less: accumulated depreciation	113,202 (1,781)  \$111,421

Depreciation expense charged to operations was 1,781 for the year ended December 31, 1998.

# 6. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

At December 31, 1998, intangible assets consist of the following:

	1998
Cable franchises	\$374,773 82,928 10,658 100
Less: accumulated amortization	468, 459 (6, 342)  \$462, 117

Amortization expense was \$6,342 for the year ended December 31, 1998.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

## 7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES

At December 31, 1998, accounts payable and accrued expenses consist of the following:

Accounts payable	
Accrued programming costs	2,388
Taxes payable	1,383
Other	2,150
	\$11,646
	======

## 8. DEBT

At December 31, 1998, Long-term debt consists of the following:

Senior Credit Facility	
Less: current portion of notes payable	402,969 20
	\$402,949 ======

## Credit Facilities

On May 28, 1998, Avalon New England entered into a term loan and revolving credit agreement with a major commercial lending institution (the "Credit Agreement"). The Credit Agreement allowed for aggregate borrowings under Term Loans A and B (collectively, the "Term Loans") and a revolving credit facility of \$30,000 and \$5,000, respectively. The proceeds from the Term Loans and revolving credit facility were used to fund the acquisitions made by Avalon New England and to provide for Avalon New England's working capital requirements.

In December 1998, Avalon New England retired the Term Loans and revolving credit agreement through the proceeds of a capital contribution from Avalon. The fees and associated costs relating to the early retirement of this debt was \$1,110.

On November 6, 1998, Avalon New England became a co-borrower along with Avalon Michigan and Avalon Cable Finance, Inc. ("Avalon Finance"), affiliated companies (collectively referred to as the "Co-Borrowers"), on a \$320,888 senior credit facility, which includes term loan facilities consisting of (i) tranche A term loans of \$120,888 and (ii) tranche B term loans of \$170,000, and a revolving credit facility of \$30,000 (collectively, the "Credit Facility"). Subject to compliance with the terms of the Credit Facility, borrowings under the Credit Facility will be available for working capital purposes, capital expenditures and pending and future acquisitions. The ability to advance funds under the tranche A term loan facility terminated on March 31, 1999. The tranche A term loans are subject to minimum quarterly amortization payments commencing on January 31, 2001 and maturing on October 31, 2005. The tranche B term loans are subject to minimum quarterly payments commencing on January 31, 2001 with substantially all of tranche B term loans scheduled to be repaid in two equal facility borrowings are scheduled to be repaid on October 31, 2005.

On November 6, 1998, Avalon Michigan borrowed \$265,888 under the Credit Facility. In connection with the Senior Subordinated Notes and Senior Discount Notes offerings, Avalon Michigan repaid \$125,013 of the Credit Facility, and the availability under the Credit Facility was reduced to \$195,000. Avalon Michigan had borrowings of \$11,300 and \$129,575 outstanding under the tranche A and tranche B term note facilities, respectively, and had available \$30,000 for borrowings under the revolving credit facility. Avalon New England and Avalon Finance had no borrowings outstanding under the Credit Facility at December 31, 1998.

The interest rate under the Credit Facility is a rate based on either (i) the Base Rate (a rate per annum equal to the greater of the prime rate and the federal funds rate plus one-half of 1%) or (ii) the Eurodollar Rate (a rate per annum equal to the Eurodollar base rate divided by 1.00 less the Eurocurrency reserve requirement plus, in either case, the applicable margin). As of December 31, 1998, the applicable margin was (a) with respect to the tranche B term loans was 2.75% per annum for Base Rate loans and 3.75% per annum for Eurodollar loans and (b) with respect to tranche A term loans and the revolving credit facility was 2.00% per annum for Base Rate loans and 3.00% for Eurodollar loans. The applicable margin for the tranche A term loans and the revolving credit facility are subject to performance based grid pricing which is determined based upon the consolidated leverage ratio of the Co-Borrowers. The interest rate for the tranche A and tranche B term loans outstanding at December 31, 1998 was 8.58% and 9.33%, respectively. Interest is payable on a quarterly basis. Accrued interest on the borrowings incurred by Avalon Cable of Michigan Inc. under the credit facility was \$1,389 at December 31, 1998.

The Credit Facility contains restrictive covenants which among other things require the Co-Borrowers to maintain certain ratios including consolidated leverage ratios and the interest coverage ratio, fixed charge ratio and debt service coverage ratio.

The obligations of the Co-Borrowers under the Credit Facility are secured by substantially all of the assets of the Co-Borrowers. In addition, the obligations of the Co-Borrowers under the Credit Facility are guaranteed by affiliated companies; Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc., Avalon Cable Finance Holdings, Inc., Avalon New England Holdings, Inc., Avalon Cable Holdings, LLC and the Company.

A Change of Control as defined under the Credit Facility agreement would constitute an event of default under the Credit Facility giving the lender the right to terminate the credit commitment and declare all amounts outstanding immediately due and payable.

# Subordinated Debt

In December 1998, Avalon New England and Avalon Michigan became co-issuers of a \$150,000 principal balance, Senior Subordinated Notes ("Subordinated Notes") offering. In conjunction with this financing, Avalon New England received \$18,130 from Avalon Michigan as a partial payment against the Company's note receivable-affiliate from Avalon Michigan. Avalon Michigan paid \$75 in interest during the period from October 21, 1998 (inception) through December 31, 1998. The cash proceeds received by Avalon New England of \$18,206 was paid to Avalon as a dividend.

The Subordinated Notes mature on December 1, 2008, and interest accrued at a rate of 9.375% per annum. Interest is payable semi-annually in arrears on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing on June 1, 1999. Accrued interest on the Subordinated Notes was \$1,078 at December 31, 1998.

The Senior Subordinated Notes will not be redeemable at the Co-Borrowers' option prior to December 1, 2003. Thereafter, the Senior Subordinated Notes will be subject to redemption at any time at the option of the Co-Borrowers, in whole or in part at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) set

forth below plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon to the applicable redemption date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on December 1 of the years indicated below:

YEAR	PERCENTAGE
2003	104.688%
2004	103.125%
2005	101.563%
2006 and thereafter	100.000%

The scheduled maturities of the long-term debt are \$2,000 in 2001, \$4,000 in 2002, \$7,000 in 2003, and the remainder thereafter.

At any time prior to December 1, 2001, the Co-Borrowers may on any one or more occasions redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of Senior Subordinate Notes originally issued under the Indenture at a redemption price equal to 109.375% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date, with the net cash proceeds of any equity offering and/or the net cash proceeds of a strategic equity investment; provided that at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of Senior Subordinated Notes originally issued remain outstanding immediately after each such redemption.

As used in the preceding paragraph, "Equity Offering and Strategic Equity Investment" means any public or private sale of Capital Stock of any of the Co-Borrowers pursuant to which the Co-Borrowers together receive net proceeds of at least \$25 million, other than issuances of Capital Stock pursuant to employee benefit plans or as compensation to employees; provided that to the extent such Capital Stock is issued by the Co-Borrowers, the net cash proceeds thereof shall have been contributed to one or more of the Co-Borrowers in the form of an equity contribution.

The Indentures provide that upon the occurrence of a change of control (a "Change of Control") each holder of the Notes has the right to require the Company to purchase all or any part (equal to \$1,000 or an integral multiple thereof) of such holder's Notes at an offer price in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount thereon plus accrued and unpaid interest and Liquidated Damages (as defined in the Indentures) thereof, if any, to the date of purchase.

## The Senior Discount Notes

On December 3, 1998, the Company, Avalon Michigan and Avalon Cable Holdings Finance, Inc. (the "Holding Co-Borrowers") issued \$196.0 million aggregate principal amount at maturity of 117/8% Senior Discount Notes ("Senior Discount Notes") due 2008.

The Senior Discount Notes were issued at a substantial discount from their principal amount at maturity, to generate gross proceeds of approximately \$110.4 million. Interest on the Senior Discount Notes will accrue but not be payable before December 1, 2003. Thereafter, interest on the Senior Discount Notes will accrue on the principal amount at maturity at a rate of 11.875% per annum, and will be payable semi-annually in arrears on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing December 1, 2003. Prior to December 1, 2003, the accreted value of the Senior Discount Notes will increase, representing amortization of original issue discount, between the date of original issuance and December 1, 2003 on a semi-annual basis using a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months, such that the accreted value shall be equal to the full principal amount at maturity of the Senior Discount Notes on December 1, 2003. Original issue discount accretion on the Senior Discount Notes was \$1,083 at December 31, 1998.

On December 1, 2003, the Holding Co-Borrowers will be required to redeem an amount equal to \$369.79 per \$1,000 principal amount at maturity of each Senior Discount Note then outstanding on a pro rata basis at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount at maturity of the Senior Discount Notes so redeemed.

On or after December 1, 2003, the Senior Discount Notes will be subject to redemption at any time at the option of the Holding Co-borrowers, in whole or in part, at the redemption prices, which are expressed as percentages of principal amount, shown below plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, and liquidated damages, if any, thereon to the applicable redemption date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on December 1 of the years indicated below:

YEAR	PERCENTAGE
2003	105.938%
2004	103.958%
2005	101.979%
2006 and thereafter	100.000%

Notwithstanding the foregoing, at any time before December 1, 2001, the holding companies may on any one or more occasions redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of senior discount notes originally issued under the Senior Discount Note indenture at a redemption price equal to 111.875% of the accreted value at the date of redemption, plus liquidated damages, if any, to the redemption date, with the net cash proceeds of any equity offering and/or the net cash proceeds of a strategic equity investment; provided that at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of Senior Discount Notes originally issued remain outstanding immediately after each occurrence of such redemption.

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, each holder of Senior Discount Notes will have the right to require the Holding Co-Borrowers to repurchase all or any part of such holder's Senior Discount Notes pursuant to a Change of Control offer at an offer price in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest and liquidated damages thereon, if any, to the date of purchase.

## Mercom debt

In August 1997, the Mercom revolving credit agreement for \$2,000 expired. Mercom had no borrowings under the revolving credit agreement in 1996 or 1997.

On September 29, 1997, Cable Michigan, Inc. purchased and assumed all of the bank's interest in the term credit agreement and the note issued thereunder. Immediately after the purchase, the term credit agreement was amended in order to, among other things, provide for less restrictive financial covenants, eliminate mandatory amortization of principal and provide for a bullet maturity of principal on December 31, 2002, and remove the change of control event of default. Mercom's borrowings under the term credit agreement contain pricing and security provisions substantially the same as those in place prior to the purchase of the loan. The borrowings are secured by a pledge of the stock of Mercom's subsidiaries and a first lien on certain of the assets of Mercom and its subsidiaries, including inventory, equipment and receivables. At December 31, 1998, \$14,151 of principal was outstanding. The borrowings under the term credit agreement are eliminated in the Company's consolidated balance sheet.

## Note payable

Avalon New England issued a note payable for \$500 which is due on May 29, 2003, and bears interest at a rate of 7% per annum (which approximates Avalon New England's incremental borrowing rate) payable annually. Additionally, Avalon New England has a \$100 non-compete agreement. The agreement calls for five annual payments of \$20, commencing on May 29, 1999.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

# 9. INCOME TAXES

The income tax provision in the accompanying consolidated financial statements of operations relating to Mercom, Inc., a majority-owned subsidiary, is comprised of the following:

	1998
CURRENT FederalState	\$ 
Total Current	
DEFERRED FederalState	171 15
Total Deferred	186
Total provision for income taxes	\$186 ====

The benefit for income taxes is different from the amounts computed by applying the U.S. statutory federal tax rate of 35% for 1998. The differences are as follows:

	1998
Loss before provision for income taxes	\$(8,833) =====
Federal tax provision at statutory rates	\$(3,092)
State income taxes	
Allocated to members	3,082
Goodwill	6
Provision for income taxes	\$ 186
	======

	TAX NET		
	OPERATING	EXPIRATION	
YEAR	LOSSES	DATE	
1998	\$922	2018	

Temporary differences that give rise to significant portion of deferred tax assets and liabilities at December 31 are as follows:

	1998
NOL carryforwards	459
Total deferred assets	1,401
Property, plant and equipment	(2,725) (38)
Total deferred liabilities	(2,763)
Subtotal	(1,362)
Valuation allowance	
Total deferred taxes	\$(1,362) ======

## 10. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Leases

Avalon New England and Avalon Michigan rent poles from utility companies for use in their operations. While rental agreements are generally short-term, Avalon New England and Avalon Michigan anticipate such rentals will continue in the future. Avalon New England and Avalon Michigan also lease office facilities and various items of equipment under month-to-month operating leases. Rent expense was \$58 for the year ended December 31, 1998. Rental commitments are expected to continue at approximately \$1 million a year for the foreseeable future, including pole rental commitments which are cancelable.

## Legal matters

Avalon and its subsidiaries are subject to regulation by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and other franchising authorities.

Avalon and its subsidiaries are subject to the provisions of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, as amended, and the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Avalon and its Subsidiaries have either settled challenges or accrued for anticipated exposures related to rate regulation; however, there is no assurance that there will not be further additional challenges to its rates.

In the normal course of business, there are various legal proceedings outstanding. In the opinion of management, these proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or results of operations of Avalon and its subsidiaries.

## 11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

During 1998, Avalon New England received \$3,341 from Avalon Holdings. In consideration for this amount, Avalon New England executed a note payable to Avalon Holdings. This note is recorded as note payable-affiliate on the balance sheet at December 31, 1998. Interest accrues at a rate of 5.57% per year and Avalon New England has recorded accrued interest on this note of \$100 at December 31, 1998.

## 12. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In May 1999, the Company signed an agreement with Charter Communications, Inc. ("Charter Communications") under which Charter Communications agreed to purchase Avalon Cable LLC's cable television systems and assume some of their debt. The acquisition by Charter Communications is subject to regulatory approvals. The Company expects to consummate this transaction in the fourth quarter of 1999.

This agreement, if closed, would constitute a change in control under the Indenture pursuant to which the Senior Subordinated Notes and the Senior Discount Notes (collectively, the "Notes") were issued. The Indenture provides that upon the occurrence of a change of control of the Company (a "Change of Control") each holder of the Notes has the right to require the Company to purchase all or any part (equal to \$1,000 or an integral multiple thereof) of such holder's Notes at an offer price in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount thereon (or 101% of the accreted value for the Senior Discount Notes as of the date of purchase if prior to the full accretion date) plus accrued and unpaid interest and Liquidated Damages (as defined in the Indenture) thereof, if any, to the date of purchase.

This agreement, if closed, would represent a Change of Control which, on the closing date, constitutes an event of default under the Credit Facility giving the lender the right to terminate the credit commitment and declare all amounts outstanding immediately due and payable. Charter Communications has agreed to repay all amounts due under the Credit Facility or cause all events of default under the Credit Facility arising from the Change of Control to be waived.

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

To the Board of Managers of Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc. and subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company") at December 31, 1997 and 1998, and the results of their operations, changes in shareholders' equity and their cash flows for the period from September 4, 1997 (inception) through December 31, 1997, and for the year ended December 31, 1998, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards which require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statements presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for the opinion expressed above.

/s/ PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

New York, New York March 30, 1999, except for Note 13, as to which the date is May 13, 1999

# AVALON CABLE OF MICHIGAN HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	DECEMBER 31,	
	1998	1997
	(DOLLARS IN	
ASSETS		
CashAccounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 9,288	\$
of \$943	5,862	
Prepayments and other current assets	1,388	504
Accounts receivable from related parties	124	
Deferred income taxes	377	
Current eccete	17 020	
Current assets  Property, plant and equipment, net	17,039	504
Intangible assets, net	111,421 462,117	
Deferred charges and other assets	1,302	
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Total assets	\$591,879	\$504
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY Current portion of notes payable	\$ 20	\$
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	11,646	Φ
Advance billings and customer deposits	3,171	
Accounts payable-affiliate	2,023	500
Accounted payable unfillatering in the second of the secon		
Current liabilities	16,860	500
Long-term debt	402,949	
Notes payable-affiliate	3,341	
Deferred income taxes	80,811	
Total liabilities	503,961	500
Commitments and contingencies (Note 11)		
Minority interest	61,836	4
Stockholders equity:		
Common stock		
Additional paid-in capital	35,000	
Accumulated deficit	(8,918)	
Total shareholders' equity	26,082	
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Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$591,879	\$504
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.  ${\hbox{\scriptsize F-395}}$ 

# AVALON CABLE OF MICHIGAN HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998(DOLLARS IN	FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 4, 1997 (INCEPTION) THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1997
REVENUE: Basic services. Premium services. Other.	\$14,976 1,468 1,743	\$  
OPERATING EXPENSES: Selling, general and administrative Programming Technical and operations Depreciation and amortization	18,187 4,207 4,564 1,951 8,183	
Loss from operations	(718) 173 (8,223) (65)	  4 
Income (loss) before income taxes(Benefit) from income taxes	(8,833) (2,754)	4
Income (loss) before minority interest and extraordinary item	(6,079) 1,331	4 (4)
Income (loss) before extraordinary item  Extraordinary loss on extinguishment of debt (net of tax of \$1,743)	(4,748) (4,170)	
Net income (loss)	\$(8,918) ======	\$ ======

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# AVALON CABLE OF MICHIGAN HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY FOR THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 4, 1997 (INCEPTION) THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1998

	COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING	COMMON STOCK	ADDITIONAL PAID-IN CAPITAL	ACCUMULATED DEFICIT	TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
		(IN THOU	SANDS, EXCEPT	SHARE AMOUNTS)	
Net income from date of inception					
through December 31, 1997		\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance, January 1, 1998	100				
Net loss				(8,918)	(8,918)
Contributions by parent			35,000		35,000
Balance, December 31, 1998	100	\$	\$35,000	\$(8,918)	\$26,082
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements. F-397  $\,$ 

# AVALON CABLE OF MICHIGAN HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998	SEPTEMBER 4, 1997 (INCEPTION) THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1997
	(DOLLARS IN	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net income (loss)	\$ (8,918)	\$ 4
Extraordinary loss on extinguishment of debt	4,170	
Depreciation and amortization	8,183	
Deferred income taxes, net  Provision for loss on accounts receivable	82,370 75	
Increase in minority interest	1,331	
Accretion on senior discount notes	1,083	
Net change in certain assets and liabilities, net of	1,003	
business acquisitions Increase in accounts receivable	(1,679)	
Increase in accounts receivable from related parties	(124)	
Increase in prepayment and other current assets	(884)	(4)
Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses	4,863	'
Increase in accounts payable to related parties	1,523	
Increase in deferred revenue	1,684	
Change in Other, net	1,339	
Net cash provided by operating activities	92,338	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(11,468)	
Payment for acquisition	(554, 402)	
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Net cash used in investing activities	565,870	
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CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from the issuance of the Credit Facility	265,888	
Principal payment on debt	(125,013)	
Proceeds from the issuance of senior subordinated notes	150,000	
Payments made on bridge loan	(105,000)	
Proceeds from the senior discount notes	105,000 110,411	
Proceeds from sale to minority interest	46,588	
Proceeds from other notes payable	600	
Proceeds from the issuance of note payable affiliate	3,341	
Payments made for debt financing costs	(3,995)	
Proceeds from the issuance of common stock	35,000	
Net cash provided by financing activities	482,820	
Not increase in each	0.000	
Net increase in cash	9,288	
cash at beginning of the period		
Cash at end of the period	\$ 9,288	\$
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SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:		
Cash paid during the year for Interest	\$ 3,480	\$
Income taxes		

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.  ${\tt F-398}$ 

AVALON CABLE OF MICHIGAN HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)
DECEMBER 31. 1998

#### 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc. ("the Company") was formed in June 1998, pursuant to the laws of the state of Delaware. Avalon Cable of Michigan Inc. ("Avalon Michigan") was formed in June 1998, pursuant to the laws of the state of Delaware as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. On June 3, 1998, Avalon Michigan entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Agreement") among the Company, Cable Michigan, Inc. ("Cable Michigan") and Avalon Michigan, pursuant to which Avalon Michigan will merge into Cable Michigan and Cable Michigan will become a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (the "Merger").

In accordance with the terms of the Agreement, each share of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share ("common stock"), of Cable Michigan outstanding prior to the effective time of the Merger (other than treasury stock shares owned by the Company or its subsidiaries, or shares as to which dissenters' rights have been exercised) shall be converted into the right to receive \$40.50 in cash (the "Merger Consideration"), subject to certain possible closing adjustments.

In conjunction with the acquisition of Cable Michigan, Avalon Michigan acquired Cable Michigan's 62% ownership interest in Mercom, Inc. ("Mercom").

On November 6, 1998, Avalon Michigan completed its merger into and with Cable Michigan. The total consideration paid in conjunction with the merger, including fees and expenses was \$431,629, including repayment of all existing Cable Michigan indebtedness and accrued interest of \$135,205. Subsequent to the merger, the arrangements with RCN and CTE for certain support services were terminated. The Agreement also permitted Avalon Michigan to agree to acquire the remaining shares of Mercom that it did not own.

The Company contributed \$137,375 in cash to Avalon Michigan, which was used to consummate the Merger. On November 5, 1998, the Company received \$105,000 in cash in exchange for promissory notes to lenders (the "Bridge Agreement"). On November 6, 1998, the Company contributed the proceeds received from the Bridge Agreement and an additional \$35,000 in cash to Avalon Michigan in exchange for 100 shares of common stock.

On November 6, 1998, Avalon Cable of New England Holdings, Inc. contributed its 100% interest in Avalon Cable of New England LLC ("Avalon New England") to Avalon Cable LLC in exchange for a membership interest in Avalon Cable LLC. This contribution was between entities under common control and was accounted for similar to a pooling-of-interests. Under this pooling-of-interests method, the results of operations for Avalon include the results of operations from the date of inception (September 4, 1997) of Avalon New England. On that same date, Avalon Cable LLC received \$63,000 from affiliated entities, which was comprised of (i) a \$45,000 capital contribution by Avalon Investors, LLC ("Avalon Investors") and (ii) a \$18,000 promissory note from Avalon Cable Holdings LLC ("Avalon Holdings"), which was used to make a \$62,800 cash contribution to Avalon New England.

The cash contribution received by Avalon New England was used to (i) extinguish existing indebtedness of \$29,600 and (ii) fund a \$33,200 loan to Avalon Holdings Finance which matures on December 31, 2001.

On December 10, 1998, Avalon Cable LLC received a dividend distribution from Avalon New England in the amount of \$18,206, which was used by Avalon Cable LLC to pay off the promissory note payable to Avalon Holdings, plus accrued interest.

On March 26, 1999, after the acquisition of Mercom, Inc., the Company completed a series of transactions to facilitate certain aspects of its financing between affiliated entities under common control. As a result of these transactions:

- Avalon Michigan contributed its assets and liabilities excluding deferred tax liabilities, net to Avalon Cable LLC in exchange for an approximate 88% voting interest in Avalon Cable LLC. Avalon Cable LLC contributed these assets and liabilities to its wholly-owned subsidiary, Avalon Cable of Michigan LLC ("Avalon Michigan LLC");
- Avalon Michigan LLC has become the operator of the Michigan cluster replacing Avalon Michigan;
- Avalon Michigan LLC is an obligor on the Senior Subordinated Notes replacing Avalon Michigan; and
- Avalon Michigan is a guarantor of the obligations of Avalon Michigan LLC under the Senior Subordinated Notes. Avalon Michigan does not have significant assets, other than its investment in Avalon Cable LLC.
- The Company contributed the Senior Discount Notes to Avalon Cable LLC and became a guarantor of the Senior Discount Notes. The Company does not have significant assets, other than its 88% investment in Avalon Cable

As a result of this reorganization between entities under common control, the Company accounted for the reorganization similar to a pooling-of-interests. Under the pooling-of-interests method, the results of operations include the results of operations from the earliest date that a member became a part of the control group by inception or acquisition. For the Company, the results of operations are from the date of inception (September 4, 1997) for Avalon New England, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Avalon Cable LLC.

Avalon Michigan has a majority-interest in Avalon Cable LLC. Avalon Cable LLC wholly-owns Avalon Cable Holdings Finance, Avalon New England, and Avalon Michigan LLC.

Avalon New England and Avalon Michigan provide cable service to the western New England area and the state of Michigan, respectively. Avalon New England and Avalon Michigan LLC's cable systems offer customer packages for basic cable programming services which are offered at a per channel charge or packaged together to form a tier of services offered at a discount from the combined channel rate. Avalon New England and Avalon Michigan LLC's cable systems also provide premium cable services to their customers for an extra monthly charge. Customers generally pay initial connection charges and fixed monthly fees for cable programming and premium cable services, which constitute the principle sources of revenue for the Company.

Avalon Holdings Finance was formed for the sole purpose of facilitating financings associated with the acquisitions of various cable operating companies. Avalon Holdings Finance conducts no other activities.

# 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements of the Company include the accounts of the Company and of all its wholly and majority owned subsidiaries. All significant transactions between the Company and its subsidiaries have been eliminated.

#### Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Revenue recognition

Revenues from cable services are recorded in the month the service is provided. Installation fee revenue is recognized in the period in which the installation occurs to the extent that direct selling costs meet or exceed installation revenues.

#### Advertising expense

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising expense charged to operations was \$82 for the year ended December 31, 1998.

#### Concentration of credit risk

Financial instruments which potentially expose the Company to a concentration of credit risk include cash and subscriber and other receivables. The Company had cash in excess of federally insured deposits at financial institutions at December 31, 1998. The Company does not believe that such deposits are subject to any unusual credit risk beyond the normal credit risk associated with operating its business. The Company extends credit to customers on an unsecured basis in the normal course of business. The Company maintains reserves for potential credit losses and such losses, in the aggregate, have not historically exceeded management's expectations. The Company's trade receivables reflect a customer base centered in Michigan and New England. The Company routinely assesses the financial strength of its customers; as a result, concentrations of credit risk are limited.

#### Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment is stated at its fair value for items acquired from Cable Michigan, historical cost for the minority interests' share of Mercom property, plant and equipment and cost for additions subsequent to the merger. Initial subscribers installation costs, including materials, labor and overhead costs, are capitalized as a component of cable plant and equipment. The cost of disconnection and reconnection are charged to expense when incurred. Depreciation is computed for financial statement purposes using the straight-line method based on the following lives:

Buildings and improvements	10-25 years
Cable plant and equipment	5-12 years
Vehicles	5 years
Office furniture and equipment	5-10 years

# Intangible assets

Intangible assets represent the estimated fair value of cable franchises and goodwill resulting from acquisitions. Cable franchises are amortized over a period ranging from 13 to 15 years on a straight-line basis. Goodwill is the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net assets acquired, determined through

an independent appraisal, and is amortized over 15 years using the straight-line method. Deferred financing costs represent direct costs incurred to obtain long-term financing and are amortized to interest expense over the term of the underlying debt utilizing the effective interest method.

Accounting for impairments

The Company follows the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 121 -- "Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed of" ("SFAS 121").

SFAS 121 requires that long-lived assets and certain identifiable intangibles to be held and used by an entity be reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. In performing the review for recoverability, the Company estimates the net future cash flows expected to result from the use of the asset and its eventual disposition. If the sum of the expected net future cash flows (undiscounted and without interest charges) is less than the carrying amount of the asset, an impairment loss is recognized. Measurement of an impairment loss for long-lived assets and identifiable intangibles expected to be held and used is based on the fair value of the asset.

No impairment losses have been recognized by the Company pursuant to SFAS 121.

Fair value of Financial Instruments

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate that value:

- a. The Company estimates that the fair value of all financial instruments at December 31, 1998 does not differ materially from the aggregate carrying values of its financial instruments recorded in the accompanying balance sheet. The fair value of the notes payable-affiliate are considered to be equal to carrying values since the Company believes that its credit risk has not changed from the time this debt instrument was executed and therefore, would obtain a similar rate in the current market.
- b. The fair value of the cash and temporary cash investments approximates fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments.

Income taxes

The Company and Mercom file separate consolidated federal income tax returns. The Company accounts for income taxes using Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109 -- "Accounting for Income Taxes". The statement requires the use of an asset and liability approach for financial reporting purposes. The asset and liability approach requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between financial reporting basis and tax basis of assets and liabilities. If it is more likely than not that some portion or all of a deferred tax asset will not be realized, a valuation allowance is recognized.

# 3. MERGER AND ACQUISITIONS

The Merger was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. Accordingly, the consideration was allocated to the net assets acquired based on their fair market values at the date of the Merger. The purchase price was allocated as follows: current assets and liabilities at fair values of \$470, approximately \$94,000 to property, plant and equipment, \$315,000 to cable franchises and the excess of consideration paid

over the fair market value of the net assets acquired, or goodwill, of \$81,705, offset by deferred taxes, net of \$60,000.

The Merger agreement between the Company and Avalon Michigan permitted Avalon Michigan to agree to acquire the 1,822,810 shares (approximately 38% of the outstanding stock) of Mercom that it did not own (the "Mercom Acquisition"). On September 10, 1998 Avalon Michigan and Mercom entered into a definitive agreement (the "Mercom Merger Agreement") providing for the acquisition by Avalon Michigan of all of such shares at a price of \$12.00 per share. Avalon Michigan completed this acquisition in March 1999. The total estimated consideration payable in conjunction with the Mercom Acquisition, excluding fees and expenses was \$21,900.

On May 29, 1998, the Company acquired certain assets of Amrac Clear View, A Limited Partnership ("Amrac") for consideration of \$8,124, including acquisition costs of \$589. The acquisition was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. Accordingly, the consideration was allocated to the net assets acquired based on the fair market values at the date of acquisition as determined through the use of an independent appraisal. The excess of the consideration paid over the estimated fair market value of the net assets acquired, or goodwill, was \$256.

On July 21, 1998, the Company acquired certain assets and liabilities from Pegasus Cable Television, Inc. and Pegasus Cable Television of Connecticut, Inc. (collectively, "Pegasus") for consideration of \$30,467, including acquisition costs of \$175. The acquisition was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. Accordingly, the consideration was allocated to the net assets acquired based on the fair market values at the date of acquisition as determined through use of an independent appraisal. The excess of the consideration paid over the estimated fair market value of the net assets acquired, or goodwill, was \$977.

Following is the unaudited pro forma results of operations for the year ended December 31, 1998, as if the Merger and acquisitions occurred on January 1, 1998:

	DECEMBER 31, 1998
	(UNAUDITED)
Revenue	\$ 96,751 ======
Loss from operations	\$ (5,292) ======
Net loss	\$(22,365) ======

In March 1999, Avalon Michigan acquired the cable television systems of Nova Cablevision, Inc., Nova Cablevision VI, L.P. and Nova Cablevision VII, L.P. for approximately \$7,800, excluding transaction fees.

In September 1998, the Company entered into a definitive agreement to purchase all of the cable systems of Taconic Technology Corporation ("Taconic") for approximately \$8,525 (excluding transaction fees). As of December 31, 1998, the Company incurred \$41 of transaction costs related to the acquisition of Taconic. This merger is expected to close in the second quarter of 1999.

# 4. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment consists of the following:

Cable plant and equipment  Vehicles  Buildings and improvements  Office furniture and equipment  Construction in process	2,572 1,026 2,234
Total property, plant and equipment Less-accumulated depreciation	
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$111,421 ======

Depreciation expense was \$1,781 for the year ended December 31, 1998.

# 5. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets consist of the following:

Cable Franchise	82,928 10,658
Non-compete agreement  Total	468,459
Less-accumulated amortization	
intaligible assets, het	\$402,117 ======

Amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 1998 was \$6,342.

# 6. ACCOUNT PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses consist of the following:

Accounts payable	. ,
Accrued cable programming costs	
Accrued taxes	,
Other	2,150
	\$11,646
	======

# 7. INCOME TAXES

The income tax provision (benefit) in the accompanying consolidated financial statements of operations is comprised of the following:  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \left$ 

	1998 
CURRENT FederalState	\$ 243
Total Current	243
DEFERRED FederalState	(2,757) (240)
Total Deferred	(2,997)
Total (benefit) for income taxes	\$(2,754) ======

The benefit for income taxes is different from the amounts computed by applying the U.S. statutory federal tax rate of 35% for 1998. The differences are as follows:

	1998
(Loss) before (benefit) for income taxes	\$(8,833) ======
Federal tax (benefit) at statutory rates	(177) 77
(Benefit) for income taxes	\$(3,108) ======

YEAR	TAX NET OPERATING LOSSES	EXPIRATION DATE
1998	\$10,360	2018

Temporary differences that give rise to significant portion of deferred tax assets and liabilities at December 31 are as follows:

	1998
NOL carryforwards Alternative minimum tax credits Reserves Other, net	141 210
Total deferred assets	6,023
Property, plant and equipment	(10,635) (76,199)
Total deferred liabilities	(86,834)
Subtotal	(80,811)
Valuation allowance	
Total deferred taxes	\$(80,811) ======

The tax benefit related to the loss on extinguishment of debt results in deferred tax, and it approximates the statutory U.S. tax rate. The tax benefit of \$2,036 related to the exercise of certain stock options of Cable Michigan Inc. was charged directly to goodwill in conjunction with the closing of the merger.

#### 8. DEBT

At December 31, 1998, long-term debt consists of the following:

Senior Credit Facility	\$140,875
Senior Subordinated Notes	150,000
Senior Discount Notes	111,494
Other Note Payable	600
	402,969
Current portion	20
	\$402,949
	=======

# Credit Facilities

On May 28, 1998, Avalon New England entered into a term loan and revolving credit agreement with a major commercial lending institution (the "Credit Agreement"). The Credit Agreement allowed for aggregate borrowings under Term Loans A and B (collectively, the "Term Loans") and a revolving credit facility of \$30,000 and \$5,000, respectively. The proceeds from the Term Loans and revolving credit facility were used to fund the acquisitions made by Avalon New England and to provide for Avalon New England's working capital requirements.

In December 1998, Avalon New England retired the Term Loans and revolving credit agreement through the proceeds of a capital contribution from Avalon Cable LLC. The fees and associated costs relating to the early retirement of this debt was \$1,110.

On November 6, 1998, Avalon Michigan became a co-borrower along with Avalon New England and Avalon Cable Finance, Inc. (Avalon Finance), affiliated companies, collectively referred to as the ("Co-Borrowers") on a \$320,888 senior credit facility, which includes term loan facilities consisting of (i) tranche A term loans of \$120,888 and (ii) tranche B term loans of \$170,000 and a revolving credit facility of \$30,000 (collectively, the "Credit Facility"). Subject to compliance with the terms of the Credit Facility, borrowings under the Credit Facility will be available for working capital purposes, capital expenditures and pending and future acquisitions. The ability to advance funds under the tranche A term loan facility terminated on March 31, 1999. The tranche A term loans are subject to minimum quarterly amortization payments commencing on January 31, 2001 and maturing on October 31, 2005. The tranche B term loans are scheduled to be repaid in two equal installments on July 31, 2006 and October 31, 2006. The revolving credit facility borrowings are scheduled to be repaid on October 31, 2005.

On November 6, 1998, Avalon Michigan borrowed \$265,888 under the Credit Facility in order to consummate the Merger. In connection with the Senior Subordinated Notes (as defined below) and Senior Discount Notes (as defined below) offerings, Avalon Michigan repaid \$125,013 of the Credit Facility, and the availability under the Credit Facility was reduced to \$195,000. Avalon Michigan had borrowings of \$11,300 and \$129,575 outstanding under the tranche A and tranche B term note facilities, and had available \$30,000 for borrowings under the revolving credit facility. Avalon New England and Avalon Finance had no borrowings outstanding under the Credit Facility at December 31, 1998.

The interest rate under the Credit Facility is a rate based on either (i) the base rate (a rate per annum equal to the greater of the Prime Rate and the Federal Funds Effective Rate plus 1/2 of 1%) or (ii) the Eurodollar rate (a rate per annum equal to the Eurodollar Base Rate divided by 1.00 less the Eurocurrency Reserve Requirements) plus, in either case, the applicable margin. As of December 31, 1998, the applicable margin was (a) with respect to the tranche B term loans was 2.75% per annum for Base Rate loans and 3.75% per annum for Eurodollar loans and (b) with respect to tranche A term loans and the revolving credit facility was 2.00% per annum for Base Rate loans and 3.00% for Eurodollar loans. The applicable margin for the tranche A term loans and the revolving credit facility are subject to performance based grid pricing which is determined based on upon the consolidated leverage ratio of the Co-Borrowers. The interest rate for the tranche B term loans outstanding at December 31, 1998 was 9.19%. Interest is payable on a quarterly basis. Accrued interest on the borrowings under the credit facility was \$1,389 at December 31, 1998.

The Credit Facility contains restrictive covenants which among other things require the Co-Borrowers to maintain certain ratios including consolidated leverage ratios and the interest coverage ratio, fixed charge ratio and debt service coverage ratio.

The obligations of the Co-Borrowers under the Credit Facility are secured by substantially all of the assets of the Co-Borrowers. In addition, the obligations of the Co-Borrowers under the Credit Facility are guaranteed by the Company, Avalon Cable LLC, Avalon Cable Finance Holdings, Inc., Avalon Cable of New England Holdings, Inc. and Avalon Cable Holdings, LLC.

A Change of Control as defined under the Credit Facility agreement would constitute an event of default under the Credit Facility giving the lender the right to terminate the credit commitment and declare all amounts outstanding immediately due and payable.

# Subordinated Debt

In December 1998, Avalon Michigan became a co-issuer of a \$150,000 principal balance, Senior Subordinated Notes ("Subordinated Notes") offering and Michigan Holdings became a co-issuer of a \$196,000, gross proceeds, Senior Discount Notes (defined below) offering. In conjunction with these

financings, Avalon Michigan paid \$18,130 to Avalon Finance as a partial payment against Avalon Michigan's note payable-affiliate. Avalon Michigan paid \$76 in interest on this note payable-affiliate during the period from inception (June 2, 1998) through December 31, 1998.

The Subordinated Notes mature on December 1, 2008, and interest accrued at a rate of 9.375% per annum. Interest is payable semi-annually in arrears on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing on June 1, 1999. Accrued interest on the Subordinated Notes was \$1,078 at December 31, 1998.

The Senior Subordinated Notes will not be redeemable at the Co-Borrowers' option prior to December 1, 2003. Thereafter, the Senior Subordinated Notes will be subject to redemption at any time at the option of the Co-Borrowers, in whole or in part at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon to the applicable redemption date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on December 1 of the years indicated below:

YEAR	PERCENTAGE
0000	404 0000/
2003	
2004	
2005	101.563%
2006 and thereafter	100.000%

The scheduled maturities of the long-term debt are \$2,000 in 2001, \$4,000 in 2002, \$72,479 in 2003, and the remainder thereafter.

At any time prior to December 1, 2001, the Co-Borrowers may on any one or more occasions redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of Senior Subordinate Notes originally issued under the Indenture at a redemption price equal to 109.375% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date, with the net cash proceeds of any equity offering and/or the net cash proceeds of a strategic equity investment; provided that at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of Senior Subordinated Notes originally issued remain outstanding immediately after each such redemption.

As used in the preceding paragraph, "Equity Offering and Strategic Equity Investment" means any public or private sale of Capital Stock of any of the Co-Borrowers pursuant to which the Co-Borrowers together receive net proceeds of at least \$25 million, other than issuances of Capital Stock pursuant to employee benefit plans or as compensation to employees; provided that to the extent such Capital Stock is issued by the Co-Borrowers, the net cash proceeds thereof shall have been contributed to one or more of the Co-Borrowers in the form of an equity contribution.

The Indentures provide that upon the occurrence of a change of control (a "Change of Control") each holder of the Notes has the right to require the Company to purchase all or any part (equal to \$1,000 or an integral multiple thereof) of such holder's Notes at an offer price in cash to 101% of the aggregate principal amount thereon plus accrued and unpaid interest and Liquidated Damages (as defined in the Indentures) thereof, if any, to the date of purchase.

The Senior Discount Notes

On December 3, 1998, the Company, Avalon Cable LLC and Avalon Cable Holdings Finance, Inc. ("Holdings Co-Borrowers") issued \$196.0 million aggregate principal amount at maturity of 11 7/8% Senior Discount Notes ("Senior Discount Notes") due 2008.

The Senior Discount Notes were issued at a substantial discount from their principal amount at maturity, to generate gross proceeds of approximately \$110.4 million. Interest on the Senior Discount Notes will accrue but not be payable before December 1, 2003. Thereafter, interest on the Senior Discount Notes will accrue on the principal amount at maturity at a rate of 11.875% per annum, and will be payable semi-annually in arrears

on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing December 1, 2003. Prior to December 1, 2003, the accreted value of the Senior Discount Notes will increase, representing amortization of original issue discount, between the date of original issuance and December 1, 2003 on a semi-annual basis using a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months, such that the accreted value shall be equal to the full principal amount at maturity of the Senior Discount Notes on December 1, 2003. Original issue discount accretion on the Senior Discount Notes was \$1,083 at December 31, 1998.

On December 1, 2003, the Holding Co-borrowers will be required to redeem an amount equal to \$369.79 per \$1,000 principal amount at maturity of each Senior Discount Note then outstanding on a pro rata basis at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount at maturity of the Senior Discount Notes so redeemed.

On or after December 1, 2003, the Senior Discount Notes will be subject to redemption at any time at the option of the Holding Co-borrowers, in whole or in part, at the redemption prices, which are expressed as percentages of principal amount, shown below plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, and liquidated damages, if any, thereon to the applicable redemption date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on December 1 of the years indicated below:

YEAR	PERCENTAGE
2003	105.938%
2004	103.958%
2005	101.979%
2006 and thereafter	100.000%

Notwithstanding the foregoing, at any time before December 1, 2001, the holding companies may on any one or more occasions redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of senior discount notes originally issued under the Senior Discount Note indenture at a redemption price equal to 111.875% of the accreted value at the date of redemption, plus liquidated damages, if any, to the redemption date, with the net cash proceeds of any equity offering and/or the net cash proceeds of a strategic equity investment; provided that at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of Senior Discount Notes originally issued remain outstanding immediately after each occurrence of such redemption.

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, each holder of Senior Discount Notes will have the right to require the Holding Co-borrowers to repurchase all or any part of such holder's Senior Discount Notes pursuant to a Change of Control offer at an offer price in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest and liquidated damages thereon, if any, to the date of purchase.

# Note Payable

Avalon New England issued a note payable for \$500 which is due on May 29, 2003, and bears interest at a rate of 7% per annum (which approximates Avalon New England's incremental borrowing rate) payable annually. Additionally, Avalon New England has a \$100 non-compete agreement. The agreement calls for five annual payments of \$20, commencing on May 29, 1999.

# Mercom debt

In August 1997, the Mercom revolving credit agreement for \$2,000 expired. Mercom had no borrowings under the revolving credit agreement in 1996 or 1997.

On September 29, 1997, Avalon Michigan purchased and assumed all of the bank's interest in the term credit agreement and the note issued thereunder. Immediately after the purchase, the term credit agreement was amended in order to, among other things, provide for less restrictive financial covenants, eliminate

mandatory amortization of principal and provide for a bullet maturity of principal on December 31, 2002, and remove the change of control event of default. Mercom's borrowings under the term credit agreement contain pricing and security provisions substantially the same as those in place prior to the purchase of the loan. The borrowings are secured by a pledge of the stock of Mercom's subsidiaries and a first lien on certain of the assets of Mercom and its subsidiaries, including inventory, equipment and receivables at December 31, 1998, \$14,151 of principal was outstanding. The borrowings under the term credit agreement are eliminated in the Company's consolidated balance sheet.

#### 9. MINORITY INTEREST

The activity in minority interest for the year ended December 31, 1998 is as follows:

	MERCOM	AVALON CABLE LLC	TOTAL
Issuance of Class A units by Avalon Cable LLC Issuance of Class B-1 units by Avalon Cable LLC Allocated to minority interest prior to	\$	\$45,000 4,345	\$45,000 4,345
restructuring		365	365
Purchase of Cable Michigan, Inc	13,457		13,457
Income (loss) allocated to minority interest	398	(1,729)	(1,331)
Balance at December 31, 1998	\$13,855 ======	\$47,981 ======	\$61,836 ======

# 10. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

Avalon Michigan has a qualified savings plan under Section 401(K) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions charged to expense for the period from November 5, 1998 to December 31, 1998 was \$30.

# 11. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

# Leases

Avalon New England and Avalon Michigan rent poles from utility companies for use in their operations. While rental agreements are generally short-term, Avalon New England and Avalon Michigan anticipate such rentals will continue in the future. Avalon New England and Avalon Michigan also lease office facilities and various items of equipment under month-to-month operating leases. Rent expense was \$58 for the year ended December 31, 1998. Rental commitments are expected to continue at approximately \$1 million a year for the foreseeable future, including pole rental commitments which are cancelable.

# Legal Matters

The Company and its subsidiaries are subject to regulation by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and other franchising authorities.

The Company and its subsidiaries are subject to the provisions of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, as amended, and the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Company and its subsidiaries have either settled challenges or accrued for anticipated exposures related to rate regulation; however, there is no assurance that there will not be further additional challenges to its rates.

In the normal course of business, there are various legal proceedings outstanding. In the opinion of management, these proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries.

#### 12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

During 1998, Avalon New England received \$3,341 from Avalon Holdings. In consideration for this amount, Avalon New England executed a note payable to Avalon Holdings. This note is recorded as note payable-affiliate on the balance sheet at December 31, 1998. Interest accrues at the rate of 5.57% per year and Avalon New England has recorded accrued interest on this note of \$100 at December 31, 1998.

# 13. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In May 1999, the Company signed an agreement with Charter Communications, Inc. ("Charter Communications") under which Charter Communications agreed to purchase Avalon Cable LLC's cable television systems and assume some of their debt. The acquisition by Charter Communications is subject to regulatory approvals. The Company expects to consummate this transaction in the fourth quarter of 1999.

This agreement, if closed, would constitute a change in control under the Indenture pursuant to which the Senior Subordinated Notes and the Senior Discount Notes (collectively, the "Notes") were issued. The Indenture provides that upon the occurrence of a change of control of the Company (a "Change of Control") each holder of the Notes has the right to require the Company to purchase all or any part (equal to \$1,000 or an integral multiple thereof) of such holder's Notes at an offer price in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount thereon (or 101% of the accreted value for the Senior Discount Notes as of the date of purchase if prior to the full accretion date) plus accrued and unpaid interest and Liquidated Damages (as defined in the Indenture) thereof, if any, to the date of purchase.

This agreement, if closed, would represent a Change of Control which, on the closing date, constitutes an event of default under the Credit Facility giving the lender the right to terminate the credit commitment and declare all amounts outstanding immediately due and payable. Charter Communications has agreed to repay all amounts due under the Credit Facility or cause all events of default under the Credit Facility arising from the Change of Control to be waived.

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

To the Shareholders of Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and the related consolidated statements of operations and changes in shareholders' deficit and of cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cable Michigan, Inc. and subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company") at December 31, 1996 and 1997 and November 5, 1998, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the two years ended December 31, 1996 and 1997 and the period from January 1, 1998 to November 5, 1998, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards which require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for the opinion expressed above.

/s/ PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

New York, New York March 30, 1999

# CABLE MICHIGAN, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	DECEMBER 31, 1997	NOVEMBER 5, 1998
	(DOLLARS I	N THOUSANDS)
ASSETS  Cash and temporary cash investments	\$ 17,219 3,644 663	\$ 6,093 4,232 821
Accounts receivable from related parties  Deferred income taxes	166 1,006	396 541
Total current assets  Property, plant and equipment, net  Intangible assets, net  Deferred charges and other assets	22,698 73,836 45,260 803	12,083 77,565 32,130 9,442
Total assets	\$142,597 ======	\$131,220 ======
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 5,564 2,242 167 2,720 4,378 1,560	\$ 15,000 8,370 1,486 1,035 5,098 2,052 343
Total current liabilities	16,631 143,000 22,197	33,384 120,000 27,011
Total liabilities	181,828	180,395
Minority interest	14,643	14,690
Commitments and contingencies (Note 11)	   (E2 974)	
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Deficit	(53,874)  \$142,597 =======	(63,865)  \$131,220 ======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.  ${\mbox{F-413}}$ 

# CABLE MICHIGAN, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,			1,	JANUARY 1, 1998 TO		
		1996		1997	NOVEM	BER 5, 1998	
			IN T	HOUSANDS EX SHARE AMOU	CEPT P		
Revenues Costs and expenses, excluding management fees and	\$	76,187	\$	81,299	\$	74,521	
depreciation and amortization				44,467			
Management fees				3,715		3,156	
Depreciation and amortization		31,427				28,098	
Merger related expenses						5,764	
Operating income		669		1,035			
Interest income		127		358		652	
Interest expense		(15,179)		(11,751)		(8,034)	
Gain on sale of Florida cable system				2,571			
Other (expense), net		(736)		(738)		(937)	
(Loss) before income toward		(45 440)		(0.505)		(40,000)	
(Loss) before income taxes(Benefit) from income taxes		(15,119)		(8,525) (4 114)		(12,368)	
(Benefit) from income taxes		(5,712)		(4,114)		(1,909)	
(Loss) before minority interest and equity in unconsolidated entities		(9,407)		(4,411)		(10,459)	
entity		1,151		53		(75)	
Net (Loss)		(8,256)		(4,358) ======		(10,534) ======	
Basic and diluted earnings per average common share Net (loss) to shareholders		(1.20)		(.63)		(1.53)	
outstanding	6	,864,799	6	870,528	6	,891,932	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.  ${\mbox{F-414}} \\$ 

# CABLE MICHIGAN, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996 AND 1997 AND THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1998 TO NOVEMBER 5, 1998

COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING	COMMON STOCK	ADDITIONAL PAID-IN CAPITAL ARS IN THOUSA	DEFICIT	SHAREHOLDER'S NET INVESTMENT 	TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT
1,000  	\$ 1  	\$  	\$  	\$(73,758) (8,256) 2,272	\$(73,757) (8,256) 2,272
1,000	1			(79,742)	(79,741)
			(4.407)	(3,251)	(3, 251)
			(1,107)	30.225	(1,107) 30,225
6,870,165	6,870		(59,638)	52,768	
6,871,165	6,871		(60,745)		(53,874)
			(10,534)		(10,534)
30,267	30	351			381
<b></b>		162			162
6,901,432	\$6,901	\$513	\$(71,279)	\$	\$(63,865) ======
	1,000 	SHARES COMMON STOCK  1,000 \$ 1	SHARES OUTSTANDING STOCK CAPITAL  (DOLLARS IN THOUSA  1,000 \$ 1 \$   1,000 1  1,000 1  6,870,165 6,870  6,871,165 6,871  30,267 30 351  162  6,901,432 \$6,901 \$513	SHARES OUTSTANDING STOCK CAPITAL DEFICIT  (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT S  1,000 \$ 1 \$ \$  1,000 1  1,000 1 (1,107)  (1,107)  6,870,165 6,870 (59,638)  6,871,165 6,871 (60,745)  30,267 30 351  162  1 DEFICIT  DEFICIT  1,000 1 \$ \$  (1,107)  (10,534)  30,267 30 351  162	SHARES OUTSTANDING         COMMON STOCK         PAID-IN CAPITAL         DEFICIT         NET INVESTMENT           1,000         \$ 1         \$         \$         \$ (73,758)              (8,256)              (79,742)           1,000         \$ 1           (79,742)              (1,107)               (3,251)             (1,107)            6,870,165         6,870          (59,638)         52,768             (60,745)            30,267         30         351             6,901,432         \$6,901         \$513         \$(71,279)         \$

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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# CABLE MICHIGAN, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	DECEM	EARS ENDED BER 31,	FOR THE PERIOD FRO JANUARY 1, 1998 TO	
	1996	1997	NOVEMBER 5, 1998	
		(DOLLARS IN		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES  Net (loss)  Gain on pension curtailment/settlement.  Depreciation and amortization  Deferred income taxes, net  Provision for losses on accounts receivable.  Gain on sale of Florida cable systems.  Increase (decrease) in minority interest.  Other non-cash items.  Net change in certain assets and liabilities, net of business acquisitions  Accounts receivable and customer deposits.  Accounts payable.  Accrued expenses.  Accrued taxes.  Accounts receivable from related parties.  Accounts payable to related parties.	\$ (8,256) (855) 31,427 988 843  (1,151) 2,274 (1,226) 1,365 125 (99) 567 1,314	\$ (4,358)  32,082 (4,359) 826 (2,571) (53) 1,914 (617) 2,234 580 61 1,549 (8,300)	\$(10,534) 28,098 (3,360) 710 47  (2,054) 2,806 52 868 (230) (1,217)	
Other, net  Net cash provided by operating activities	501  27,817	(644) 1 18,344	(158)  15,028	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Additions to property, plant and equipment	(9,605)   390	(14,041) (24) 3,496 560	(18,697)   	
Net cash used in investing activities	(9,215)	(10,009)	(18,697)	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES Issuance of long-term debt	(1,500)  	128,000 (17,430)  12,500	(8,000) 543	
Change in affiliate notes, net	(16,834)	(116,836) (647)	 	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities  Net increase/(decrease) in cash and temporary cash investments	(18,334) 268 3,029	5,587 13,922 3,297	(7,457) (11,126) 17,219	
Cash and temporary cash investments at end of year	\$ 3,297	\$ 17,219 =======	\$ 6,093 ======	
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION Cash paid during the year for Interest		\$ 11,400 370	\$ 7,777 315	

Supplemental Schedule of Non-cash Investing and Financing Activities:

In September 1997, in connection with the transfer of CTE's investment in Mercom to the Company, the Company assumed CTE's \$15,000\$ Term Credit Facility.

Certain intercompany accounts receivable and payable and intercompany note balances were transferred to shareholders' net investment in connection with the Distribution described in note 1.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

#### CABLE MICHIGAN, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA) DECEMBER 31, 1998

#### 1. BACKGROUND AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Prior to September 30, 1997, Cable Michigan, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") was operated as part of C-TEC Corporation ("C-TEC"). On September 30, 1997, C-TEC distributed 100 percent of the outstanding shares of common stock of its wholly owned subsidiaries, RCN Corporation ("RCN") and the Company to holders of record of C-TEC's Common Stock and C-TEC's Class B Common Stock as of the close of business on September 19, 1997 (the "Distribution") in accordance with the terms of the Distribution Agreement dated September 5, 1997 among C-TEC, RCN and the Company. The Company consists of C-TEC's Michigan cable operations, including its 62% ownership in Mercom, Inc. ("Mercom"). In connection with the Distribution, C-TEC changed its name to Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises, Inc. ("CTE"). RCN consists primarily of C-TEC's bundled residential voice, video and Internet access operations in the Boston to Washington, D.C. corridor, its existing New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania cable television operations, a portion of its long distance operations and its international investment in Megacable, S.A. de C.V. C-TEC, RCN, and the Company continue as entities under common control until the Company completes the Merger (as described below).

On June 3, 1998, the Company entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Agreement") among the Company, Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings Inc. ("Avalon Holdings") and Avalon Cable of Michigan Inc. ("Avalon Sub"), pursuant to which Avalon Sub will merge into the Company and the Company will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Avalon Holdings (the "Merger").

In accordance with the terms of the Agreement, each share of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share ("common stock"), of the Company outstanding prior to the effective time of the Merger (other than treasury stock, shares owned by Avalon Holdings or its subsidiaries, or shares as to which dissenters' rights have been exercised) shall be converted into the right to receive \$40.50 in cash (the "Merger Consideration"), subject to certain possible closing adjustments.

On November 6, 1998, the Company completed its merger into and with Avalon Cable Michigan, Inc. The total consideration payable in conjunction with the merger, including fees and expenses is approximately 431,600. Subsequent to the merger, the arrangements with RCN and CTE (as described below) were terminated. The Merger agreement also permitted the Company to agree to acquire the remaining shares of Mercom that it did not own.

Cable Michigan provides cable services to various areas in the state of Michigan. Cable Michigan's cable television systems offer customer packages for basic cable programming services which are offered at a per channel charge or packaged together to form a tier of services offered at a discount from the combined channel rate. Cable Michigan's cable television systems also provide premium cable services to their customers for an extra monthly charge. Customers generally pay initial connection charges and fixed monthly fees for cable programming and premium cable services, which constitute the principle sources of revenue for the Company.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared using the historical basis of assets and liabilities and historical results of operations of all wholly and majority owned subsidiaries. However, the historical financial information presented herein reflects periods during which the Company did not operate as an independent company and accordingly, certain assumptions were made in preparing such financial information. Such information, therefore, may not necessarily reflect the results of operations, financial condition or cash flows of the Company in the future or what they would have been had the Company been an independent, public company during the reporting periods. All material intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated.

RCN's corporate services group has historically provided substantial support services such as finance, cash management, legal, human resources, insurance and risk management. Prior to the Distribution, the

corporate office of C-TEC allocated the cost for these services pro rata among the business units supported primarily based on assets; contribution to consolidated earnings before interest, depreciation, amortization, and income taxes; and number of employees. In the opinion of management, the method of allocating these costs is reasonable; however, such costs are not necessarily indicative of the costs that would have been incurred by the Company on a stand-alone basis.

CTE, RCN and the Company have entered into certain agreements subsequent to the Distribution, and governing various ongoing relationships, including the provision of support services between the three companies, including a distribution agreement and a tax-sharing agreement.

The fee per year for support services from RCN will be 4.0% of the revenues of the Company plus a direct allocation of certain consolidated cable administration functions of RCN. The direct charge for customer service along with the billing service and the cable guide service will be a pro rata share (based on subscribers) of the expenses incurred by RCN to provide such customer service and to provide such billing and cable guide service for RCN and the Company.

CTE has agreed to provide or cause to be provided to RCN and the Company certain financial data processing services for a transitional period after the Distribution. The fees for such services will be an allocated portion (based on relative usage) of the cost incurred by CTE to provide such financial data processing services to all three groups.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Cash and temporary cash investments

For purposes of reporting cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be temporary cash investments. Temporary cash investments are stated at cost, which approximates market.

# Property, plant and equipment and depreciation

Property, plant and equipment reflects the original cost of acquisition or construction, including payroll and related costs such as taxes, pensions and other fringe benefits, and certain general administrative costs.

Depreciation is provided on the straight-line method based on the useful lives of the various classes of depreciable property. The average estimated lives of depreciable cable property, plant and equipment are:

Buildings	12-25 years
Cable television distribution equipment	8.5-12 years
Vehicles	5 years
Other equipment	12 years

Maintenance and repair costs are charged to expense as incurred. Major replacements and betterments are capitalized. Gain or loss is recognized on retirements and dispositions.

#### Intangible assets

Intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the expected period of benefit ranging from 5 to 19.3 years. Intangible assets include cable franchises. The cable systems owned or managed by the Company are constructed and operated under fixed-term franchises or other types of operating authorities (referred to collectively herein as "franchises") that are generally nonexclusive and are granted by local governmental authorities. The provisions of these local franchises are subject to federal regulation. Costs incurred to obtain or renew franchises are capitalized and amortized over the term of the applicable franchise agreement.

# Accounting for impairments

The Company follows the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 121 -- "Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed of" ("SFAS 121").

SFAS 121 requires that long-lived assets and certain identifiable intangibles to be held and used by an entity be reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. In performing the review for recoverability, the Company estimates the net future cash flows expected to result from the use of the asset and its eventual disposition. If the sum of the expected net future cash flows (undiscounted and without interest charges) is less than the carrying amount of the asset, an impairment loss is recognized. Measurement of an impairment loss for long-lived assets and identifiable intangibles expected to be held and used is based on the fair value of the asset.

No impairment losses have been recognized by the Company pursuant to SFAS 121.

#### Revenue recognition

Revenues from cable programming services are recorded in the month the service is provided. Installation fee revenue is recognized in the period in which the installation occurs.

#### Advertising expense

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising expense charged to operations was \$514, \$560, and \$505 in 1996, 1997, and for the period from January 1, 1998 to November 5, 1998 respectively.

# Stock-based compensation

The Company applies Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25 -- "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" ("APB 25") in accounting for its stock plans. The Company has adopted the disclosure-only provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 -- "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation" ("SFAS 123").

# Earnings (loss) per share

The Company has adopted statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 128 -- "Earnings Per Share" ("SFAS 128"). Basic earnings (loss) per share is computed based on net income (loss) divided by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period.

Diluted earnings (loss) per share is computed based on net income (loss) divided by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period after giving effect to convertible securities considered to be dilutive common stock equivalents. The conversions of stock options during periods in which the Company incurs a loss from continuing operations is not assumed since the effect is anti-dilutive.

The number of stock options which would have been converted in 1997 and in 1998 and had a dilutive effect if the Company had income from continuing operations are 55,602 and 45,531, respectively.

For periods prior to October 1, 1997, during which the Company was a wholly owned subsidiary of C-TEC, earnings (loss) per share was calculated by dividing net income (loss) by one-fourth the average common shares of C-TEC outstanding, based upon a distribution ratio of one share of Company common stock for each four shares of C-TEC common equity owned.

#### Income taxes

The Company and Mercom file separate consolidated federal income tax returns. Prior to the Distribution, income tax expense was allocated to C-TEC's subsidiaries on a separate return basis except that C-TEC's subsidiaries receive benefit for the utilization of net operating losses and investment tax credits included in the consolidated tax return even if such losses and credits could not have been used on a separate return basis. The Company accounts for income taxes using Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109 -- "Accounting for Income Taxes". The statement requires the use of an asset and liability approach for financial reporting purposes. The asset and liability approach requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between financial reporting basis and tax basis of assets and liabilities. If it is more likely than not that some portion or all of a deferred tax asset will not be realized, a valuation allowance is recognized.

#### Reclassification

Certain amounts have been reclassified to conform with the current year's presentation.

#### 3. BUSINESS COMBINATION AND DISPOSITIONS

The Agreement between Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc. and the Company permitted the Company to agree to acquire the 1,822,810 shares (approximately 38% of the outstanding stock) of Mercom that it did not own (the "Mercom Acquisition"). On September 10, 1998 the Company and Mercom entered into a definitive agreement (the "Mercom Merger Agreement") providing for the acquisition by the Company of all of such shares at a price of \$12.00 per share. The Company completed this acquisition in March 1999. The total estimated consideration payable in conjunction with the Mercom Acquisition, excluding fees and expenses was \$21,900.

In March 1999, Avalon Michigan Inc. acquired the cable television systems of Nova Cablevision, Inc., Nova Cablevision VI, L.P. and Nova Cablevision VII, L.P. for approximately \$7,800, excluding transaction fees.

In July 1997, Mercom sold its cable system in Port St. Lucie, Florida for cash of approximately 3,500. The Company realized a pretax gain of 2,571 on the transaction.

# 4. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	DECEMBER 31, 1997	NOVEMBER 5, 1998
Cable plant	\$158,655	\$ 174,532
Buildings and land	2,837	2,917
Furniture, fixtures and vehicles	5,528	6,433
Construction in process	990	401
Total property, plant and equipment	168,010	184,283
Less accumulated depreciation	(94,174)	(106,718)
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 73,836	\$ 77,565
	=======	========

Depreciation expense was \$15,728, \$16,431 and \$14,968 for the years ended December 31, 1996 and 1997, and the period from January 1, 1998 to November 5, 1998, respectively.

# 5. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets consist of the following at:

	DECEMBER 31, 1997	NOVEMBER 5, 1998
Cable Franchises	\$134,889	\$ 134,889
Noncompete agreements	473	473
Goodwill	3,990	3,990
Other	1,729	1,729
Total	141,081	141,081
Less accumulated amortization	(95,821)	(108,951)
Intangible assets, net	\$ 45,260	\$ 32,130
	=======	=======

Amortization expense charged to operations for the years ended December 31, 1996 and 1997 was \$15,699 and \$15,651, respectively, and \$13,130 for the period from January 1, 1998 to November 5, 1998.

# 6. INCOME TAXES

The income tax provision (benefit) in the accompanying consolidated financial statements of operations is comprised of the following:  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \left$ 

	1996	1997	1998
CURRENT: Federal	\$(6,700) 	\$ 245 	\$ 320 28
Total Current		245	
DEFERRED: FederalState	988 	(4,359)	(2,074) (183)
Total Deferred	988	(4,359)	(2,257)
Total (benefit) for income taxes	\$(5,712) ======	\$(4,114) ======	\$(1,909) ======

The benefit for income taxes is different from the amounts computed by applying the U.S. statutory federal tax rate of 35% for 1996, 34% for 1997 and 35% for the period from January 1, 1998 to November 5, 1998. The differences are as follows:

	YEAR ENDED D	ECEMBER 31,	PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1998 TO		
	1996	1997	NOVEMBER 11, 1998		
(Loss) before (benefit) for income taxes	\$(15,119) 	\$(8,525) 	\$(12,368) 		
Federal tax (benefit) at statutory rates State income taxes	\$ (5,307)  175	\$(2,899)  171	\$ (4,329) (101) 492		
Increase (decrease) in valuation allowance  Nondeductible expenses  Benefit of rate differential applied to	(518) 	(1,190) 147	2,029		
reversing timing differencesOther, net	(62)	(424) 81			
(Benefit) for income taxes	\$ (5,712) ======	\$(4,114) ======	\$ (1,909) ======		

	TAX NET	
	OPERATING	EXPIRATION
YEAR	LOSSES	DATE
1000	<b>.</b> 405	0007
1992		2007
1995	\$2,713	2010

In 1997, Mercom was liable for Federal Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). At December 31, 1997 and at November 5, 1998, the cumulative minimum tax credits are \$141 and \$141, respectively. This amount can be carried forward indefinitely to reduce regular tax liabilities that exceed AMT in future years.

Temporary differences that give rise to a significant portion of deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

	DECEMBER 31, 1997	NOVEMBER 5, 1998
NOL carryforwards Alternative minimum tax credits Reserves Other, net	\$ 1,588 141 753 230	\$ 1,132 141 210 309
Total deferred assets	2,712	1,792
Property, plant and equipment	(11,940) (11,963)	(10,515)
Total deferred liabilities	(23,903)	(20,557)
Subtotal Valuation allowance	(21,191)	(18,765)
Total deferred taxes	\$(21,191) ======	\$(18,765) ======

In the opinion of management, based on the future reversal of taxable temporary differences, primarily depreciation and amortization, the Company will more likely than not be able to realize all of its deferred tax assets. As a result, the net change in the valuation allowance for deferred tax assets during 1997 was a decrease of \$1,262, which \$72 related to Mercom of Florida.

Due to the sale of Mercom of Florida, the Company's deferred tax liabilities decreased by \$132.

#### 7. DEBT

Long-term debt outstanding at November 5, 1998 is as follows:

	DECEMBER 31, 1997	NOVEMBER 5, 1998
Term Credit Facility	\$100,000 28,000 15,000	\$100,000 20,000 15,000
TotalCurrent portion of long-term debt	143,000	135,000 15,000
Total Long-Term Debt	\$143,000 ======	\$120,000 ======

# Credit Facility

The Company had an outstanding line of credit with a banking institution for \$3 million. No amounts were outstanding under this facility.

The Company has in place two secured credit facilities (the "Credit Facilities") pursuant to a single credit agreement with a group of lenders for which First Union National Bank acts as agent (the "Credit Agreement"), which was effective as of July 1, 1997. The first is a five-year revolving credit facility in the amount of \$65,000 (the "Revolving Credit Facility"). The second is an eight-year term credit facility in the amount of \$100,000 (the "Term Credit Facility").

The interest rate on the Credit Facilities will be, at the election of the Company, based on either a LIBOR or a Base Rate option (6.25% at November 5, 1998) (each as defined in the Credit Agreement).

The entire amount of the Term Credit Facility has been drawn and as of November 5, 1998, \$100,000 of the principal was outstanding thereunder. The entire amount of the Revolving Credit Facility is available to the Company until June 30, 2002. As of November 5, 1998, \$20,000 of principal was outstanding thereunder. Revolving loans may be repaid and reborrowed from time to time.

The Term Credit Facility is payable over six years in quarterly installments, from September 30, 1999 through June 30, 2005. Interest only is due through June 1999. The Credit Agreement is currently unsecured.

The Credit Agreement contains restrictive covenants which, among other things, require the Company to maintain certain debt to cash flow, interest coverage and fixed charge coverage ratios and place certain limitations on additional debt and investments. The Company does not believe that these covenants will materially restrict its activities.

# Term Loan

On September 30, 1997, the Company assumed all obligations of CTE under a \$15 million credit facility extended by a separate group of lenders for which First Union National Bank also acts as agent (the "\$15 Million Facility"). The \$15 Million Facility matures in a single installment on June 30, 1999 and is collateralized by a first priority pledge of all shares of Mercom owned by the Company. The \$15 Million

Facility has interest rate provisions (6.25% at November 5, 1998), covenants and events of default substantially the same as the Credit Facilities.

On November 6, 1998, the long-term debt of the Company was paid off in conjunction with the closing of the merger.

#### Mercom debt

In August 1997, the Mercom revolving credit agreement for \$2,000 expired. Mercom had no borrowings under the revolving credit agreement in 1996 or 1997.

On September 29, 1997, the Company purchased and assumed all of the bank's interest in the term credit agreement and the note issued thereunder. Immediately after the purchase, the term credit agreement was amended in order to, among other things, provide for less restrictive financial covenants, eliminate mandatory amortization of principal and provide for a bullet maturity of principal on December 31, 2002, and remove the change of control event of default. Mercom's borrowings under the term credit agreement contain pricing and security provisions substantially the same as those in place prior to the purchase of the loan. The borrowings are secured by a pledge of the stock of Mercom's subsidiaries and a first lien on certain of the assets of Mercom and its subsidiaries, including inventory, equipment and receivables. At November 5, 1998, \$14,151 of principal was outstanding. The borrowings under the term credit agreement are eliminated in the Company's consolidated balance sheet.

#### 8. COMMON STOCK AND STOCK PLANS

The Company has authorized 25,000,000 shares of \$1 par value common stock, and 50,000,000 shares of \$1 par value Class B common stock. The Company also has authorized 10,000,000 shares of \$1 par value preferred stock. At November 5, 1998, 6,901,432 common shares are issued and outstanding.

In connection with the Distribution, the Company Board of Directors (the "Board") adopted the Cable Michigan, Inc. 1997 Equity Incentive Plan (the "1997 Plan"), designed to provide equity-based compensation opportunities to key employees when shareholders of the Company have received a corresponding benefit through appreciation in the value of Cable Michigan Common Stock.

The 1997 Plan contemplates the issuance of incentive stock options, as well as stock options that are not designated as incentive stock options, performance-based stock options, stock appreciation rights, performance share units, restricted stock, phantom stock units and other stock-based awards (collectively, "Awards"). Up to 300,000 shares of Common Stock, plus shares of Common Stock issuable in connection with the Distribution related option adjustments, may be issued pursuant to Awards granted under the 1997 Plan.

All employees and outside consultants to the Company and any of its subsidiaries and all Directors of the Company who are not also employees of the Company are eligible to receive discretionary Awards under the 1997 Plan.

Unless earlier terminated by the Board, the 1997 Plan will expire on the 10th anniversary of the Distribution. The Board or the Compensation Committee may, at any time, or from time to time, amend or suspend and, if suspended, reinstate, the 1997 Plan in whole or in part.

Prior to the Distribution, certain employees of the Company were granted stock option awards under C-TEC's stock option plans. In connection with the Distribution, 380,013 options covering Common Stock were issued. Each C-Tec option was adjusted so that each holder would hold options to purchase shares of Commonwealth Telephone Enterprise Common Stock, RCN Common Stock and Cable Michigan Common Stock. The number of shares subject to, and the exercise price of, such options were adjusted to take into account the Distribution and to ensure that the aggregate intrinsic value of the resulting RCN, the Company and Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises options immediately after the Distribution was equal to the aggregate intrinsic value of the C-TEC options immediately prior to the Distribution.

Information relating to the Company stock options is as follows:

	NUMBER OF SHARES	WEIGHTED AVERAGE EXERCISE PRICE
Outstanding December 31, 1995. Granted. Exercised. Canceled.	301,000 33,750 (7,250) (35,500)	\$ 8.82  10.01
Outstanding December 31, 1996.  Granted	292,000	8.46 8.82  10.01
Outstanding December 31, 1997	379,638	8.82 31.25 26.21  \$11.52
Outstanding November 5, 1998	390,813 ====== 155,125	\$11.52 ===== \$ 8.45

The range of exercise prices for options outstanding at November 5, 1998 was \$8.46 to \$31.25.

No compensation expense related to stock option grants was recorded in 1997. For the period ended November 5, 1998 compensation expense in the amount of \$161 was recorded relating to services rendered by the Board.

Under the term of the Merger Agreement the options under the 1997 Plan vest upon the closing of the merger and each option holder will receive \$40.50 per option.

Pro forma information regarding net income and earnings per share is required by SFAS 123, and has been determined as if the Company had accounted for its stock options under the fair value method of SFAS 123. The fair value of these options was estimated at the date of grant using a Black Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions for the period ended November 5, 1998. The fair value of these options was estimated at the date of grant using a Black Scholes option pricing model with weighted average assumptions for dividend yield of 0% for 1996, 1997 and 1998; expected volatility of 39.5% for 1996, 38.6% prior to the Distribution and 49.8% subsequent to the Distribution for 1997 and 40% for 1998; risk-free interest rate of 5.95%, 6.52% and 5.68% for 1996, 1997 and 1998 respectively, and expected lives of 5 years for 1996 and 1997 and 6 years for 1998.

The weighted-average fair value of options granted during 1997 and 1998 was 4.19 and 14.97, respectively.

For purposes of pro forma disclosures, the estimated fair value of the options is amortized to expense over the options' vesting period. The Company's pro forma net earnings and earnings per share were as follows:

	FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,		FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1 TO NOVEMBER 5,	
	1996	1997	1998	
Net (Loss) as reported	\$(8,256)	\$(4,358)	\$(10,534)	
Net (Loss) pro forma	(8, 256)	(4,373)	(10, 174)	
Basic (Loss) per share-as reported	(1.20)	(0.63)	(1.45)	
Basic (Loss) per share-pro forma	(1.20)	(0.64)	(1.48)	
Diluted (Loss) per share-as reported	(1.20)	(0.63)	(1.45)	
Diluted (Loss) per share-pro forma	(1.20)	(0.64)	(1.48)	

In November 1996, the C-TEC shareholders approved a stock purchase plan for certain key executives (the "Executive Stock Purchase Plan" or "C-TEC ESPP"). Under the C-TEC ESPP, participants may purchase shares of C-TEC Common Stock in an amount of between 1% and 20% of their annual base compensation and between 1% and 100% of their annual bonus compensation and provided, however, that in no event shall the participant's total contribution exceed 20% of the sum of their annual compensation, as defined by the C-TEC ESPP. Participant's accounts are credited with the number of share units derived by dividing the amount of the participant's contribution by the average price of a share of C-TEC Common Stock at approximately the time such contribution is made. The share units credited to participant's account do not give such participant any rights as a shareholder with respect to, or any rights as a holder or record owner of, any shares of C-TEC Common Stock. Amounts representing share units that have been credited to a participant's account will be distributed, either in a lump sum or in installments, as elected by the participant, following the earlier of the participant's termination of employment with the Company or three calendar years following the date on which the share units were initially credited to the participant's account. It is anticipated that, at the time of distribution, participant will receive one share of C-TEC Common Stock for each share unit being distributed.

Following the crediting of each share unit to a participant's account, a matching share of Common Stock is issued in the participant's name. Each matching share is subject to forfeiture as provided in the C-TEC ESPP. The issuance of matching shares will be subject to the participant's execution of an escrow agreement. A participant will be deemed to be the holder of, and may exercise all the rights of a record owner of, the matching shares issued to such participant while such matching shares are held in escrow. Shares of restricted C-TEC Common Stock awarded under the C-TEC ESPP and share units awarded under the C-TEC ESPP that relate to C-TEC Common Stock were adjusted so that following the Distribution, each such participant was credited with an aggregate equivalent value of restricted shares of common stock of CTE, the Company and RCN. In September 1997, the Board approved the Cable Michigan, Inc. Executive Stock Purchase Plan, ("the "Cable Michigan ESPP"), with terms substantially the same as the C-TEC ESPP. The number of shares which may be distributed under the Cable Michigan ESPP as matching shares or in payment of share units is 30,000.

# 9. PENSIONS AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Prior to the Distribution, the Company's financial statements reflect the costs experienced for its employees and retirees while included in the C-TEC plans.

Through December 31, 1996, substantially all employees of the Company were included in a trusteed noncontributory defined benefit pension plan, maintained by C-TEC. Upon retirement, employees are provided a monthly pension based on length of service and compensation. C-TEC funds pension costs to the extent necessary to meet the minimum funding requirements of ERISA. Substantially, all employees of

C-TEC's Pennsylvania cable television operations (formerly Twin Country Trans Video, Inc.) were covered by an underfunded plan which was merged into C-TEC's overfunded plan on February 28, 1996.

The information that follows relates to the entire C-TEC noncontributory defined benefit plan. The components of C-TEC's pension cost are as follows for 1996:

Benefits earned during the year (service costs) Interest cost on projected benefit obligation		
Actual return on plan assets	(1	,456)
Net periodic pension cost		441 ====

The following assumptions were used in the determination of the consolidated projected benefit obligation and net periodic pension cost (credit) for December 31, 1996:

Discount	Rate	7.5%
Expected	long-term rate of return on plan assets	8.0%
Weighted	average long-term rate of compensation increases	6.0%

The Company's allocable share of the consolidated net periodic pension costs (credit), based on the Company's proportionate share of consolidated annualized salaries as of the valuation date, was approximately \$10 for 1996. These amounts are reflected in operating expenses. As discussed below, no pension cost (credit) was recognized in 1997.

In connection with the restructuring, C-TEC completed a comprehensive study of its employee benefit plans in 1996. As a result of this study, effective December 31, 1996, in general, employees of the Company no longer accrue benefits under the defined benefit pension plans and became fully vested in their benefit accrued through that date. C-TEC notified affected participants in December 1996. In December 1996, C-TEC allocated pension plan assets of \$6,984 and the related liabilities to a separate plan for employees who no longer accrue benefits after sum distributions. The allocation of assets and liabilities resulted in a curtailment/settlement gain of \$4,292. The Company's allocable share of this gain was \$855. This gain results primarily from the reduction of the related projected benefit obligation. The curtailed plan has assets in excess of the projected benefit obligation.

C-TEC sponsors a 401(k) savings plan covering substantially all employees of the Company who are not covered by collective bargaining agreements. Contributions made by the Company to the 401(k) plan are based on a specific percentage of employee contributions. Contributions charged to expense were \$128 in 1996. Contributions charged to expense in 1997 prior to the Distribution were \$107.

In connection with the Distribution, the Company established a qualified saving plan under Section 401(k) of the Code. Contributions charged to expense in 1997 were \$53. Contributions charged to expense for the period from January 1, 1998 to November 5, 1998 were \$164.

# 10. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Total rental expense, primarily for office space and pole rental, was \$984, \$908 and \$1,077 for the year ended December 31, 1996, 1997 and for the period from January 1, 1998 to November 5, 1998, respectively. Rental commitments are expected to continue to approximate \$1 million a year for the foreseeable future, including pole rental commitments which are cancelable.

The Company is subject to the provisions of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, as amended, and the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Company has either settled challenges or accrued for anticipated exposures related to rate regulation; however, there is no assurance that

there will not be further additional challenges to its rates. The 1996 statements of operations include charges aggregating approximately \$833 relating to cable rate regulation liabilities. No additional charges were incurred in the year ended December 31, 1997 and for the period from January 1, 1998 to November 5, 1998.

In the normal course of business, there are various legal proceedings outstanding. In the opinion of management, these proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or results of operations of the Company.

The Company has agreed to indemnify RCN and C-TEC and their respective subsidiaries against any and all liabilities which arise primarily from or relate primarily to the management or conduct of the business of the Company prior to the effective time of the Distribution. The Company has also agreed to indemnify RCN and C-TEC and their respective subsidiaries against 20% of any liability which arises from or relates to the management or conduct prior to the effective time of the Distribution of the businesses of C-TEC and its subsidiaries and which is not a true C-TEC liability, a true RCN liability or a true Company liability.

The Tax Sharing Agreement, by and among the Company, RCN and C-TEC (the "Tax Sharing Agreement"), governs contingent tax liabilities and benefits, tax contests and other tax matters with respect to tax returns filed with respect to tax periods, in the case of the Company, ending or deemed to end on or before the Distribution date. Under the Tax Sharing Agreement, adjustments to taxes that are clearly attributable to the Company group, the RCN group, or the C-TEC group will be borne solely by such group. Adjustments to all other tax liabilities will be borne 50% by C-TEC, 20% by the Company and 30% by RCN.

Notwithstanding the above, if as a result of the acquisition of all or a portion of the capital stock or assets of the Company, the Distribution fails to qualify as a tax-free distribution under Section 355 of the Internal Revenue Code, then the Company will be liable for any and all increases in tax attributable thereto.

#### 11. AFFILIATE AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company has the following transactions with affiliates:

	FOR THE YEAR ENDED		FOR THE PERIOD ENDED NOVEMBER 5,	
	1996	1997	1998	
Corporate office costs allocated to the Company Cable staff and customer service costs allocated from	\$ 3,498	\$3,715	\$1,866	
RCN Cable	3,577	3,489	3,640	
Interest expense on affiliate notes	13,952	8,447	795	
Royalty fees charged by CTE	585	465		
Charges for engineering services	296			
Other affiliate expenses	189	171	157	

In addition, RCN has agreed to obtain programming from third party suppliers for Cable Michigan, the costs of which will be reimbursed to RCN by Cable Michigan. In those circumstances where RCN purchases third party programming on behalf of both RCN and the Company, such costs will be shared by each company, on a pro rata basis, based on each company's number of subscribers.

At December 31, 1997 and November 5, 1998, the Company has accounts receivable from related parties of \$166 and \$396 respectively, for these transactions. At December 31, 1997 and November 5, 1998, the Company has accounts payable to related parties of \$1,560 and \$343 respectively, for these transactions.

The Company had a note payable to RCN Corporation of \$147,567 at December 31, 1996 primarily related to the acquisition of the Michigan cable operations and its subsequent operations. The Company repaid approximately \$110,000 of this note payable in 1997. The remaining balance was transferred to shareholder's net investment in connection with the Distribution.

# 12. OFF BALANCE SHEET RISK AND CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Company places its cash and temporary investments with high credit quality financial institutions. The Company also periodically evaluates the creditworthiness of the institutions with which it invests. The Company does, however, maintain unsecured cash and temporary cash investment balances in excess of federally insured limits.

The Company's trade receivables reflect a customer base centered in the state of Michigan. The Company routinely assesses the financial strength of its customers; as a result, concentrations of credit risk are limited.

#### 13. DISCLOSURES ABOUT FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate that value:

- a. The fair value of the revolving credit agreement is considered to be equal to carrying value since the debt re-prices at least every six months and the Company believes that its credit risk has not changed from the time the floating rate debt was borrowed and therefore, would obtain similar rates in the current market.
- b. The fair value of the cash and temporary cash investments approximates fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments.

#### 14. QUARTERLY INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

The Company estimated the following quarterly data based on assumptions which it believes are reasonable. The quarterly data may differ from quarterly data subsequently presented in interim financial statements.

	FIRST QUARTER	SECOND QUARTER	THIRD QUARTER	FOURTH QUARTER
1998				
Revenue	\$20,734	\$22,311	\$22,735	\$ 8,741
Operating income before depreciation,				
amortization, and management fees	9,043	10,047	10,185	12,277
Operating income (loss)	7,000	(3,324)	(674)	(7,051)
Net (loss)	(1,401)	(5,143)	(2,375)	(1,615)
Net (loss) per average Common Share	(0.20)	(0.75)	(0.34)	(0.23)
1997	,	, ,	,	,
Revenue	\$19,557	\$20,673	\$20,682	\$20,387
Operating income before depreciation,	, -,	, .,	, .,	, -,
amortization, and management fees	8,940	9,592	9,287	9,013
Operating income (loss)	275	809	(118)	69
Net (loss)	N/A	N/A	N/A	(1,107)
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Net (loss) per average Common Share	N/A	N/A	N/A	(0.16)

The fourth quarter information for the quarter ended December 31, 1998 includes the results of operations of the Company for the period from October 1, 1998 through November 5, 1998.

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

To the Board of Managers of Avalon Cable of New England LLC

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and the related statements of operations, partners' equity (deficit) and of cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Amrac Clear View, a Limited Partnership, (the "Partnership"), as of May 28, 1998 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the period ended May 28, 1998, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Partnership's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit of these statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for the opinion expressed above.

/s/ PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

Boston, Massachusetts September 11, 1998

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# AMRAC CLEAR VIEW, A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

# BALANCE SHEET MAY 28, 1998

# ASSETS

ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 415,84	14
doubtful accounts of \$16,445	45,35	9
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	129,00	)4
Total current assets	590,20	7
Property, plant and equipment, net	483,13	34
	\$1,073,34	11
	=======	=
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' EQUITY	<b>.</b>	-
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' EQUITY Accounts payable		
Accounts payable	84,39	95
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-431}}$ 

# AMRAC CLEAR VIEW, A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH MAY 28, 1998

REVENUE: Basic services. Premium services. Other.	\$651,878 78,365 49,067
	779,310
	779,310
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Programming	193,093
Selling, general and administrative	151,914
Technical and operations	98,628
Depreciation and amortization	47,268
Management fees	41,674
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Income from operations	246,733
Interest income	,
	2,319
Interest (expense)	(1,871)
Net income	\$247,181
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-432}}$ 

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PARTNERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH MAY 28, 1998

	======	======	======	=======	=======
Partners' equity at May 28, 1998	\$ (576)	\$ (576)	\$ (231)	\$932,514	\$931,131
Net income	6,180	6,180	2,472	232,349	247,181
31, 1997	\$(6,756)	\$(6,756)	\$(2,703)	\$700,165	\$683,950
Partners' (deficit) equity at December					
	PARTNER	PARTNER	PARTNER	PARTNERS	TOTAL
	GENERAL	LIMITED	LIMITED	LIMITED	
		CLASS A	CLASS B	INVESTOR	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.  ${\hbox{\scriptsize F-433}}$ 

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH MAY 28, 1998

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net income	\$247,181
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided	
by operating activities:	
Depreciation and amortization	47,268
CHANGES IN OPERATING ASSETS AND LIABILITIES:	
Decrease in subscribers and other receivables	21,038
Increase in prepaid expenses and other current assets	(52,746)
Increase in accounts payable	9,866
Increase in accrued expenses	3,127
Net cash provided by operating activities	275,734
CASH FLOWS FOR INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Capital expenditures	(61,308)
Cash flows for financing activities Repayment of long-term	
debt	(560,500)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(346,074)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	761,918
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	\$415,844
cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	=======
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES	
Cash paid during the period for:	
Interest	\$ 6,939
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.  $$\mbox{\sc F-}434$$ 

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF BUSINESS

The Partnership is a Massachusetts limited partnership created pursuant to a Limited Partnership Agreement, dated as of October 1, 1986, as amended (the "Partnership Agreement"), by and among (1) Amrac Telecommunications as the general partner (the "General Partner"), (2) Clear View Cablevision, Inc. as the class A limited partner (the "Class A Limited Partner"), (3) Schuparra Properties, Inc., as the class B limited partner (the "Class B Limited Partner"), and (4) those persons admitted to the Partnership from time to time as investor limited partners (the "Investor Limited Partner").

The Partnership provides cable television service to the towns of Hadley and Belchertown located in western Massachusetts. At May 28, 1998, the Partnership provided services to approximately 5,100 customers residing in those towns.

The Partnership's cable television systems offer customer packages of basic and cable programming services which are offered at a per channel charge or are packaged together to form a tier of services offered at a discount from the combined channel rate. The Partnership's cable television systems also provide premium television services to their customers for an extra monthly charge. Customers generally pay initial connection charges and fixed monthly fees for cable programming and premium television services, which constitute the principal sources of revenue for the Partnership.

On October 7, 1997, the Partnership entered into a definitive agreement with Avalon Cable of New England LLC ("Avalon New England") whereby Avalon New England would purchase the assets and operations of the Partnership for \$7,500,000. This transaction was consummated and became effective on May 29, 1998. The assets and liabilities at May 28, 1998, have not been adjusted or reclassified to reflect this transaction.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and use assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure for contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results may vary from estimates used.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include highly liquid investments purchased with an initial maturity of three months or less.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized as cable television services are provided.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments which potentially expose the Partnership to a concentration of credit risk include cash, cash equivalents and subscriber and other receivables. The Partnership does not believe that such deposits are subject to any unusual credit risk beyond the normal credit risk associated with operating its business. The Partnership extends credit to customers on an unsecured basis in the normal course of business. The Partnership maintains reserves for potential credit losses and such losses, in the aggregate, have not historically exceeded management's expectations.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

#### Property and Equipment

Property and equipment is stated at cost. Initial subscriber installation costs, including material, labor and overhead costs, are capitalized as a component of cable plant and equipment. Depreciation is computed for financial statement purposes using the straight-line method based upon the following lives:

Cable plant and equipment	10 years
Office furniture and equipment	5 to 10 years
Vehicles	6 vears

#### Financial Instruments

The Partnership estimates that the fair value of all financial instruments at May 28, 1998 does not differ materially from the aggregate carrying values of its financial instruments recorded in the accompanying balance sheet.

#### Income Taxes

The Partnership is not subject to federal and state income taxes. Accordingly, no recognition has been given to income taxes in the accompanying financial statements of the Partnership since the income or loss of the Partnership is to be included in the tax returns of the individual partners.

#### Allocation of Profits and Losses and Distributions of Cash Flow

Partnership profits and losses (other than those arising from capital transactions, described below) and distributions of cash flow are allocated 94% to the Investor Limited Partners, 2.5% to the Class A Limited Partner, 1% to the Class B Limited Partner and 2.5% to the General Partner until Payout (as defined in the Partnership Agreement) and after Payout, 65% to the Investor Limited Partners, 15% to the Class A Limited Partner, 5% to the Class B Limited Partner and 15% to the General Partner.

Partnership profits and capital transactions are allocated first, in proportion to the partners' respective capital accounts until their respective account balances are zero and second, in proportion to any distributed cash proceeds resulting from the capital transaction and third, any remaining profit, if any, is allocated 65% to the Investor Limited Partners, 15% to the Class A Limited Partner, 5% to the Class B Limited Partner, and 15% to the General Partner.

Partnership losses from capital transactions are allocated first, in proportion to the partners' respective capital accounts until their respective account balances are zero and, second, any remaining loss, if any, is allocated 65% to the Investor Limited Partners, 15% to the Class A Limited Partner, 5% to the Class B Limited Partner, and 15% to the General Partner.

# New Accounting Pronouncements

In June 1997, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued SFAS No. 130, "Reporting Comprehensive Income," which establishes standards for reporting and display of comprehensive income and its components in financial statements. SFAS No. 130 states that comprehensive income includes reported net income of a company, adjusted for items that are currently accounted for as direct entries to equity, such as the net unrealized gain or loss on securities available for sale. SFAS No. 130 is effective for both interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 1997. Management does not anticipate that adoption of SFAS No. 130 will have a material effect on the financial statements.

In June 1997, the FASB issued SFAS No. 131, "Disclosure about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information," which establishes standards for reporting by public companies about operating segments of their business. SFAS No. 131 also establishes standards for related disclosures about products and services, geographic areas, and major customers. SFAS No. 131 is effective for periods beginning after

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

December 15, 1997. Management does not anticipate that the adoption of SFAS No. 131 will have a material effect on the financial statements.

#### 3. PREPAID EXPENSES AND OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

At May 28, 1998, prepaid expenses and other current assets consist of the following:

Deferred transaction costs	, .
	\$129,004 ======

Deferred transaction costs consist primarily of attorney fees related to the sale of assets of the Partnership (Note 1).

# 4. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

At May 28, 1998, property, plant and equipment consists of the following:

Cable plant and equipment	52,531
Accumulated depreciation	3,545,233 (3,062,099)
	\$ 483,134 ========

Depreciation expense was 47,018 for the period from January 1, 1998 through May 28, 1998.

# 5. ACCRUED EXPENSES

At May 28, 1998, accrued expenses consist of the following:

Accrued compensation and benefits	\$17,004
Accrued programming costs	24,883
Accrued legal costs	25,372
Other	17,136
	\$84,395

# 6. LONG-TERM DEBT

The Partnership repaid its term loan, due to a bank, on January 15, 1998. Interest on the loan was paid monthly and accrued at the bank's prime rate plus 2% (10.5% at December 31, 1997). The loan was collateralized by substantially all of the assets of the Partnership and a pledge of all partnership interests. The total principal outstanding at December 31, 1997 was \$560,500.

# 7. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Partnership rents poles from utility companies for use in its operations. These rentals amounted to approximately \$15,918 of rent expense during the period. While rental agreements are generally short-term, the Partnership anticipates such rentals will continue in the future. The Partnership leases office facilities and various items of equipment under month-to-month operating leases. Rental expense under operating leases amounted to \$8,171 during the period.

The operations of the Partnership are subject to regulation by the Federal Communications Commission and various franchising authorities.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

From time to time the Partnership is also involved with claims that arise in the normal course of business. In the opinion of management, the ultimate liability with respect to these claims will not have a material adverse effect on the operations, cash flows or financial position of the Partnership.

#### 8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The General Partner provides management services to the Partnership for which it receives a management fee of 5% of revenue. The General Partner also allocates, in accordance with a management agreement, certain general, administrative and payroll costs to the Partnership. For the period from January 1, 1998 through May 28, 1998, management fees totaled \$41,674 and allocated general, administrative and payroll costs totaled \$3,625, which are included in selling general and administrative expenses.

The Partnership believes that these fees and allocations were made on a reasonable basis. However, the amounts paid are not necessarily indicative of the level of expenses that might have been incurred had the Partnership contracted directly with third parties. The Partnership has not attempted to obtain quotes from third parties to determine what the cost of obtaining such services from third parties would have been.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Partners of AMRAC CLEAR VIEW, A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Amrac Clear View, a Limited Partnership as of December 31, 1996 and 1997, and the related statements of net earnings, changes in partners' equity (deficit) and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1997. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Partnership's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Amrac Clear View, a Limited Partnership as of December 31, 1996 and 1997, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1997 in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ GREENFIELD, ALTMAN, BROWN, BERGER & KATZ, P.C.

Canton, Massachusetts February 13, 1998

# BALANCE SHEETS AT DECEMBER 31, 1996 AND 1997

	1996	1997
ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 475,297	\$ 761,918
doubtful accounts of \$2,500 in 1996 and \$3,000 in 1997 Prepaid expenses:	49,868	66,397
Legal Miscellaneous	28,016	20,633
Total current assets	553,181	902,350
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation \$2,892,444 in 1996 and \$3,015,081 in 1997	473,438	
OTHER ASSETS: Franchise cost, net of accumulated amortization of \$6,757 in		
1996 and \$7,417 in 1997  Deferred financing costs, net of accumulated amortization of	3,133	2,473
\$60,247 in 1996 and \$73,447 in 1997	13,200	
	16,333	2,473
	\$1,042,952 =======	\$1,373,667
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' EQUITY CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 356,500 34,592	\$ 397,500 47,949
Utilities	59,668 50,074	81,268
Total current liabilities	500,834	526,717
Long-term debt, net of current maturities		163,000
Commitments and contingencies (Note 4) Partners' equity		683,950
	\$1,042,952 =======	

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# STATEMENTS OF NET EARNINGS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995, 1996 AND 1997

	1995	1996	1997
Revenues	\$1,701,322 644,736	\$1,807,181 656,881	\$1,902,080 687,433
Net revenues	1,056,586	1,150,300	1,214,647
Operating expenses excluding management fees and depreciation and amortization	330,574 94,317 330,913	388,284 96,742 340,166	351,031 101,540 136,497
	755,804	825,192	589,068
Earnings from operations	300,782	325,108	625,579
OTHER EXPENSES (INCOME): Interest income	130,255   130,255	` ' '	(23,996) 70,738 (50,995)  (4,253)
Net earnings		\$ 233,755 =======	\$ 629,832 =======

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PARTNERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995, 1996 AND 1997

	GENERAL PARTNER	CLASS A LIMITED PARTNER	CLASS B LIMITED PARTNER	INVESTOR LIMITED PARTNERS	TOTAL
Partners' deficit at December 31,					
1994	\$(31,012)	\$(31,012)	\$(12,405)	\$(211,905)	\$(286,334)
Net earnings for the year  Partners' distributions during the	4,263	4,263	1,705	160,296	170,527
year	(1,596)	(1,596)	(638)	(60,000)	(63,830)
Partners' deficit at December 31,					
1995	(28,345)	(28,345)	(11,338)	(111,609)	(179,637)
Net earnings for the year	5,844	5,844	2,337	219,730	233,755
Partners' equity (deficit) at December					
31, 1996	(22,501)	(22,501)	(9,001)	108,121	54,118
Net earnings for the year	15,745	15,745	6,298	592,044	629,832
Partners' equity (deficit) at December					
31, 1997	\$ (6,756)	\$ (6,756)	\$ (2,703)	\$ 700,165	\$ 683,950
	=======	=======	=======	=======	=======

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# STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995, 1996 AND 1997

	1995	1996	1997
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES  Net earnings	\$ 170,527	\$ 233,755	\$ 629,832
provided by operating activities:  Depreciation and amortization  Changes in assets and liabilities: (Increase) decrease in:	330,913	340,166	136,497
Subscribers and other receivables Prepaid expenses		(12,093) (9,468)	
expenses		69,262	
Net cash provided by operating activities	436,211	621,622	688,664
CASH FLOWS FOR INVESTING ACTIVITIES Purchases of equipment	(116,794)		
CASH FLOWS FOR FINANCING ACTIVITIES Repayment of long-term debt Distributions to partners	(239,250) (63,830)	(260,750)	(284,000)
Net cash used by financing activities	(303,080)	(260,750)	(284,000)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	172,967	285,993 189,304	475,297
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 189,304 =======	\$ 475,297 ======	\$ 761,918 =======
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES Cash paid during the year for:			
Interest	\$ 133,540 ======	\$ 94,038 ======	\$ 73,124 ======

See notes to financial statements F-443

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995, 1996 AND 1997

#### 1. SUMMARY OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

This summary of significant accounting policies of Amrac Clear View, a Limited Partnership (the "Partnership"), is presented to assist in understanding the Partnership's financial statements. The financial statements and notes are representations of the Partnership's management, which is responsible for their integrity and objectivity. The accounting policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles and have been consistently applied in the preparation of the financial statements.

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing these financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were used.

#### Operations:

The Partnership provides cable television service to the residents of the towns of Hadley and Belchertown in western Massachusetts.

#### Credit concentrations:

The Partnership maintains cash balances at several financial institutions. Accounts at each institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000. At various times during the year the Partnership's cash balances exceeded the federally insured limits.

Concentration of credit risk with respect to subscriber receivables are limited due to the large number of subscribers comprising the Partnership's customer base.

# Property and equipment/depreciation:

Property and equipment are carried at cost. Minor additions and renewals are expensed in the year incurred. Major additions and renewals are capitalized. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets. Total depreciation for the years ended December 31, 1995, 1996 and 1997 was \$321,872, \$331,707 and \$122,637, respectively.

# Other assets/amortization:

Amortizable assets are recorded at cost. The Partnership amortizes intangible assets using the straight-line method over the useful lives of the various items. Total amortization for the years ended December 31, 1995, 1996 and 1997 was \$9,041, \$8,459 and \$13,860, respectively.

# Cash equivalents:

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Partnership considers all short-term instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. There were no cash equivalents at December 31, 1995 and 1997. Cash equivalents at December 31, 1996, amounted to \$300,000.

# Advertising:

The Partnership follows the policy of charging the costs of advertising to expense as incurred. Advertising expense was \$1,681, \$1,781 and \$2,865 for the years ended December 31, 1995, 1996 and 1997, respectively.

# Income taxes:

The Partnership does not incur a liability for federal or state income taxes. The current income or loss of the Partnership is included in the taxable income of the partners, and therefore, no provision for income taxes is reflected in the financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995, 1996 AND 1997

#### Revenues:

The principal sources of revenues are the monthly charges for basic and premium cable television services and installation charges in connection therewith

Allocation of profits and losses and distributions of cash flow:

Partnership profits and losses, (other than those arising from capital transactions, described below), and distributions of cash flow are allocated 94% to the Investor Limited Partners, 2.5% to the Class A Limited Partner, 1% to the Class B Limited Partner and 2.5% to the General Partner until Payout (as defined in the Partnership Agreement) and after Payout, 65% to the Investor Limited Partners, 15% to the Class A Limited Partner, 5% to the Class B Limited Partner and 15% to the General Partner.

Partnership profits from capital transactions are allocated first, in proportion to the partners' respective capital accounts until their respective account balances are zero and second, in proportion to any distributed cash proceeds resulting from the capital transaction and third, any remaining profit, if any, is allocated 65% to the Investor Limited Partners, 15% to the Class A Limited Partner, 5% to the Class B Limited Partner, and 15% to the General Partner.

Partnership losses from capital transactions are allocated first, in proportion to the partners' respective capital accounts until their respective account balances are zero and, second, any remaining loss, if any, is allocated 65% to the Investor Limited Partners, 15% to the Class A Limited Partner, 5% to the Class B Limited Partner, and 15% to the General Partner.

## 2. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:

Property and equipment consists of the following at December 31:

	1996	1997
Cable plant and equipment	\$3,274,684	\$3,391,750
Office furniture and equipment	63,373	64,350
Vehicles	27,825	27,825
	\$3,365,882	\$3,483,925
	========	========

Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives of the above items as follows:

Cable plant and equipment	10 years
Office furniture and equipment	5-10 years
Vehicles	6 vears

# 3. LONG-TERM DEBT:

The Partnership's term loan, due to a bank, is payable in increasing quarterly installments through June 30, 1999. Interest on the loan is paid monthly and accrues at the bank's prime rate plus 2% (10.5% at December 31, 1997). The loan is collateralized by substantially all of the assets of the Partnership and a pledge of all partnership interests. The total principal outstanding at December 31, 1997 was \$560,500.

Annual maturities are as follows:

	=======
	\$560,500
1999	163,000
1998	\$397,500

The loan agreement contains covenants including, but not limited to, maintenance of certain debt ratios as well as restrictions on capital expenditures and investments, additional indebtedness, partner distributions and payment of management fees. The Partnership was in compliance with all covenants at December 31,

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995, 1996 AND 1997

1996 and 1997. In 1995, the Partnership obtained, from the bank, unconditional waivers of the following covenant violations: (1) to make a one-time cash distribution of \$63,830, (2) to increase the capital expenditure limit to \$125,000, and (3) to waive certain other debt ratio and investment restrictions, which were violated during the year.

## 4. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES:

The Partnership rents poles from utility companies in its operations. These rentals amounted to approximately \$31,000, \$39,500 and \$49,000 for the years ended December 31, 1995, 1996 and 1997, respectively. While rental agreements are generally short-term, the Partnership anticipates such rentals will continue in the future.

The Partnership leases a motor vehicle under an operating lease that expires in December 1998. The minimum lease cost for 1998 is approximately \$6.000.

#### 5. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

The General Partner provides management services to the Partnership for which it receives a management fee of 5% of revenue. The General Partner also allocates, in accordance with a management agreement, certain general, administrative and payroll costs to the Partnership. For the years ended December 31, 1995, 1996 and 1997, management fees totaled \$87,800, \$90,242 and \$95,040, respectively and allocated general, administrative and payroll costs totaled \$7,200, \$7,450 and \$8,700, respectively. During each year the Partnership also incurred tap audit fees payable to the General Partner totaling \$4,000. At December 31, 1996, the balance due from the General Partner was \$12,263. The balance due to Amrac Telecommunications at December 31, 1997 was \$4,795.

#### 6. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

On October 7, 1997, the Partnership entered into an agreement with another cable television service provider to sell all of its assets for \$7,500,000. The Partnership received, in escrow, \$250,000, which shall be released as liquidating damages if the closing fails to occur solely as a result of a breach of the agreement. As of December 31, 1997, the Partnership incurred \$53,402 in legal costs associated with the sale which are included in prepaid expenses. Subject to certain regulatory approvals, it is anticipated that the transaction will be consummated in the Spring of 1998.

On January 15, 1998, the Partnership paid, prior to the maturity date, its outstanding term loan due to a bank as described in Note 3.

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

To the Board of Managers of Avalon Cable of New England LLC

In our opinion, the accompanying combined balance sheets and the related combined statements of operations, changes in stockholder's deficit and cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Combined Operations of Pegasus Cable Television of Connecticut, Inc. and the Massachusetts Operations of Pegasus Cable Television, Inc. at December 31, 1996 and 1997 and June 30, 1998, and the results of their operations, changes in stockholder's deficit and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1997 and for the six months ended June 30, 1998, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards which require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for the opinion expressed above.

/s/ PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania March 30, 1999

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# COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS

	DECEMB	DECEMBER 31,	
	1996	1997	JUNE 30, 1998
ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 389,097	\$ 1,092,084	\$ 1,708,549
respectivelyPrepaid expenses and other	140,603	116,112	144,653
	62,556	90,500	92,648
Total current assets  Property and equipment, net  Intangible assets, net  Accounts receivable, affiliates  Deposits and other	592,256	1,298,696	1,945,850
	4,164,545	3,565,597	3,005,045
	2,174,084	2,096,773	1,939,904
	4,216,682	5,243,384	5,692,013
	436,382	456,135	406,135
Total assets	\$11,583,949	\$12,660,585	\$12,988,947
	======	======	======
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S DEFICIT CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 71,744	\$ 34,272	\$14,993,581
	786,284	803,573	764,588
	117,692	149,823	220,724
	193,369	173,735	86,332
	83,910	78,345	52,954
	383,572	203,561	42,038
Total current liabilities	1,636,571	1,443,309	16,160,217
	15,043,763	15,018,099	
	2,811,297	4,685,494	5,622,593
	299,030	299,030	299,030
Total liabilities	19,790,661	21,445,932	22,081,840
Common stock-par value \$1 per share; 10,000 shares authorized; 7,673 shares issued and outstanding Accumulated deficit	7,673	7,673	7,673
	(8,214,385)	(8,793,020)	(9,100,566)
Total stockholder's deficit	(8,206,712)	(8,785,347)	(9,092,893)
Total liabilities and stockholder's deficit	\$11,583,949	\$12,660,585	\$12,988,947
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See accompanying notes to combined financial statements  $${\mbox{\sc F-448}}$$ 

# COMBINED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,			SIX MONTHS ENDED
		1996	1997	JUNE 30, 1998
REVENUES:				
Basic and satellite service	\$ 4,371,736	\$ 4,965,377	\$ 5,353,735	\$2,841,711
Premium services	619,035	640,641	686,513	348,628
Other	144,300	169,125	150,714	86,659
Total revenues	5,135,071	F 77F 149	6,190,962	2 276 000
OPERATING EXPENSES:	5,135,071	5,775,143	0,190,902	3,276,998
Programming	1,119,540	1,392,247	1,612,458	876,588
General and administrative	701,420	811,795	829,977	391,278
Technical and operations	713,239	702,375	633,384	341,249
Marketing and selling	20,825	15,345	19,532	12,041
Incentive compensation	48,794	101,945	94,600	70,900
Management fees	368,085	348,912	242,267	97,714
Depreciation and amortization	1,658,455	1,669,107	1,565,068	834,913
Income from operations	504,713	733,417	1,193,676	652,315
Interest expense	(1,745,635)	(1,888,976)	(1,884,039)	(937,662)
Interest income	956	2,067	93,060	29
Other income (expense), net	794	(2,645)	(27,800)	(17,228)
Loss before state income taxes	(1,239,172)	(1,156,137)	(625, 103)	(302,546)
Provision for state income taxes	20,000	25,000	16,000	5,000
Net loss	\$(1,259,172) =======	\$(1,181,137) =======	\$ (641,103) =======	\$ (307,546) ======

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements  $$\mathsf{F}\text{-}449$$ 

# COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDER'S DEFICIT

	COMMON STOCK		COMMON STOCK	
	NUMBER OF SHARES	PAR VALUE	ACCUMULATED DEFICIT	TOTAL STOCKHOLDER'S DEFICIT
Balances at January 1, 1995	7,673	\$7,673 	\$(5,774,076) (1,259,172)	. , , ,
Balances at December 31, 1995	7,673	7,673	(7,033,248) (1,181,137)	(7,025,575) (1,181,137)
Balances at December 31, 1996  Net loss	7,673  	7,673	(8,214,385)	(8,206,712) (641,103) 62,468
Balances at December 31, 1997	7,673	7,673	(8,793,020) (307,546)	(8,785,347) (307,546)
Balances at June 30, 1998	7,673	\$7,673	\$(9,100,566)	\$(9,092,893)

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements  $$\mathsf{F}\text{-}450$$ 

# COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,			SIX MONTHS ENDED
	1995	1996	1997	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Net loss	\$(1,259,172)	\$(1,181,137)	\$ (641,103)	\$ (307,546)
Depreciation and amortization	1,658,455 26,558	, ,	1,565,068 45,839	834,913 36,074
Accounts receivable	(75,263) (403,212) 239,207 902,006 83,431		(27,944) (93,322)	(64,615) (2,148) 221,219 937,099 50,000
Net cash provided by operating activities				,
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Capital expenditures	(163, 588)		(691, 269)	(114, 221)
Purchase of intangible assets  Net cash used for investing activities				(3,271)  (117,492)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Proceeds from long-term debt	37,331 (13,764) (19,764)	(52,721) (2,562,295)	(63,136) (1,026,702)	
Net cash used by financing activities	(400,773)			(971,039)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	392,060	(483,272) 872,369	702,987 389,097	616,465 1,092,084
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year				. , ,
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION: Cash paid during the year for interest Cash paid during the year for income	\$ 843,629			\$ 563
taxes			\$ 9,796	\$ 25,600
incentive compensationAcquisition of plant under capital leases	\$ 298,250	\$ 48,438	\$ 62,468	

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements  $$\mathsf{F}\text{-}451$$ 

#### NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. BASTS OF PRESENTATION:

These financial statements reflect the results of operations and financial position of Pegasus Cable Television of Connecticut, Inc. ("PCT-CT"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Pegasus Cable Television, Inc. ("PCT"), and the Massachusetts Operations of Pegasus Cable Television, Inc. ("PCT-MA" or the "Massachusetts Operations") (referred herein as the "Combined Operations"). PCT is a wholly owned subsidiary of Pegasus Media & Communications, Inc. ("PM&C"). PM&C is a wholly owned subsidiary of Pegasus Communications Corporation ("PCC").

On July 21, 1998, PCT sold the assets of its Combined Operations to Avalon Cable of New England, LLC. for \$30.1 million. In January 1997, PCT sold the assets of its only other operating division, a cable television system that provided service to individual and commercial subscribers in New Hampshire (the "New Hampshire Operations") for \$7.1 million.

In presenting the historical financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Combined Operations, it has been necessary to eliminate the results and financial position of the New Hampshire Operations. Many items are identifiable as relating to the New Hampshire or Massachusetts divisions as PCT has historically separated results of operations as well as billing and collection activity. However, in certain areas, assumptions and estimates have been required in order to eliminate the New Hampshire Operations for periods prior to its sale. For purposes of eliminating the following balances: Prepaid expenses and other; Deposits and other; Accounts payable; and Accrued expenses, balances have been apportioned between the New Hampshire Operations and the Massachusetts Operations on the basis of subscriber counts. Amounts due to and due from affiliates have been allocated to PCT-MA and are included in these financial statements.

Prior to October 1996, BDI Associates, L.P. provided substantial support services such as finance, accounting and human resources to PCT. Since October 1996, these services have been provided by PCC. All non-accounting costs of PCC are allocated on the basis of average time spent servicing the divisions, while the costs of the accounting function are allocated on the basis of revenue. In the opinion of management, the methods used in allocating costs from PCC are reasonable; however, the costs of these services as allocated are not necessarily indicative of the costs that would have been incurred by the Combined Operations on a stand-alone basis.

The financial information included herein may not necessarily reflect the results of operations, financial position and cash flows of the Combined Operations in the future or what they would have been had it been a separate, stand-alone entity during the periods presented.

# 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingencies. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# Property and Equipment:

Property and equipment are stated at cost. The cost and related accumulated depreciation of assets sold, retired, or otherwise disposed of are removed from the respective accounts, and any resulting gains or losses are included in the statement of operations. Initial subscriber installation costs, including material, labor and overhead costs of the hookup, are capitalized as part of the distribution facilities. The costs of disconnection and reconnection are charged to expense.

## NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

Depreciation is computed for financial reporting purposes using the straight-line method based upon the following lives:

Reception and distribution facilities	7 to 11 years
Building and improvements	12 to 39 years
Equipment, furniture and fixtures	5 to 10 years
Vehicles	3 to 5 years

#### Intangible Assets:

Intangible assets are stated at cost and amortized by the straight-line method. Costs of successful franchise applications are capitalized and amortized over the lives of the related franchise agreements, while unsuccessful franchise applications and abandoned franchises are charged to expense. Financing costs incurred in obtaining long-term financing are amortized over the term of the applicable loan. Intangible assets are reviewed periodically for impairment or whenever events or circumstances provide evidence that suggest that the carrying amounts may not be recoverable. The Company assesses the recoverability of its intangible assets by determining whether the amortization of the respective intangible asset balance can be recovered through projected undiscounted future cash flows.

Amortization of intangible assets is computed for financial reporting purposes using the straight-line method based upon the following lives:

Organization costs	5 years
Other intangibles	5 years
Deferred franchise costs	15 years

#### Revenue:

The Combined Operations recognize revenue when video and audio services are provided.

#### Advertising Costs:

Advertising costs are charged to operations as incurred and totaled \$20,998, \$12,768, \$14,706 and \$8,460 for the years ended December 31, 1995, 1996 and 1997 and for the six months ended June 30, 1998, respectively.

# Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents include highly liquid investments purchased with an initial maturity of three months or less. The Combined Operations have cash balances in excess of the federally insured limits at various banks.

# Income Taxes:

The Combined Operations is not a separate tax paying entity. Accordingly, its results of operations have been included in the tax returns filed by PCC. The accompanying financial statements include tax computations assuming the Combined Operations filed separate returns and reflect the application of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes" ("SFAS 109").

# Concentration of Credit Risk:

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Combined Operations to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of trade receivables. Concentrations of credit risk with respect to trade receivables are limited due to the large number of customers comprising the Combined Operation's customer base.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

# 3. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:

Property and equipment consist of the following:

	DECEMBER 31, 1996	DECEMBER 31, 1997	JUNE 30, 1998
Land		\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Reception and distribution facilities	8,233,341	9,009,179	9,123,402
Building and improvements	242,369	250,891	250,891
Equipment, furniture and fixtures	307,844	312,143	312,143
Vehicles	259, 503	287, 504	287, 504
Other equipment	139, 408	79,004	79,004
	9,190,465	9,946,721	10,060,944
Accumulated depreciation	(5,025,920)	(6,381,124)	(7,055,899)
Net property and equipment	\$ 4,164,545	\$ 3,565,597	\$ 3,005,045

Depreciation expense amounted to 1,059,260, 1,267,831, 1,290,217 and 674,775 for the years ended December 31, 1995, 1996 and 1997 and for the six months ended June 30, 1998, respectively.

# 4. INTANGIBLES:

Intangible assets consist of the following:

	DECEMBER 31,	DECEMBER 31,	JUNE 30,
	1996	1997	1998
Deferred franchise costs Deferred financing costs Organization and other costs	\$4,367,594	\$ 4,486,016	\$4,486,333
	1,042,079	1,156,075	1,159,027
	439,188	389,187	389,187
	5,848,861	6,031,278	6,034,547
Accumulated amortization	(3,674,777)	(3,934,505)	(4,094,643)
Net intangible assets	\$2,174,084	\$ 2,096,773	\$1,939,904
	======	======	======

Amortization expense amounted to \$599,195, \$401,276, \$274,851 and \$160,138 for the years ended December 31, 1995, 1996 and 1997 and for the six months ended June 30, 1998, respectively.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

#### 5. LONG-TERM DEBT:

Long-term debt consists of the following at:

	DECEMBER 31,	DECEMBER 31,	JUNE 30,
	1996	1997	1998
Note payable to PM&C, payable by PCT, interest is payable quarterly at an annual rate of 12.5%. Principal is due on July 1, 2005. The note is collateralized by substantially all of the assets of the Combined Operations and imposes certain restrictive covenants	\$14,993,581	\$14,993,581	\$14,993,581
	121,926	58,790	
Less current maturities	15,115,507	15,052,371	14,993,581
	71,744	34,272	14,993,581
Long-term debt	\$15,043,763 =======	\$15,018,099 ======	\$

# 6. LEASES:

The Combined Operations lease utility pole attachments and occupancy of underground conduits. Rent expense for the years ended December 31, 1995, 1996 and 1997 and for the six months ended June 30, 1998 was \$184,386, \$185,638, \$173,930 and \$90,471, respectively. The Combined Operations lease equipment under long-term leases and have the option to purchase the equipment for a nominal cost at the termination of the leases. The related obligations are included in long-term debt. There are no future minimum lease payments on capital leases at June 30, 1998. Property and equipment that was leased include the following amounts that have been capitalized:

	DECEMBER 31, 1996	DECEMBER 31, 1997
Billing and phone systems	\$ 56,675 166,801	\$ 56,675 129,227
Accumulated depreciation	223,476 (69,638)	185,902 (101,397)
Total	\$153,838 ======	\$ 84,505 ======

# 7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

The Combined Operations pay management fees to various related parties. The management fees are for certain administrative and accounting services, billing and programming services, and the reimbursement of expenses incurred therewith. For the years ended December 31, 1995, 1996 and 1997 and for the six months ended June 30, 1998, the fees and expenses were \$368,085, \$348,912, \$242,267 and \$97,714, respectively.

As described in Note 5, PCT has an outstanding loan from its parent company. This loan has been allocated to PCT-MA and is included in these financial statements. Interest expense on that loan was \$916,274, \$1,874,198, \$1,874,195 and \$937,098 for the years ended December 31, 1995, 1996 and 1997 and for the six months ended June 30, 1998 respectively. Other related party transaction balances at December 31, 1996 and 1997 and June 30, 1998 included \$4,216,682, \$5,243,384 and \$5,692,013 in accounts receivable, affiliates; \$581,632, \$6,433 and \$331,374 in accounts payable; and \$299,030, \$299,030 and \$299,030 in other liabilities, respectively. These related party balances arose primarily as a result of financing capital expenditures, interest payments, programming and other operating expenses.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

#### 8. INCOME TAXES:

The deferred income tax assets and liabilities recorded in the balance sheet are as follows:

	DECEMBER 31, 1996	DECEMBER 31, 1997	,
ASSETS: Excess of tax basis over book basis from tax gain recognized upon incorporation of PCT And PCT-CT Loss carryforwards	\$ 707,546 1,324,236 6,997	\$ 707,546 1,039,849 11,856	\$ 707,546 957,318 11,856
Total deferred tax assets	2,038,779		1,676,720
LIABILITIES: Excess of book basis over tax basis of property, plant and equipment and intangible asset Other	(258,311) (118,086)	(294,934) (134,859)	
Total deferred tax liabilities	(376,397)	, , ,	(470,281)
Net deferred tax assets	1,662,382 (1,662,382)		, ,
Net deferred tax liabilities	\$ ========	\$ ========	\$ =======

The Combined Operations have recorded a valuation allowance to reflect the estimated amount of deferred tax assets which may not be realized due to the expiration of deferred tax assets related to the incorporation of PCT and PCT-CT and the expiration of net operating loss carryforwards.

# 9. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS:

The Company employees participate in PCC's stock option plan that awards restricted stock (the "Restricted Stock Plan") to eligible employees of the Company.

# Restricted Stock Plan

The Restricted Stock Plan provides for the granting of restricted stock awards representing a maximum of 270,000 shares (subject to adjustment to reflect stock dividends, stock splits, recapitalizations and similar changes in the capitalization of PCC) of Class A Common Stock of the Company to eligible employees who have completed at least one year of service. Restricted stock received under the Restricted Stock Plan vests over four years. The Plan terminates in September 2006. The expense for this plan amounted to \$82,425, \$80,154 and \$63,533 in 1996 and 1997 and for the six months ended June 30, 1998, respectively.

# 401(k) Plans

Effective January 1, 1996, PM&C adopted the Pegasus Communications Savings Plan (the "US 401(k) Plan") for eligible employees of PM&C and its domestic subsidiaries. Substantially all Company employees who, as of the enrollment date under the 401(k) Plans, have completed at least one year of service with the Company are eligible to participate in one of the 401(k) Plans. Participants may make salary deferral contributions of 2% to 6% of their salary to the 401(k) Plans. The expense for this plan amounted to \$19,520, \$14,446 and \$7,367 in 1996 and 1997 and for the six months ended June 30, 1998, respectively.

# NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

All employee contributions to the 401(k) Plans are fully vested at all times and all Company contributions, if any, vest 34% after two years of service with the Company (including years before the 401(k) Plans were established), 67% after three years of service and 100% after four years of service. A participant also becomes fully vested in Company contributions to the 401(k) Plans upon attaining age 65 or upon his or her death or disability.

# 10. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES:

# Legal Matters:

The operations of PCT-CT and PCT-MA are subject to regulation by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and other franchising authorities.

From time to time the Combined Operations are also involved with claims that arise in the normal course of business. In the opinion of management, the ultimate liability with respect to these claims will not have a material adverse effect on the operations, cash flows or financial position of the Combined Operations.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Common Member and Manager BRESNAN COMMUNICATIONS GROUP LLC:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Bresnan Communications Group LLC and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 1998 and 1999, and the related consolidated statements of operations and members' equity (deficit) and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 1999. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Bresnan Communications Group LLC's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Bresnan Communications Group LLC, as of December 31, 1998 and 1999, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 1999, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Denver, Colorado January 28, 2000, except as to Note 8, which is as of February 14, 2000

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# BRESNAN COMMUNICATIONS GROUP LLC

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS DECEMBER 31, 1998 AND 1999

	1998	1999
	(AMOUNTS	IN THOUSANDS)
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,636	\$ 5,995
Restricted cash (note 3)  Trade and other receivables, net  Property and equipment, at cost:	47,199 8,874	290 9,006
Land and buildings Distribution systems	4,123 443,114	6,879 534,812
Support equipment	50,178  497,415	62,283  603,974
Less accumulated depreciation	190,752  306,663	228,868  375,106
Franchise costs, net	291, 103 3, 961	328,068 19,038
Total assets	\$664,436 ======	\$737,503 ======
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)  Accounts payable	\$ 3,193 13,395 21,835 232,617 11,648	\$ 18,900 35,613 11,748 895,607 10,020
Total Liabilities	282,688 381,748	971,888 (234,385)
Commitments and contingencies Total liabilities and members' equity (deficit)	\$664,436 ======	\$737,503 ======

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

# BRESNAN COMMUNICATIONS GROUP LLC

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT) YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997, 1998 AND 1999

	1997	1998	1999
	(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)		
REVENUEOperating costs and expenses:	\$247,108	\$ 261,964	\$ 283,574
Programming (note 6)	53,857 31,906	63,686 28,496	72,355 31,624
Selling, general and administrative (note 6) Organizational and divestiture costs	50,572 	56,634 1,934	67,351 5,281
Depreciation and amortization	53,249	54,308	59,752
	189,584	205,058	236,363
Operating income	57,524	56,906	47,211
Related party (note 4)	(1,892) (16,823)	(16,424)	(67,139)
Gain on sale of cable television systems Other, net	(978)	,	556 (900)
		8,458	(67,635)
Net earnings (loss) MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT):	37,831	65,364	(20,424)
Beginning of year Operating expense allocations and charges (notes 4	347,188	359,098	381,748
and 6) Net assets of acquired system (note 3)	60,389 33,635	71,648	
Capital contributions by members  Capital distributions to members			136,500 (732,209)
Cash transfers, net	(119,945)	(114,362)	
End of year	\$359,098 =====	\$ 381,748 ======	\$(234,385) ======

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

# BRESNAN COMMUNICATIONS GROUP LLC

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997, 1998 AND 1999

	1997	1998	1999
	(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Net earnings (loss)	\$ 37,831	\$ 65,364	\$ (20,424)
Depreciation and amortization	53,249	54,308	59,752
costs	1,629	534	18,683
Gain on sale of cable television systems		(27,027)	(556)
Other noncash charges	2,141	452	
Change in receivables	(3,413)	2,826	621
Change in other assets	164		429
accrued interest and other liabilities	2,305	6,141	25,457
Other, net	(1,358)	(237)	
Net cash provided by operating Activities	92,548	102,361	83,962
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Capital expended for property and equipment and for			
franchise costs	(35,282)	(58,728)	(90,879)
Cash paid in acquisitions	 1 170	(30, 298)	(78,680)
Cash received in disposals	1,179 	58,949 (47,199)	4,956 46,999
Change in restricted cash		(47,199)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(34,103)	(77,276)	(117,604)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Borrowings under note agreement	31,300	49,400	597,530
Proceeds from Senior Notes			170,000
Proceeds from Senior Discount Notes		(00.050)	175,021
Repayments under note agreement	(24, 364)	(30,953)	(294, 672)
Deferred finance costs paid  Contributions by members	(2,121)	(1,139)	(19,169) 136,500
Distributions to members	(59,556)	(42,714)	(732, 209)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing			
activities	(54,741)	(25,406)	33,001
Net increase (decrease) in cash	3,704	(321)	(641)
Beginning of year	3,253	6,957 	6,636
End of year	\$ 6,957 ======	\$ 6,636 ======	\$ 5,995 ======
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information			
Cash paid during the year for interest	\$ 16,971 ======	\$ 16,792 ======	\$ 58,695 ======

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

## BRESNAN COMMUNICATIONS GROUP LLC NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1997, 1998 AND 1999

(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

## (1) BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Bresnan Communications Group LLC and its subsidiaries ("BCG" or the "Company") are wholly owned by Bresnan Communications Company Limited Partnership, a Michigan limited partnership ("BCCLP"). BCG is a Delaware limited liability corporation formed on August 5, 1998 for the purpose of acting as co-issuer with its wholly-owned subsidiary, Bresnan Capital Corporation ("BCC"), of \$170,000 aggregate principal amount at maturity of 8% Senior Notes and \$275,000 aggregate principal amount at maturity of 9.25% Senior Discount Notes, both due in 2009 (collectively the "Notes"). Also, at this time, BTC borrowed approximately \$508,000 of \$650,000 available under a new credit facility (the "Senior Credit Facility"). (See Note 4, Debt.) Prior to the issuance of the Notes on February 2, 1999, BCCLP completed the terms of a contribution agreement dated June 3, 1998, as amended, whereby certain affiliates of AT&T Broadband and Internet Services, formerly Tele-Communications, Inc. ("TCI"), contributed certain cable television systems along with assumed TCI debt of approximately \$708,854 to BCCLP which was repaid with the proceeds of the Notes and the Senior Credit Facility. In addition, Blackstone BC Capital Partners L.P. ("Blackstone") and affiliates contributed \$136,500 to BCCLP. Upon completion of the Notes offering on February 2, 1999 BCCLP contributed all of its assets and liabilities to BCG, which formed a wholly owned subsidiary, Bresnan Telecommunications Company LLC ("BTC"), into which it contributed all of its assets and certain liabilities. The above noted contributed assets and liabilities were accounted for at predecessor cost because of the common ownership and control of TCI and have been reflected in the accompanying financial statements in a manner similar to a pooling of interests.

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of BCG and those of its wholly owned subsidiary, BTC, subsequent to the aforementioned formation transaction.

Prior to the transactions noted above, TCI and William J. Bresnan and certain entities which he controls (collectively, the "Bresnan Entities"), held 78.4% and 21.6% interests, respectively, in BCCLP. As of February 2, 1999, TCI, Blackstone and the Bresnan Entities held 50.00%, 39.79% and 10.21% interests, respectively. Subsequent to December 31, 1999, these interests were sold to Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC. (See Note 8, Sale of the Company.)

# (2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# (A) CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash equivalents consist of investments which are readily convertible into cash and have maturities of three months or less at the time of acquisition.

# (B) TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Receivables are reflected net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. Such allowance at December 31, 1998 and 1999 was not significant.

# (C) PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment is stated at cost, including acquisition costs allocated to tangible assets acquired. Construction costs, including interest during construction and applicable overhead, are capitalized. During 1997, 1998 and 1999, interest capitalized was \$324,000, \$47,000 and \$1,027,000 respectively.

Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis using estimated useful lives of 3 to 15 years for distribution systems and 3 to 40 years for support equipment and buildings.

Repairs and maintenance are charged to operations, and renewals and additions are capitalized. At the time of ordinary retirements, sales or other dispositions of property, the original cost and cost of removal of such property are charged to accumulated depreciation, and salvage, if any, is credited thereto. Gains or losses are only recognized in connection with the sales of properties in their entirety.

# (D) FRANCHISE COSTS

Franchise costs represent the difference between the cost of acquiring cable television systems and amounts allocated to their tangible assets. Such amounts are generally amortized on a straight-line basis over 40 years. Costs incurred in negotiating and renewing franchise agreements are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the franchise, generally 10 to 20 years.

# (E) IMPAIRMENT OF LONG-LIVED ASSETS

Management periodically reviews the carrying amounts of property and equipment and identifiable intangible assets to determine whether current events or circumstances warrant adjustments to such carrying amounts. If an impairment adjustment is deemed necessary, such loss is measured by the amount that the carrying value of such assets exceeds their fair value. Considerable management judgment is necessary to estimate the fair value of assets. Accordingly, actual results could vary significantly from such estimates. Assets to be disposed of are carried at the lower of their financial statement carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell.

## (F) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company has entered into fixed interest rate exchange agreements ("Interest Rate Swaps") which are used to manage interest rate risk arising from its financial liabilities. Such Interest Rate Swaps are accounted for as a hedge; accordingly, amounts receivable or payable under the Interest Rate Swaps are recognized as adjustments to interest expense. These instruments are not used for trading purposes.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board recently issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" ("SFAS 133"), which is effective for all fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2000. SFAS 133 establishes accounting and reporting standards for derivative instruments and hedging activities by requiring that all derivative instruments be reported as assets or liabilities and measured at their fair values. Under SFAS 133, changes in the fair values of derivative instruments are recognized immediately in earnings unless those instruments qualify as hedges of the (1) fair values of existing assets, liabilities, or firm commitments, (2) variability of cash flows of forecasted transactions, or (3) foreign currency exposures of net investments in foreign operations. Although management has not completed its assessment of the impact of SFAS 133 on its combined results of operations and financial position, management estimates that the impact of SFAS 133 will not be material.

# (G) INCOME TAXES

The majority of BCG's net assets were historically held in partnerships. In addition, BCG has been formed as a limited liability company, to be treated for tax purposes as a flow-through entity. Accordingly, no provision has been made for income tax expense or benefit in the accompanying combined financial statements as the earnings or losses of Bresnan Communications Group LLC will be reported in the respective tax returns of BCG's members. (See Note 5, Income Taxes).

## (H) REVENUE RECOGNITION

Cable revenue for customer fees, equipment rental, advertising, pay-per-view programming and revenue sharing agreements is recognized in the period that services are delivered. Installation revenue is recognized in the period the installation services are provided to the extent of direct selling and installation costs. Any remaining amount is deferred and recognized over the estimated average period that customers are expected to remain connected to the cable distribution system.

#### (I) STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Except for acquisition transactions described in Note 3, transactions effected through Members' equity (deficit) have been considered constructive cash receipts and payments for purposes of the statement of cash flows.

## (J) ADVERTISING COSTS

All advertising costs are expensed as incurred.

#### (K) RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain of the prior year comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the presentation adopted in the current year.

## (L) ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# (3) ACQUISITIONS AND SYSTEM DISPOSITIONS

In 1998, the Company acquired two cable systems which were accounted for under the purchase method. The purchase prices were allocated to the assets acquired in relation to their fair values as increases in property and equipment of \$7,099 and franchise costs of \$21,651.

During 1998, the Company also disposed of two cable systems for gross proceeds of \$58,949, which resulted in gain on sale of cable television systems of \$27,027. In connection with one of the dispositions, a third party intermediary received \$47,199 of cash that was designated to be reinvested in certain identified assets for income tax purposes and accordingly recognized as restricted cash on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet at December 31, 1998 and 1999.

In 1999, BCG acquired three cable systems that were accounted for under the purchase method. The purchase prices were allocated to the assets acquired in relation to their fair values as increases to property and equipment of \$24,098 and franchise costs of \$54,582. In connection with two of the acquisitions, the aforementioned third party intermediary disbursed \$46,999 of cash to complete the reinvestment in certain identified assets for income tax purposes.

Finally, in 1999, BCG disposed of cable systems for gross proceeds of 44,956, which resulted in a gain of 556.

The results of operations of these cable television systems have been included in the accompanying combined statements of operations from their dates of acquisition or their disposition, as applicable. Pro forma

information on the acquisitions and dispositions has not been presented because the effects were not significant.

#### (4) DEBT

Debt is summarized as follows:

	DECEMBER 31,	
	1998	1999
	(AMOUNTS	IN THOUSANDS)
Senior Credit Facility(a). Senior Notes Payable(b). Senior Discount Notes Payable(b). Notes payable to banks(c). Note payable to partner(d). Other debt.	\$  209,000 22,100 1,517	\$534,200 170,000 190,132   1,275
	\$232,617 ======	\$895,607 ======

(a) The Senior Credit Facility represents borrowings under a \$650,000 senior reducing revolving credit and term loan facility as documented in the loan agreement as of February 2, 1999. The Senior Credit Facility has a current available commitment of \$650,000 of which \$534,200 is outstanding at December 31, 1999. The Senior Credit Facility provides for three tranches, a revolving loan tranche for \$150,000 (the "Revolving Loan"), a term loan tranche of \$328,000 (the "A Term Loan" and together with the Revolving Loan, "Facility A") and a term loan tranche of \$172,000 (the "Facility B").

The commitments under the Senior Credit Facility will reduce commencing with the quarter ending March 31, 2002. Facility A permanently reduces in quarterly amounts ranging from 2.5% to 7.5% of the Facility A amount starting March 31, 2002 and matures approximately eight and one half years after February 2, 1999. Facility B is also to be repaid in quarterly installments of .25% of the Facility B amount beginning in March 2002 and matures approximately nine years after February 2, 1999, on which date all remaining amounts of Facility B will be due and payable. Additional reductions of the Senior Credit Facility will also be required upon certain asset sales, subject to the right of the Company and its subsidiaries to reinvest asset sale proceeds under certain circumstances. The interest rate options include a LIBOR option and a Prime Rate option plus applicable margin rates based on the Company's total leverage ratio, as defined. The rate applicable to balances outstanding at December 31, 1999 ranged from 7.57% to 9.00%. Covenants of the Senior Credit Facility require, among other conditions, the maintenance of specific levels of the ratio of cash flows to future debt and interest expense and certain limitations on additional investments, indebtedness, capital expenditures, asset sales and affiliate transactions. In addition, the Company is required to pay a commitment fee on the unused revolver portion of Facility A which will accrue at a rate ranging from .25% to .375% per annum, depending on the Company's total leverage ratio, as defined.

(b) On February 2, 1999, the Company issued \$170,000 aggregate principal amount senior notes payable (the "Senior Notes"). In addition, on the same date, the Company issued \$275,000 aggregate principal amount at maturity of senior discount notes, (the "Senior Discount Notes") for approximately \$175,021 gross proceeds (collectively the "Notes").

The Senior Notes are unsecured and will mature on February 1, 2009. The Senior Notes bear interest at 8% per annum payable semi-annually on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 1999.

The Senior Discount Notes are unsecured and will mature on February 1, 2009. The Senior Discount Notes were issued at a discount to their aggregate principal amount at maturity and will accrete at a rate of approximately 9.25% per annum, compounded semi-annually, to an aggregate principal amount of \$275,000 on February 1, 2004. Subsequent to February 1, 2004, the Senior Discount Notes will bear interest at a rate of 9.25% per annum payable semi-annually in arrears on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 2004.

The Company may elect, upon not less than 60 days prior notice, to commence the accrual of interest on all outstanding Senior Discount Notes on or after February 1, 2002, in which case the outstanding principal amount at maturity of each Senior Discount Note will on such commencement date be reduced to the accreted value of such Senior Discount Note as of such date and interest shall be payable with respect to the Senior Discount Notes on each February and August 1 thereafter.

The Company may not redeem the Notes prior to February 1, 2004 except that prior to February 1, 2002, the Company may redeem up to 35% of the Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes at redemption prices equal to 108% and 109.25% of the applicable principal amount and accreted value, respectively, with proceeds of an equity offering. Subsequent to February 1, 2004, the Company may redeem the Notes at redemption prices declining annually from approximately 104% of the principal amount or accreted value.

Bresnan Communications Group LLC and its wholly owned subsidiary Bresnan Capital Corporation are the sole obligors of the Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes. Bresnan Communications Group LLC has no other assets or liabilities other than its investment in its wholly owned subsidiary Bresnan Telecommunications Company LLC. Bresnan Capital Corporation has no other assets or liabilities.

Upon change of control of the Company, the holders of the notes have the right to require the Company to purchase the outstanding notes at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount or accreted value plus accrued and unpaid interest. (See Note 8 "Sale of the Company").

- (c) The notes payable to banks represented borrowings under a \$250,000 senior unsecured reducing revolving credit and term loan facility (the "Bank Facility") as documented in the loan agreement as amended and restated as of August 5, 1998. The Bank Facility called for a current available commitment of \$250,000 of which \$209,000 was outstanding at December 31, 1998. The rates applicable to balances outstanding at December 31, 1998 ranged from 6.815% to 8.000%. The Bank Facility was repaid on February 2, 1999. (See Note 1, Basis of Presentation.)
- (d) The note payable to a partner was comprised of a \$25,000 subordinated note of which \$22,100 was outstanding at December 31, 1998. The note, dated May 12, 1988, was junior and subordinate to the Bank Facility. Interest was provided for at the prime rate (as defined) and was payable quarterly, to the extent allowed under the bank subordination agreement, or at the maturity date of the note, which was the earlier of April 30, 2001 or the first business day following the full repayment of the entire amount due under the notes payable to banks. The interest rate at December 31, 1998 was 7.75%. This note was repaid on February 2, 1999. (See Note 1, Basis of Presentation.)

The Company entered into interest rate swap agreements to effectively fix or set maximum interest rates on a portion of its floating rate long-term debt. The Company is exposed to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the counterparties to the interest rate swap agreements.

At December 31, 1999, such interest rate swap agreements effectively fixed or set a maximum LIBOR base interest rates between 8.0% and 8.02% on an aggregate notional principal amount of \$50,000, which rates would become effective upon the occurrence of certain events. The effect of the interest rate swap on interest expense for the twelve months ended December 31, 1999 was not significant. The expiration dates of the interest rate swaps ranges from April 1, 2000 to April 3, 2000. The difference between the fair

market value and book value of long-term debt and the interest rate swaps at December 31, 1998 and 1999 is not significant.

## (5) INCOME TAXES

Taxable earnings differ from those reported in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations due primarily to differences in depreciation and amortization methods and estimated useful lives under regulations prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service. At December 31, 1999, the financial statement carrying amount of the Company's assets exceeded its tax basis by approximately \$431 million.

## (6) TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

BCG and its predecessor purchased, at TCI's cost, substantially all of its pay television and other programming from affiliates of TCI. Charges for such programming were \$48,588, \$58,562 and \$62,502 for the years ended December 31, 1997, 1998 and 1999, respectively, and are included in programming expenses in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Prior to February 2, 1999, certain affiliates of the partners of BCCLP provided administrative services to BCG and assumed managerial responsibility of BCG's cable television system operations and construction. As compensation for these services, BCG paid a monthly fee calculated pursuant to certain agreed upon formulas. Subsequent to the TCI Transaction on February 2, 1999, certain affiliates of a partner of BCCLP provide administrative services and have assumed managerial responsibilities of BCG. As compensation for these services BCG pays a quarterly fee equal to approximately 3% of gross revenues. Such aggregate charges totaled \$11,801, \$13,086 and \$10,498 and have been included in selling, general and administrative expenses for years ended December 31, 1997, 1998 and 1999, respectively.

## (7) COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (the "1992 Cable Act") imposed certain rate regulations on the cable television industry. Under the 1992 Cable Act, all cable systems are subject to rate regulation, unless they face "effective competition," as defined by the 1992 Cable Act and expanded in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "1996 Act"), in their local franchise area.

Although the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC") has established regulations required by the 1992 Cable Act, local government units (commonly referred to as local franchising authorities) are primarily responsible for administering the regulation of a cable system's basic service tier ("BST"). The FCC itself directly administered rate regulation of any cable programming service tier ("CPST"). The FCC's authority to regulate CPST rates expired on March 31, 1999. The FCC has taken the position that it will still adjudicate CPST complaints filed after this sunset date (but no later than 180 days after the last CPST rate increase imposed prior to March 31, 1999), and will strictly limit its review (and possible refund orders) to the time period predating the sunset date.

Under the FCC's rate regulations, most cable systems were required to reduce their BST and CPST rates in 1993 and 1994, and have since had their rate increases governed by a complicated price structure that allows for the recovery of inflation and certain associated costs, as well as providing some incentive for expanding channel carriage. Operators also have the opportunity to bypass this "benchmark" regulatory structure in favor of the traditional "cost-of-service" regulation in cases where the latter methodology appears favorable. Premium cable service offered on a per-channel or per-program basis remain unregulated, as do affirmatively marketed packages consisting entirely of new programming product.

The management of BCG believes that it has complied in all material respects with the provisions of the 1992 Cable Act and the 1996 Act, including its rate setting provisions. If, as a result of the review process, a system cannot substantiate its rates, it could be required to retroactively reduce its rates to the appropriate

benchmark and refund the excess portion of rates received. Any refunds of the excess portion of CPST rates would be retroactive to the date of complaint. Any refunds of the excess portion of BST or equipment rates would be retroactive to one year prior to the implementation of the rate reductions.

Certain plaintiffs have filed or threatened separate class action complaints against certain of the systems of BCG, alleging that the systems' practice of assessing an administrative fee to the subscribers whose payments are delinquent constitutes an invalid liquidated damage provision and a breach of contract, and violates local consumer protection statutes. Plaintiffs seek recovery of all late fees paid to the subject systems as a class purporting to consist of all subscribers who were assessed such fees during the applicable limitation period, plus attorney fees and costs.

BCG has additional contingent liabilities related to legal proceedings and other matters arising in the ordinary course of business. Although it is possible that BCG may incur losses upon conclusion of these matters and the matters referred to above, an estimate of any loss or range of loss cannot presently be made. Based upon the facts available, management believes that, although no assurance can be given as to the outcome of these actions, the ultimate disposition should not have material adverse effect upon the combined financial condition of BCG.

On January 12, 2000, the Company also purchased two cable systems from one operator. The system in Wisconsin was a stock purchase and the system in Minnesota was an asset purchase. The total purchase price of these transactions was approximately \$36,232, funded by cash flow from operations and additional borrowings.

The Company also entered into a letter of intent with a cable operator pursuant to which the Company acquires a small cable television system in Minnesota. The transaction would result in a net cost of approximately \$13,000 and will be funded by cash flow from operations and additional borrowings.

BCG leases business offices, has entered into pole attachment agreements and uses certain equipment under lease arrangements. Rental expense under such arrangements amounted to \$3,221, \$2,833 and \$3,547 during the years ended December 31, 1997, 1998 and 1999, respectively.

Future minimum lease payments under noncancelable operating leases are estimated to approximate \$2,240\$ per year for each of the next five years.

It is expected that, in the normal course of business, expiring leases will be renewed or replaced by leases on the same or similar properties.

# (8) SALE OF THE COMPANY

In June 1999, the Partners of BCCLP entered into an agreement to sell all of their partnership interests in BCCLP to Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC for a purchase price of approximately \$3.1 billion in cash and equity instruments of Charter and its subsidiaries (including the Company) which will be reduced by the assumption of BCCLP's debt at closing. In conjunction with the sale of the partnership interests, Charter assumed the Company's outstanding indebtedness under the Senior Credit Facility (See Note 4, Debt.) The accompanying financial statements do not reflect the effect of the adjustments, if any, resulting from the sale of the partnership's interests.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Common Member and Manager Bresnan Communications Group LLC:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Bresnan Communications Group LLC and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 1999 and February 14, 2000, and the related consolidated statements of operations and members' equity (deficit) and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 1999 and for the period ended February 14, 2000. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Bresnan Communications Group LLC's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Bresnan Communications Group LLC, as of December 31, 1999 and February 14, 2000, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the year ended December 31, 1999 and the period ended February 14, 2000, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Denver, Colorado April 20, 2000

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	DECEMBER 31, 1999	FEBRUARY 14, 2000
		THOUSANDS)
ASSETS Cach and each equivalents	\$ 5,995	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,995 290	301
Trade and other receivables, net  Property and equipment, at cost:	9,006	9,062
Land and buildings	6,879	7,271
Distribution systems	534,812	546,939
Support equipment	62,283	60,747
	603,974	614,957
Less accumulated depreciation	228, 868	233, 810
	375,106	381,147
Franchise costs, net	328,068	354,887
Other assets, net of amortization	19,038	18,746
Total assets	\$ 737,503 ======	\$ 764,143 =======
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)	=======	========
Bank overdraft	\$	\$ 1,542
Accounts payable	18,900	20,776
Accrued expenses	35,613	8,240
Accrued interest	11,748	1,459
Debt (note 4)	895,607	963,292
Other liabilities	10,020	10,604
Total Liabilities	074 000	4 005 040
Members' deficit	971,888 (234,385)	1,005,913
LICINIDE 2 MELTOTI	(234,305)	(241,770)
Commitments and contingencies		
Total liabilities and members' deficit	\$ 737,503	\$ 764,143
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See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.  $\label{eq:F-470} \textbf{F-470}$ 

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999	2000
	(AMOUNTS IN	THOUSANDS)
REVENUE Operating costs and expenses:	\$ 283,574	\$ 37,102
Programming (note 6)	72,355	10,178
Operating	31,624	4,857
Selling, general and administrative (note 6)	67,351	10,414
Organizational and divestiture costs  Depreciation and amortization	5,281 59,752	865 8,095
Depreciation and amortization	59,752	
	236,363	34,409
Operating income	47 211	2,693
	41/222	2,000
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE): Interest expense: Related party (note 4)	(152) (67,139) 556 (900)	(9,522)  (106)
	(67,635)	(9,628)
Net earnings (loss)	(20,424)	(6,935)
MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT):  Beginning of period	381,748 136,500 (732,209)	(234, 385)  (450)
End of period	\$(234,385) =======	\$(241,770) ======

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.  $\label{eq:F-471} \textbf{F-471}$ 

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999	PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2000 TO FEBRUARY 14, 2000
	(AMOUNTS IN	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net loss	\$ (20,424)	\$ (6,935)
Depreciation and amortizationAmortization of debt discount and deferred financing	59,752	8,095
costs	18,683	2,345
Gain on sale of cable television systems	(556)	
Other, net		689
Change in receivables	621	(56)
Change in other assets	429	37
interest and other liabilities	25,457	(34,227)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating		
activities	83,962	(30,052)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Capital expended for property and equipment and for franchise costs	(90,879) (78,680) 4,956 46,999	(6,642) (36,177) 200 (11)
Net cash used in investing activities	(117,604)	(42,630)
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CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Change in bank overdraft		1,542
Borrowings under note agreement	597,530	67,000
Proceeds from Senior Notes	170,000	
Proceeds from Senior Discount Notes	175,021	
Repayments under note agreement	(294,672)	(1,405)
Deferred finance costs paid	(19,169)	
Contributions by members	136,500	(450)
Distributions to members	(732,209)	(450)
Net cash provided by financing activities	33,001	66,687
Net decrease in cash	(641)	(5,995)
Beginning of period	6,636	5,995
End of period	\$ 5,995 ======	\$ =======
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Cash paid during the period for interest	\$ 58,695 ======	\$ 17,603 ======

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.  $\label{eq:F-472} \textbf{F-472}$ 

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND FEBRUARY 14, 2000 (AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

#### (1) BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Bresnan Communications Group LLC and its subsidiaries ("BCG" or the "Company") are wholly owned by Bresnan Communications Company Limited Partnership, a Michigan limited partnership ("BCCLP"). BCG is a Delaware limited liability company formed on August 5, 1998 for the purpose of acting as co-issuer with its wholly-owned subsidiary, Bresnan Capital Corporation ("BCC"), of \$170,000 aggregate principal amount at maturity of 8% Senior Notes and \$275,000 aggregate principal amount at maturity of 9.25% Senior Discount Notes, both due in 2009 (collectively the "Notes"). Also, at this time, BTC borrowed approximately \$508,000 of \$650,000 available under a new credit facility (the "Senior Credit Facility"). (See Note 4, Debt.) Prior to the issuance of the Notes on February 2, 1999, BCCLP completed the terms of a contribution agreement dated June 3, 1998, as amended, whereby certain affiliates of AT&T Broadband and Internet Services, formerly Tele-Communications, Inc. ("TCI"), contributed certain cable television systems along with assumed TCI debt of approximately \$708,854 to BCCLP which was repaid with the proceeds of the Notes and the Senior Credit Facility. In addition, Blackstone BC Capital Partners L.P. ("Blackstone") and affiliates contributed \$136,500 to BCCLP. Upon completion of the Notes offering on February 2, 1999 BCCLP contributed all of its assets and liabilities to BCG, which formed a wholly owned subsidiary, Bresnan Telecommunications Company LLC ("BTC"), into which it contributed all of its assets and certain liabilities. The above noted contributed assets and liabilities were accounted for at predecessor cost because of the common ownership and control of TCI and have been reflected in the accompanying financial statements in a manner similar to a pooling of interests.

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of BCG and those of its wholly owned subsidiary, BTC, subsequent to the aforementioned formation transaction.

Prior to the transactions noted above, TCI and William J. Bresnan and certain entities which he controls (collectively, the "Bresnan Entities"), held 78.4% and 21.6% interests, respectively, in BCCLP. As of February 2, 1999, TCI, Blackstone and the Bresnan Entities held 50.00%, 39.79% and 10.21% interests, respectively. On February 14, 2000, these interests were sold to Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC. (See Note 8, Sale of the Company.)

# (2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# (a) Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents consist of investments which are readily convertible into cash and have maturities of three months or less at the time of acquisition.

# (b) Trade and Other Receivables

Receivables are reflected net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. Such allowance at December 31, 1999 and February 14, 2000 was not significant.

# (c) Property and Equipment

Property and equipment is stated at cost, including acquisition costs allocated to tangible assets acquired. Construction costs, including interest during construction and applicable overhead, are capitalized. During the year ended December 31, 1999 and the period ended February 14, 2000, interest capitalized was \$1,027 and \$137, respectively.

Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis using estimated useful lives of 3 to 15 years for distribution systems and 3 to 40 years for support equipment and buildings.

Repairs and maintenance are charged to operations, and renewals and additions are capitalized. At the time of ordinary retirements, sales or other dispositions of property, the original cost and cost of removal of such property are charged to accumulated depreciation, and salvage, if any, is credited thereto. Gains or losses are only recognized in connection with the sales of properties in their entirety.

#### (d) Franchise Costs

Franchise costs represent the difference between the cost of acquiring cable television systems and amounts allocated to their tangible assets. Such amounts are generally amortized on a straight-line basis over 40 years. Costs incurred in negotiating and renewing franchise agreements are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the franchise, generally 10 to 20 years.

### (e) Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

Management periodically reviews the carrying amounts of property and equipment and identifiable intangible assets to determine whether current events or circumstances warrant adjustments to such carrying amounts. If an impairment adjustment is deemed necessary, such loss is measured by the amount that the carrying value of such assets exceeds their fair value. Considerable management judgment is necessary to estimate the fair value of assets. Accordingly, actual results could vary significantly from such estimates. Assets to be disposed of are carried at the lower of their financial statement carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell.

#### (f) Financial Instruments

The Company has entered into fixed interest rate exchange agreements ("Interest Rate Swaps") which are used to manage interest rate risk arising from its financial liabilities. Such Interest Rate Swaps are accounted for as a hedge; accordingly, amounts receivable or payable under the Interest Rate Swaps are recognized as adjustments to interest expense. These instruments are not used for trading purposes.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board recently issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" ("SFAS 133"), which is effective for all fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2000. SFAS 133 establishes accounting and reporting standards for derivative instruments and hedging activities by requiring that all derivative instruments be reported as assets or liabilities and measured at their fair values. Under SFAS 133, changes in the fair values of derivative instruments are recognized immediately in earnings unless those instruments qualify as hedges of the (1) fair values of existing assets, liabilities, or firm commitments, (2) variability of cash flows of forecasted transactions, or (3) foreign currency exposures of net investments in foreign operations. Although management has not completed its assessment of the impact of SFAS 133 on its combined results of operations and financial position, management estimates that the impact of SFAS 133 will not be material.

## (g) Income Taxes

The majority of BCG's net assets were historically held in partnerships. In addition, BCG has been formed as a limited liability company, to be treated for tax purposes as a flow-through entity. Accordingly, no provision has been made for income tax expense or benefit in the accompanying combined financial statements as the earnings or losses of Bresnan Communications Group LLC will be reported in the respective tax returns of BCG's members. (See Note 5, Income Taxes).

#### (h) Revenue Recognition

Cable revenue for customer fees, equipment rental, advertising, pay-per-view programming and revenue sharing agreements is recognized in the period that services are delivered. Installation revenue is recognized in the period the installation services are provided to the extent of direct selling and installation costs. Any remaining amount is deferred and recognized over the estimated average period that customers are expected to remain connected to the cable distribution system.

### (i) Statement of Cash Flows

Except for acquisition transactions described in Note 3, transactions effected through Members' equity (deficit) have been considered constructive cash receipts and payments for purposes of the statement of cash flows.

#### (i) Advertising Costs

All advertising costs are expensed as incurred.

### (k) Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### (1) Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In December 1999 the SEC released Staff Accounting Bulletin ("SAB") No. 101, "Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements," which provides guidance on the recognition, presentation and disclosure of revenue in financial statements filed with the SEC. Subsequently, the SEC released SAB 101A, which delayed the implementation date of SAB 101 for registrants with fiscal years beginning between December 16, 1999 and March 15, 2000. The Company has not yet assessed the impact, if any, that SAB 101 might have on its financial position or results of operations.

## (3) ACQUISITIONS AND SYSTEM DISPOSITIONS

In 1999, BCG acquired three cable systems that were accounted for under the purchase method. The purchase prices were allocated to the assets acquired in relation to their fair values as increases to property and equipment of \$24,098 and franchise costs of \$54,582. In connection with two of the acquisitions, the aforementioned third party intermediary disbursed \$46,999 of cash to complete the reinvestment in certain identified assets for income tax purposes.

Also, in 1999, BCG disposed of cable systems for gross proceeds of \$4,956, which resulted in a gain of \$556.

In 2000, BCG purchased two cable systems for a total of \$36,177. The purchase prices were allocated to the assets acquired in relation to their fair values as increase to property and equipment of \$8,581 and franchise costs of \$27,596.

The results of operations of these cable television systems have been included in the accompanying combined statements of operations from their dates of acquisition or their disposition, as applicable. Pro forma information on the acquisitions and dispositions has not been presented because the effects were not significant.

## (4) DEBT

Debt is summarized for December 31, 1999 and February 14, 2000 as follows:

	1999	2000
	(AMOUNTS I	THOUSANDS)
Senior Credit Facility(a)	\$534,200 170,000 190,132 1,275	\$599,900 170,000 192,222 1,170
	\$895,607 =====	\$963,292 ======

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(a) The Senior Credit Facility represents borrowings under a \$650,000 senior reducing revolving credit and term loan facility as documented in the loan agreement as of February 2, 1999. The Senior Credit Facility has a current available commitment of \$650,000 of which \$599,900 is outstanding at February 14, 2000. The Senior Credit Facility provides for three tranches, a revolving loan tranche for \$150,000 (the "Revolving Loan"), a term loan tranche of \$328,000 (the "A Term Loan" and together with the Revolving Loan, "Facility A") and a term loan tranche of \$172,000 (the "Facility B").

The commitments under the Senior Credit Facility will reduce commencing with the quarter ending March 31, 2002. Facility A permanently reduces in quarterly amounts ranging from 2.5% to 7.5% of the Facility A amount starting March 31, 2002 and matures approximately eight and one half years after February 2, 1999. Facility B is also to be repaid in quarterly installments of .25% of the Facility B amount beginning in March 2002 and matures approximately nine years after February 2, 1999, on which date all remaining amounts of Facility B will be due and payable. Additional reductions of the Senior Credit Facility will also be required upon certain asset sales, subject to the right of the Company and its subsidiaries to reinvest asset sale proceeds under certain circumstances. The interest rate options include a LIBOR option and a Prime Rate option plus applicable margin rates based on the Company's total leverage ratio, as defined. The rate applicable to balances outstanding at February 14, 2000 ranged from 7.28% to 8.50%. Covenants of the Senior Credit Facility require, among other conditions, the maintenance of specific levels of the ratio of cash flows to future debt and interest expense and certain limitations on additional investments, indebtedness, capital expenditures, asset sales and affiliate transactions. In addition, the Company is required to pay a commitment fee on the unused revolver portion of Facility A which will accrue at a rate ranging from .25% to .375% per annum, depending on the Company's total leverage ratio, as defined.

(b) On February 2, 1999, the Company issued \$170,000 aggregate principal amount senior notes payable (the "Senior Notes"). In addition, on the same date, the Company issued \$275,000 aggregate principal amount at maturity of senior discount notes, (the "Senior Discount Notes") for approximately \$175,021 gross proceeds (collectively the "Notes").

The Senior Notes are unsecured and will mature on February 1, 2009. The Senior Notes bear interest at 8% per annum payable semi-annually on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 1999.

The Senior Discount Notes are unsecured and will mature on February 1, 2009. The Senior Discount Notes were issued at a discount to their aggregate principal amount at maturity and will accrete at a rate of approximately 9.25% per annum, compounded semi-annually, to an aggregate principal amount of \$275,000 on February 1, 2004. Subsequent to February 1, 2004, the Senior Discount Notes will bear interest at a rate of

9.25% per annum payable semi-annually in arrears on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 2004.

The Company may elect, upon not less than 60 days prior notice, to commence the accrual of interest on all outstanding Senior Discount Notes on or after February 1, 2002, in which case the outstanding principal amount at maturity of each Senior Discount Note will on such commencement date be reduced to the accreted value of such Senior Discount Note as of such date and interest shall be payable with respect to the Senior Discount Notes on each February and August 1 thereafter.

The Company may not redeem the Notes prior to February 1, 2004 except that prior to February 1, 2002, the Company may redeem up to 35% of the Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes at redemption prices equal to 108% and 109.25% of the applicable principal amount and accreted value, respectively, with proceeds of an equity offering. Subsequent to February 1, 2004, the Company may redeem the Notes at redemption prices declining annually from approximately 104% of the principal amount or accreted value.

Bresnan Communications Group LLC and its wholly owned subsidiary Bresnan Capital Corporation are the sole obligors of the Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes. Bresnan Communications Group LLC has no other assets or liabilities other than its investment in its wholly owned subsidiary Bresnan Telecommunications Company LLC. Bresnan Capital Corporation has no other assets or liabilities.

Upon change of control of the Company, the holders of the notes have the right to require the Company to purchase the outstanding notes at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount or accreted value plus accrued and unpaid interest. (See Note 8 "Sale of the Company"). Subsequent to the period end, the Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes were repaid by the Company at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount or accreted value plus accrued and unpaid interest.

The Company entered into interest rate swap agreements to effectively fix or set maximum interest rates on a portion of its floating rate long-term debt. The Company is exposed to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the counterparties to the interest rate swap agreements.

At February 14, 2000, such interest rate swap agreements effectively fixed or set a maximum LIBOR base interest rates between 8.0% and 8.02% on an aggregate notional principal amount of \$50,000, which rates would become effective upon the occurrence of certain events. The effect of the interest rate swap on interest expense for the period ended February 14, 2000 was not significant. The expiration dates of the interest rate swaps ranges from April 1, 2000 to April 3, 2000. The difference between the fair market value and book value of long-term debt and the interest rate swaps at December 31, 1999 and February 14, 2000 is not significant.

# (5) INCOME TAXES

Taxable earnings differ from those reported in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations due primarily to differences in depreciation and amortization methods and estimated useful lives under regulations prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service. At February 14, 2000, the financial statement carrying amount of the Company's assets exceeded its tax basis by approximately \$396 million.

# (6) TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

BCG and its predecessor purchased, at TCI's cost, substantially all of its pay television and other programming from affiliates of TCI. Charges for such programming were \$62,502 and \$8,535 for the year ended December 31, 1999 and the period ended February 14, 2000, respectively, and are included in programming expenses in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Prior to February 2, 1999, certain affiliates of the partners of BCCLP provided administrative services to BCG and assumed managerial responsibility of BCG's cable television system operations and construction. As compensation for these services, BCG paid a monthly fee calculated pursuant to certain agreed upon formulas. Subsequent to the TCI Transaction on February 2, 1999, certain affiliates of a partner of BCCLP provide administrative services and have assumed managerial responsibilities of BCG. As compensation for these services BCG pays a quarterly fee equal to approximately 3% of gross revenues. Such aggregate charges totaled \$10,498 and \$1,389 and have been included in selling, general and administrative expenses for year ended December 31, 1999 and the period ended February 14, 2000, respectively.

### (7) COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (the "1992 Cable Act") imposed certain rate regulations on the cable television industry. Under the 1992 Cable Act, all cable systems are subject to rate regulation, unless they face "effective competition," as defined by the 1992 Cable Act and expanded in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "1996 Act"), in their local franchise area.

Although the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC") has established regulations required by the 1992 Cable Act, local government units (commonly referred to as local franchising authorities) are primarily responsible for administering the regulation of a cable system's basic service tier ("BST"). The FCC itself directly administered rate regulation of any cable programming service tier ("CPST"). The FCC's authority to regulate CPST rates expired on March 31, 1999. The FCC has taken the position that it will still adjudicate CPST complaints filed after this sunset date (but no later than 180 days after the last CPST rate increase imposed prior to March 31, 1999), and will strictly limit its review (and possible refund orders) to the time period predating the sunset date.

Under the FCC's rate regulations, most cable systems were required to reduce their BST and CPST rates in 1993 and 1994, and have since had their rate increases governed by a complicated price structure that allows for the recovery of inflation and certain associated costs, as well as providing some incentive for expanding channel carriage. Operators also have the opportunity to bypass this "benchmark" regulatory structure in favor of the traditional "cost-of-service" regulation in cases where the latter methodology appears favorable. Premium cable service offered on a per-channel or per-program basis remain unregulated, as do affirmatively marketed packages consisting entirely of new programming product.

The management of BCG believes that it has complied in all material respects with the provisions of the 1992 Cable Act and the 1996 Act, including its rate setting provisions. If, as a result of the review process, a system cannot substantiate its rates, it could be required to retroactively reduce its rates to the appropriate benchmark and refund the excess portion of rates received. Any refunds of the excess portion of CPST rates would be retroactive to the date of complaint. Any refunds of the excess portion of BST or equipment rates would be retroactive to one year prior to the implementation of the rate reductions.

Certain plaintiffs have filed or threatened separate class action complaints against certain of the systems of BCG, alleging that the systems' practice of assessing an administrative fee to the subscribers whose payments are delinquent constitutes an invalid liquidated damage provision and a breach of contract, and violates local consumer protection statutes. Plaintiffs seek recovery of all late fees paid to the subject systems as a class purporting to consist of all subscribers who were assessed such fees during the applicable limitation period, plus attorney fees and costs.

BCG has additional contingent liabilities related to legal proceedings and other matters arising in the ordinary course of business. Although it is possible that BCG may incur losses upon conclusion of these matters and the matters referred to above, an estimate of any loss or range of loss cannot presently be made. Based upon the facts

available, management believes that, although no assurance can be given as to the outcome of these actions, the ultimate disposition should not have material adverse effect upon the combined financial condition of BCG.

The Company entered into a letter of intent with a cable operator pursuant to which the Company acquires a small cable television system in Minnesota. The transaction would result in a net cost of approximately \$13,000 and will be funded by cash flow from operations and additional borrowings.

BCG leases business offices, has entered into pole attachment agreements and uses certain equipment under lease arrangements. Rental expense under such arrangements amounted to \$3,547 and \$405 during the year ended December 31, 1999 and the period ended February 14, 2000, respectively.

Future minimum lease payments under noncancelable operating leases are estimated to approximate 2,240 per year for each of the next five years.

It is expected that, in the normal course of business, expiring leases will be renewed or replaced by leases on the same or similar properties.

# (8) SALE OF THE COMPANY

In June 1999, the Partners of BCCLP entered into an agreement to sell all of their partnership interests in BCCLP to Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC for a purchase price of approximately \$3.1 billion in cash and equity instruments of Charter and its subsidiaries (including the Company) which will be reduced by the assumption of BCCLP's debt at closing. In conjunction with the sale of the partnership interests, Charter assumed the Company's outstanding indebtedness under the Senior Credit Facility (See Note 4, Debt.) The accompanying financial statements do not reflect the effect of the adjustments, if any, resulting from the sale of the partnership's interests on February 14, 2000.

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	SEPTEMBER 30, 2000	DECEMBER 31, 1999*
		DITED)
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS: Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 44,992	\$ 114,096
of \$10,184 and \$11,471, respectively Receivables from manager of cable systems related	190,479	93,743
parties Prepaid expenses and other	12,095 43,062	34,513
Total current assets	290,628	242,352
INVESTMENT IN CABLE PROPERTIES:  Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$906,641 and \$317,079, respectively  Franchises, net of accumulated amortization of \$1,562,235	4,640,836	3,490,573
and \$650,476, respectively	17,273,858	14,985,793
	21,914,694	18,476,366
OTHER ASSETS	219,516	220,759
	\$22,424,838 =======	\$18,939,477 =======
LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,201,931 	\$ 704,734 6,713
Total current liabilities	1,201,931	711,447
LONG-TERM DEBT	12,167,729	8,936,455
LOANS PAYABLE RELATED PARTIES		1,079,163
DEFERRED MANAGEMENT FEES RELATED PARTIES	13,751	21,623
OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	162,849	142,836
MINORITY INTEREST	637,353	
MEMBER'S EQUITY:  Member's equity (217,585,246 units issued and outstanding at September 30, 2000 and December 31, 1999)  Accumulated other comprehensive income	8,239,483 1,742	8,045,737 2,216
Total member's equity	8,241,225	8,047,953
	\$22,424,838 =======	\$18,939,477 =======

<sup>\*</sup> Agrees with the audited consolidated balance sheet included herein on page F-11.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{\textbf{F-480}}}$ 

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED) (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000	1999
REVENUES	\$ 838,961	
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Operating, general and administrative  Depreciation  Amortization  Option compensation expense  Corporate expense charges related parties	426,010 310,378 312,829 8,116 14,055	194,716 71,898 119,541 21,094 7,236
	1,071,388	
Loss from operations	(232, 427)	(38, 296)
Interest expense Interest income Other, net	(283,221) 607 (2,314)	(131,081) 8,241 (3,017)
	(284,928)	
Loss before minority interest	(517,355) (3,173)	
Net loss	\$ (520,528) ======	\$(164,153) =======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-481}}$ 

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED) (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000	NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999
REVENUES	\$ 2,355,345	\$ 845,182
OPERATING EXPENSES:	1 202 007	436,057
Operating, general and administrative  Depreciation	1,203,987 860,166	150,626
Amortization	912,598	290,765
Option compensation expense	34,205	59,288
Corporate expense charges related parties	41,570	18,309
	3,052,526	955,045
Loss from operations	(697,181)	(109,863)
Interest expense	(780,111)	(288,750)
Interest income	6,077	18,326
Other, net	(2,780)	(177)
	(=== 0.44)	(070,004)
	(776,814)	(270,601)
Loss before minority interest and extraordinary item	(1,473,995)	(380,464)
MINORITY INTEREST EXPENSE	(7,864)	
Loss before extraordinary item  EXTRAORDINARY ITEM Loss from early extinguishment of	(1,481,859)	(380,464)
debt		7,794
Not loss	Φ(1 401 0E0)	Φ(200 2E0)
Net loss	\$(1,481,859) =======	\$(388,258) =======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-482}}$ 

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED) (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000	NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net loss	\$(1,481,859)	\$ (388,258)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Minority interest expense	7,864	
Depreciation and amortization		441,391
Option compensation expense	34,205	59,288
Non-cash interest expense	126,565	
Loss from early extinguishment of debt  Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisitions:		7,794
Accounts receivable	(85, 250)	(2,358)
Prepaid expenses and other		(11,665)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	517,594	76,591
Payables to manager of cable systems related		
parties, including deferred management fees	(71,163)	17,887
Other operating activities	2,324	(1,087)
Net cash provided by operating activities	837,269	265,611
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(1.810.952)	(385,301)
Purchases of property, plant and equipment  Note receivable from parent company  Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(-,0-0,00-)	(51,458)
Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(74,619)	(2,659,384)
Loan to Marcus Cable Holdings, LLC		(1,680,142)
Other investing activities	(14,807)	(11,106)
Net cash used in investing activities	(1 900 378)	(4 787 391)
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CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Borrowings of long-term debt, including proceeds from		
Charter Holdings Notes	5,551,303	6,464,188
Repayments of long-term debt	(3,437,008)	(2,539,340)
Borrowings of loans payable to related parties	817,000	
Payments for debt issuance costs	(1,896,163) (62,848)	
Capital contribution	47,100	1,144,290
Capital distributions	(26,591)	
Other financing activities	1,212	
Net cash provided by financing activities	994,005	4,946,390
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(60.104)	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	114 006	424,610 9,573
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	\$ 44,992 =======	9,573 \$ 434,183 =========
CASH PAID FOR INTEREST	\$ 455,984 ======	\$ 136,626 ======
NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS:		
Transfer of operating subsidiaries to the Company	\$ 1,228,478 =======	\$ 1,252,370 =======
Issuance of equity by parent for acquisition	\$ 384,621	\$ 314,022
Issuance of preferred equity in connection with	=======	========
acquisitions	\$ 629,489	\$ 25,000
	========	========

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-483}}$ 

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

#### 1. ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (Charter Holdings), a Delaware limited liability company, owns and operates cable systems serving approximately 6.3 million customers. Charter Holdings currently offers a full array of traditional cable television services and advanced bandwidth services such as digital video and related enhancements, interactive video programming, Internet access through television-based service, dial-up telephone modems and high-speed cable modems. Charter Holdings is a subsidiary of Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC (Charter Holdco), which is a subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc. (Charter).

Charter Holdings and its subsidiaries are collectively referred to as the "Company" herein. All material intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

#### 2. RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Accordingly, certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been condensed or omitted.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements are unaudited; however, in the opinion of management, such statements include all adjustments, which consist of only normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the periods presented. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of results for a full year. For further information, see the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999 and Amendment No. 1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-4.

## 3. ACQUISITIONS AND TRANSFERS

On January 1, 2000, Charter Holdco and Charter Holdings effected a number of transactions in which certain cable systems acquired by Charter Holdco in November 1999 were contributed to Charter Holdings (the "Transferred Systems") Effective January 1, 2000, Charter Holdings accounted for the contribution of the Transferred Systems as a reorganization of entities under common control in a manner similar to a pooling of interests. The accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 1999, reflects this reorganization. The accounts of the Transferred Systems are included in Charter Holdings' financial statements from the date the Transferred Systems were acquired by Charter

On February 14, 2000, Charter Holdco and Charter Holdings completed the acquisition of Bresnan Communications Company Limited Partnership (Bresnan). The Bresnan cable systems acquired are primarily located in Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Nebraska and serve approximately 682,100 customers at September 30, 2000.

The purchase price for Bresnan was \$3.1 billion, subject to adjustment, and was comprised of \$1.1 billion in cash, \$384.6 million of equity (14.8 million Class C common membership units) in Charter Holdco and \$629.5 million of equity (24.2 million Class A preferred membership units) in CC VIII, LLC (CC VIII), a subsidiary of Charter Holdings, and \$963.3 million in assumed debt. The holders of the Class A preferred membership units are entitled to a 2% annual return. All of the membership units received by the sellers are exchangeable on a one-for-one basis for shares of Class A common stock of Charter. The Bresnan sellers who acquired Class C common membership units of Charter Holdco and Class A preferred membership units in CC VIII may have rescission rights against Charter Holdco and Charter arising out of possible violations of Section 5 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in connection with the offers and sales of these equity interests (see Note 5). The purchase price was allocated to assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their relative fair values, including amounts assigned to franchises of \$2.8 billion.

In April 2000, one of Charter's subsidiaries purchased a cable system from Falcon/Capital Cable Partners, L.P. (Capital Cable) and another cable system from Farmington Cablevision Company (Farmington). These cable systems are primarily located in Illinois, Indiana and Missouri and serve approximately 28,900 customers at September 30, 2000. The aggregate purchase price for these acquisitions was \$75.0 million in cash and was funded with borrowings from the Charter Operating Credit Facilities (see Note 4).

On September 7, 2000, Charter completed a stock-for-stock merger with Cablevision of Michigan, Inc., the owner of a cable system in Kalamazoo, Michigan. In the merger, Charter acquired all of the outstanding stock of Cablevision of Michigan in exchange for 11,173,376 shares of Charter's Class A common stock valued at approximately \$170.6 million. After the merger, Charter contributed 100% of the equity interests acquired to Charter Holdco in exchange for membership units. Charter Holdco in turn contributed the interests to Charter Holdings. The Kalamazoo cable system has approximately 50,700 customers at September 30, 2000.

All of the above transactions were accounted for using the purchase method of accounting, and, accordingly, results of operations of the acquired assets have been included in the financial statements from the date of acquisition. The allocation of the purchase price for the Bresnan and Kalamazoo transactions are based, in part, on preliminary information, which is subject to adjustment upon obtaining complete valuation information. Management believes that finalization of the purchase prices and allocation will not have a material impact on the consolidated results of operations or financial position of the Company.

Summarized pro forma operating results of the Company as though all acquisitions completed since January 1, 1999 and the contribution of the transferred systems, the issuance and sale of the January 2000 Charter Holdings Notes (see Note 4) and the drawdown of the Charter Holdings Senior Bridge Loan Facility (see Note 4) had occurred on January 1, 1999, with adjustments to give effect to amortization of franchises, interest expense, minority interest and certain other adjustments, follows.

	THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		
	2000	1999	2000	1999	
		(IN T	HOUSANDS)		
Revenues	\$ 842,881	\$ 740,090	\$ 2,406,986	\$ 2,187,785	
Loss from operations	(233, 137)	(104,302)	(726,998)	(351,718)	
Net loss	(537,656)	(363,278)	(1,563,747)	(1,108,554)	

The pro forma information has been presented for comparative purposes and does not purport to be indicative of the consolidated results of operations had these transactions been completed as of the assumed date or which may be obtained in the future.

# 4. LONG-TERM DEBT

JANUARY 2000 CHARTER HOLDINGS NOTES. On January 12, 2000, Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation issued notes with a principal amount of \$1.5 billion. The January 2000 Charter Holdings Notes consist of \$675.0 million 10.00% Senior Notes due 2009, \$325.0 million 10.25% Senior Notes due 2010 and \$532.0 million 11.75% Senior Discount Notes due 2010. The net proceeds were approximately \$1.3 billion, after giving effect to discounts, commissions and expenses. The proceeds from the sale of the January 2000 Charter Holdings Notes were used to finance the repurchases of debt assumed in certain transactions, as described below.

In June 2000, Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation exchanged these notes for new January 2000 Charter Holdings Notes, with substantially similar terms, except that the

new January 2000 Charter Holdings Notes are registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and, therefore, do not bear legends restricting their transfer

CC V HOLDINGS, LLC AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES (COLLECTIVELY, "AVALON") NOTES. In January 2000, through change of control offers and purchases in the open market, all of the Avalon 9.375% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2008 with a principal amount of \$150.0 million were repurchased for \$153.7 million. In addition, also through change of control offers, \$16.3 million in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the Avalon 11.875% Senior Discount Notes due 2008 was repurchased for \$10.5 million. As of September 30, 2000, Avalon 11.875% notes with an aggregate principal amount of \$179.8 million at maturity and an accreted value of \$124.8 million remain outstanding.

CC VII HOLDINGS, LLC AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES (COLLECTIVELY, "FALCON") DEBENTURES. In February 2000, through change of control offers and purchases in the open market, all of the Falcon 8.375% Senior Debentures due 2010 with a principal amount of \$375.0 million were repurchased for \$388.0 million, and all of the Falcon 9.285% Senior Discount Debentures due 2010 with an aggregate principal amount at maturity of \$435.3 million were repurchased for \$328.1 million.

CC VIII, LLC AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES (COLLECTIVELY, "BRESNAN") CREDIT FACILITIES. Upon the closing of the Bresnan acquisition on February 14, 2000, the then-existing Bresnan credit facilities were amended and assumed. The Bresnan credit facilities provide for borrowings of up to \$900.0 million, consisting of: two term facilities, one with a principal amount of \$403.0 million (Term A) and the other with a principal amount of \$297.0 million (Term B), and a reducing revolving loan facility in the amount of \$200.0 million. The Bresnan credit facilities provide for the amortization of the principal amount of the Term A loan facility and the reduction of the revolving loan facility beginning March 31, 2002 with a final maturity date of June 30, 2007. The amortization of the Term B loan facility is substantially "back-ended" with more than ninety percent of the principal balance due on the final maturity date of February 2, 2008. The Bresnan credit facilities also provide for an incremental facility of up to \$200.0 million that is conditioned upon receipt of additional commitments from lenders. Amounts under the Bresnan credit facilities bear interest at the Base Rate or the Eurodollar Rate, as defined, plus a margin of up to 2.75%. A quarterly commitment fee of between 0.250% and 0.375% is payable on the unborrowed balance of Term A and the revolving loan facility. At the closing of the Bresnan acquisition, \$599.9 million was borrowed to replace the borrowings outstanding under the previous credit facilities, and an additional \$31.3 million was borrowed to fund a portion of the Bresnan purchase price. As of September 30, 2000, \$668.0 million was outstanding, and \$232.0 million was available for borrowing.

BRESNAN NOTES. Upon the closing of the Bresnan acquisition, Charter Holdco and Charter assumed Bresnan's \$170.0 million in principal amount of 8% Senior Notes due 2009 and \$275.0 million in principal amount at maturity of 9.25% Senior Discount Notes due 2009. In March 2000, all of the outstanding Bresnan notes were repurchased at 101% of the outstanding principal amounts plus accrued and unpaid interest or accreted value, as applicable, for a total of \$369.7 million using proceeds from the sale of the January 2000 Charter Holdings Notes.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS OPERATING, LLC CREDIT FACILITIES. In March 2000, the Charter Operating Credit Facilities were amended to increase the amount of the supplemental credit facility to \$1.0 billion. In connection with this amendment, \$600.0 million of the supplemental credit facility was exercised, thereby increasing the total borrowing capacity to \$4.7 billion. The remaining \$400.0 million of the supplemental credit facility is subject to the Company's ability to obtain additional commitments from the lenders. As of September 30, 2000, outstanding borrowings were \$3.6 billion, and the unused availability was \$1.1 billion.

CHARTER HOLDINGS SENIOR BRIDGE LOAN FACILITY. On August 4, 2000, Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc. and others, and Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation entered

into a senior bridge loan agreement providing for senior increasing rate bridge loans in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$1.0\$ billion.

On August 14, 2000, the Company borrowed \$1.0 billion under the senior bridge loan facility and used substantially all of the proceeds to repay a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Charter Operating and Falcon revolving credit facilities. The bridge loan initially bears interest at an annual rate of 10.21%. If this loan is not repaid within 90 days following August 14, 2000, the interest rate will increase by 1.25% at the end of such 90-day period and will increase by an additional 0.50% at the end of each additional 90-day period. Unless additional special interest is assessed, the interest rate on the bridge loan will not exceed 15% annually. If the bridge to an has not been repaid in full by August 14, 2001, then it will be converted to a term loan. The bridge loan matures one year from August 14, 2000 and upon payment of any accrued and unpaid interest shall convert to a term loan that matures on the tenth anniversary of the initial bridge loan borrowing. The term loan will bear interest at a fixed rate equal to the greater of the applicable rate of the bridge loan on the date on the conversion plus 0.50%, and the yield corresponding to the bid price on Charter Holdings 10.25% notes as of the date immediately prior to the conversion. If the term loan is not repaid within 90 days after the conversion from the bridge loan, the interest rate thereon will increase by 0.50% at the end of each 90-day period. Unless additional special interest is assessed, the interest rate on the term loan will not exceed 15% annually. The term loan will mature on the tenth anniversary of the initial senior bridge loan borrowing.

#### 5. POSSIBLE RESCISSION LIABILITY

The Company acquired Helicon I, L.P. and affiliates (Helicon) in July 1999 and acquired Rifkin Acquisition Partners L.L.P. and InterLink Communications Partners, LLLP (collectively, "Rifkin") in September 1999. Charter Holdco acquired Falcon Communications, L.P. (Falcon) in November 1999, and the Company acquired Bresnan in February 2000. In connection with these acquisitions, the Rifkin, Falcon and Bresnan sellers who acquired Charter Holdco membership units or, in the case of Bresnan, additional equity interests in a subsidiary of Charter Holdings and the Helicon sellers who acquired shares of Class A common stock in Charter's initial public offering may have rescission rights against Charter and Charter Holdco arising out of possible violations of Section 5 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in connection with the offers and sales of these equity interests.

If all of these equity holders successfully exercised their possible rescission rights, Charter or Charter Holdco would become obligated to repurchase all such equity interests, and the total repurchase obligation could be as much as up approximately \$1.8 billion as of September 30, 2000 (see Note 10). If Charter and Charter Holdco fail to obtain capital sufficient to fund any required repurchases, they could seek funds from Charter Holdings and its subsidiaries. This could adversely affect the Company's consolidated financial condition and results of operations. These possible rescission rights expire one year from the dates of issuance or purchase of these equity interests.

#### 6. REVENUES

Revenues consist of the following (in thousands):

	THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		NINE MONTH SEPTEMBE	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
Basic. Premium. Pay-per-view. Digital. Advertising sales. Data services. Other.	\$574,348 57,465 5,848 25,582 37,693 13,542 124,483  \$838,961 =======	\$264,886 33,260 8,389 1,372 19,255 2,100 46,927	\$1,668,092 171,432 21,875 49,844 112,765 36,880 294,457	\$593,076 76,036 18,750 2,081 42,577 4,275 108,387

#### 7. OPERATING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,		NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
Programming	\$180,919	\$ 85,905	\$ 527,379	\$193,852
General and administrative	144,621	64,068	404,130	145,124
Service	49,900	26,373	143,585	55,989
Marketing	14,046	11,298	45,693	24,421
Other	36,523	7,072	83, 199	16,671
	\$426,009	\$194,716	\$1,203,986	\$436,057

# 8. COMPREHENSIVE LOSS (IN THOUSANDS)

Comprehensive loss was \$506,921 and \$164,153 for the three months ended September 30, 2000 and 1999, respectively, and \$1,469,306 and \$388,258 for the nine months ended September 30, 2000 and 1999, respectively. The Company owns common stock of WorldGate Communications, Inc. and of Motorola, Inc. that is classified as "available for sale" and reported at market value, with unrealized gains and losses recorded as accumulated other comprehensive income in the accompanying consolidate balance sheets.

# 9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In September 2000, Charter Communications Ventures, LLC, a subsidiary of Charter Holdco, entered into a joint venture with General Instrument Corporation (doing business as the Broadband Communications Sector of Motorola, Inc.), Replay TV, Inc. and Interval Research Corporation, an entity controlled by Mr. Allen, to develop and integrate digital video recording capabilities in advanced digital set-top boxes.

# 10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On October 19, 2000, Charter Ventures entered into a stock purchase agreement pursuant to which Vulcan Ventures Inc., an entity controlled by Mr. Allen, and Charter Ventures will invest \$38.0 million and \$37.0 million, respectively, in exchange for 38,000 shares and 37,000 shares, respectively, of senior convertible

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preferred stock of High Speed Access Corp. The preferred stock will have a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share, will in general share in dividends on High Speed Access common stock on an "as converted to common stock" basis and would be convertible into common stock of High Speed Access at a conversion rate of \$5.01875 per share of High Speed Access common stock, subject to certain adjustments. Vulcan Ventures and Charter Ventures will be granted certain preemptive, first refusal, registration and significant board representation rights as part of the transaction. The stock purchase agreement is subject to approval by High Speed Access shareholders. It is anticipated that the transaction will close in the fourth quarter 2000.

In October 2000, Charter completed a convertible debt offering for \$650.0 million in Convertible Senior Notes due in 2005 plus an additional \$100.0 million pursuant to an option granted to the initial purchasers. The Convertible Senior Notes have an annual interest rate of 5.75% and are convertible into shares of Charter's Class A common stock at \$21.56 per share. The issuance and sale was made in a private placement pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act. The net proceeds of this issuance were contributed as equity to Charter Holdings and used to repay a portion of amounts outstanding under the Charter Holdings Senior Bridge Loan Facility.

In November 2000, Rifkin's, Helicon's and a portion of Falcon's possible rescission rights with a maximum potential obligation of \$741.8 million expired without these parties requesting repurchase of their securities (see Note 5).

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# OFFER TO EXCHANGE

10 3/4% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2009, 11 1/8% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2011, AND 13 1/2% SENIOR DISCOUNT NOTES DUE 2011,

FOR ANY AND ALL OUTSTANDING 10 3/4% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2009, 11 1/8% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2011, AND 13 1/2% SENIOR DISCOUNT NOTES DUE 2011,

RESPECTIVELY, OF

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

HOLDINGS, LLC

AND

## CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

## HOLDINGS CAPITAL CORPORATION

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#### PART II

#### INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN THE PROSPECTUS

#### ITEM 20. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

INDEMNIFICATION UNDER THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT OF CHARTER HOLDINGS.

The limited liability company agreement of Charter Holdings, entered into as of February 9, 1999, by Charter Investment, as the initial member, provides that the members, the manager, the directors, their affiliates or any person who at any time serves or has served as a director, officer, employee or other agent of any member or any such affiliate, and who, in such capacity, engages or has engaged in activities on behalf of Charter Holdings, shall be indemnified and held harmless by Charter Holdings to the fullest extent permitted by law from and against any losses, damages, expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by or in connection with any claim, action, suit or proceeding arising out of or incidental to such indemnifiable person's conduct or activities on behalf of Charter Holdings. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no indemnification is available under the limited liability company agreement in respect of any such claim adjudged to be primarily the result of bad faith, willful misconduct or fraud of an indemnifiable person. Payment of these indemnification obligations shall be made from the assets of Charter Holdings and the members shall not be personally liable to an indemnifiable person for payment of indemnification.

#### INDEMNIFICATION UNDER THE DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT.

Section 18-108 of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act authorizes a limited liability company to indemnify and hold harmless any member or manager or other person from and against any and all claims and demands whatsoever, subject to such standards and restrictions, if any, as are set forth in its limited liability company agreement.

#### INDEMNIFICATION UNDER THE BY-LAWS OF CHARTER CAPITAL.

The by-laws of Charter Capital provide that Charter Capital, to the broadest and maximum extent permitted by applicable law, will indemnify each person who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director or officer of Charter Capital, or is or was serving at the request of Charter Capital as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding. To the extent that a director, officer, employee or agent of Charter Capital has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in the preceding paragraph, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter, such person will be indemnified against expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by such person. Expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred by a director or officer in defending any civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding may be paid by Charter Capital in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding, as authorized by the board of directors of Charter Capital, upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that such director or officer was not entitled to be indemnified by Charter Capital as authorized in the by-laws of Charter Capital. The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, the by-laws of Charter Capital will not be deemed exclusive and are declared expressly to be non-exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification or advancements of expenses may be entitled under any by-law, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors

or otherwise, both as to action in such person's official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding an office, and, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, will continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such person.

INDEMNIFICATION UNDER THE DELAWARE GENERAL CORPORATION LAW.

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, authorizes a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses, including attorneys' fees judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful. In addition, the Delaware General Corporation Law does not permit indemnification in any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation, unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability, but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses, which such court shall deem proper. To the extent that a present or former director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to above, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter, such person shall be indemnified against expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by such person. Indemnity is mandatory to the extent a claim, issue or matter has been successfully defended. The Delaware General Corporation Law also allows a corporation to provide for the elimination or limit of the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, provided that such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director

- (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders,
- (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law,
- (iii) for unlawful payments of dividends or unlawful stock purchases or redemptions, or
- (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. These provisions will not limit the liability of directors or officers under the federal securities laws of the United States.

ITEM 21. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES.

## **EXHIBITS**

2.1 Merger Agreement, dated March 31, 1999, by and between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Marcus Cable Holdings, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))

- 2.2(a) Membership Purchase Agreement, dated as of January 1, 1999, by and between ACEC Holding Company, LLC and Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on July 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
- 2.2(b) Assignment of Membership Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 23, 1999, by and between Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) and Charter Communications Entertainment II, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on July 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
- 2.3(a) Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 17, 1999, among Greater Media, Inc., Greater Media Cablevision, Inc. and Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on July 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
- 2.3(b) Assignment of Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 23, 1999, by and between Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) and Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on July 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
- 2.4 Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 23, 1999, by and among Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.), Charter Communications, LLC, Renaissance Media Holdings LLC and Renaissance Media Group LLC (Incorporated by reference to the report on Form 8-K of Renaissance Media Group LLC filed on March 1, 1999 (File No. 333-56679))
- 2.5 Purchase Ágreement, dated as of March 22, 1999, among Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.), Charter Communications, LLC, Charter Helicon, LLC, Helicon Partners I, L.P., Baum Investments, Inc. and the limited partners of Helicon Partners I, L.P. (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on July 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
- 2.6(a) Asset and Stock Purchase Agreement, dated April 20, 1999, between InterMedia Partners of West Tennessee, L.P. and Charter Communications, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
- 2.6(b) Stock Purchase Agreement, dated April 20, 1999, between TCID 1P-V, Inc. and Charter Communications, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
- 2.6(c) RMG Purchase Agreement, dated as of April 20, 1999, between Robin Media Group, Inc., InterMedia Partners of West Tennessee, L.P. and Charter RMG, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
- 2.6(d) Asset Exchange Agreement, dated April 20, 1999, among InterMedia Partners Southeast, Charter Communications, LLC, Charter Communications Properties, LLC, and Marcus Cable Associates, L.L.C. (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))

- 2.6(d)(i) Amendment to Asset Exchange Agreement, made as of October 1, 1999, by and among InterMedia Partners Southeast and Charter Communications, LLC, Charter Communications Properties, LLC and Marcus Cable Associates, L.L.C. (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 18, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
- 2.6(e) Asset Exchange Agreement, dated April 20, 1999, among
  InterMedia Partners, a California Limited Partnership,
  Brenmor Cable Partners, L.P. and Robin Media Group, Inc.
  (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the
  registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications
  Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital
- Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))

  2.6(f)

  Common Agreement, dated April 20, 1999, between InterMedia Partners, InterMedia Partners Southeast, InterMedia Partners of West Tennessee, L.P., InterMedia Capital Partners IV, L.P., InterMedia Partners IV, L.P., Brenmor Cable Partners, L.P., TCID IP-V, Inc., Charter Communications, LLC, Charter Communications Properties, LLC, Marcus Cable Associates, L.L.C. and Charter RMG, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on July 2, 1999 (File No. 333-77499)) (Portions of this exhibit have been omitted pursuant to a request for confidential treatment.)
- 2.7(a) Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of April 26, 1999, by and among InterLink Communications Partners, LLLP, the sellers listed therein and Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
- 2.7(b) Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of April 26, 1999, by and among Rifkin Acquisition Partners, L.L.L.P., the sellers listed therein and Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on July 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
- 2.7(c) RAP Indemnity Agreement, dated April 26, 1999, by and among the sellers listed therein and Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on July 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
- 2.7(d) Assignment of Purchase Agreement with InterLink
  Communications Partners, LLLP, dated as of June 30, 1999, by
  and between Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter
  Investment, Inc.) and Charter Communications Operating, LLC
  (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the
  registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications
  Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital
  Corporation filed on July 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
- 2.7(e) Assignment of Purchase Agreement with Rifkin Acquisition
  Partners L.L.P., dated as of June 30, 1999, by and between
  Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment,
  Inc.) and Charter Communications Operating, LLC
  (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the
  registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications
  Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital
  Corporation filed on July 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
- 2.7(f) Assignment of RAP Indemnity Agreement, dated as of June 30, 1999, by and between Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) and Charter Communications Operating, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on July 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))

- 2.7(g) Amendment to the Purchase Agreement with InterLink
  Communications Partners, LLLP, dated June 29, 1999
  (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 6 to the
  registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications
  Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital
  Corporation filed on August 27, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
- 2.7(h) Contribution Agreement, dated as of September 14, 1999, by and among Charter Communications Operating, LLC, Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, Charter Communications, Inc., Paul G. Allen and the certain other individuals and entities listed on the signature pages thereto (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 18, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
  2.7(i) Form of First Amendment to the Contribution Agreement dated
- 2.7(i) Form of First Amendment to the Contribution Agreement dated as of September 14, 1999, by and among Charter Communications Operating, LLC, Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, Charter Communications, Inc. and Paul G. Allen (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 5 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on November 4, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
- 2.8 Contribution and Sale Agreement dated as of December 30, 1999, by and among Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, CC VII Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications VII, LLC (Incorporated by reference to the report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 18, 2000 (File No. 333-77499))
- 2.9 Contribution and Sale Agreement dated as of December 30, 1999, by and among Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (Incorporated by reference to the report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 18, 2000 (File No. 333-77499))
- 2.10(a) Securities Purchase Agreement, dated May 13, 1999, by and between Avalon Cable Holdings LLC, Avalon Investors, L.L.C., Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc. and Avalon Cable LLC and Charter Communications Holdings LLC and Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 1 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Avalon Cable of Michigan LLC, Avalon Cable of Michigan Inc., Avalon Cable of New England LLC and Avalon Cable Finance Inc. filed on May 28, 1999 (File No. 333-75453))
- 2.10(b) Assignment and Contribution Agreement, entered into as of October 11, 1999 by and between Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC and Charter Communications, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 18, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
- 2.10(c) Assignment Agreement effective as of June 16, 1999, by and among Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holdings LLC, Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, Avalon Cable Holdings LLC, Avalon Investors, L.L.C., Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc. and Avalon Cable LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 18, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
- 2.11(a) Purchase and Contribution Agreement, dated as of May 26, 1999, by and among Falcon Communications, L.P., Falcon Holding Group, L.P., TCI Falcon Holdings, LLC, Falcon Cable Trust, Falcon Holding Group, Inc. and DHN Inc. and Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on September 28, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))

- 2.11(b) First Amendment to Purchase and Contribution Agreement, dated as of June 22, 1999, by and among Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, Falcon Communications, L.P., Falcon Holding Group, L.P., TCI Falcon Holdings, LLC, Falcon Cable Trust, Falcon Holding Group, Inc. and DHN Inc. (Incorporated by reference to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Falcon Communications, L.P. and Falcon Funding Corporation on August 13, 1999 (File Nos. 333-60776 and 333-55755))
- 2.11(c) Form of Second Amendment to Purchase And Contribution
  Agreement, dated as of October 27, 1999, by and among
  Charter Investment, Inc., Charter Communications Holding
  Company, LLC, Falcon Communications, L.P., Falcon Holding
  Group, L.P., TCI Falcon Holdings, LLC, Falcon Holding Group,
  Inc. and DHN Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Amendment
  No. 5 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter
  Communications, Inc. filed on November 4, 1999 (File No.
  333-83887))
- 2.11(d) Third Amendment to Purchase and Contribution Agreement dated as of November 12, 1999, by and among Charter Communications, Inc., Falcon Communications L.P., Falcon Holdings Group, L.P., TCI Falcon Holdings, LLC, Falcon Cable Trust, Falcon Holding Group, Inc. and DHN Inc. (Incorporated by reference to the report on Form 8-K of CC VII Holdings, LLC and Falcon Funding Corporation filed on November 26, 1999 (File No. 033-60776))
- 2.12(a) Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 21, 1999, among
  Blackstone TWF Capital Partners, L.P., Blackstone TWF
  Capital Partners A L.P., Blackstone TWF Capital Partners B
  L.P., Blackstone TWF Family Investment Partnership, L.P.,
  RCF Carry, LLC, Fanch Management Partners, Inc., PBW Carried
  Interest, Inc., RCF Indiana Management Corp, The Robert C.
  Fanch Revocable Trust, A. Dean Windry, Thomas Binning, Jack
  Pottle, SDG/Michigan Communications Joint Venture, Fanch-JV2
  Master Limited Partnership, Cooney Cable Associates of Ohio,
  Limited Partnership, North Texas Cablevision, LTD., Post
  Cablevision of Texas, Limited Partnership, Spring Green
  Communications, L.P., Fanch-Narragansett CSI Limited
  Partnership, and Fanch Cablevision of Kansas General
  Partnership and Charter Communications, Inc. (now called
  Charter Investment, Inc.) (Incorporated by reference to
  Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of
  Charter Communications, Inc. filed on September 28, 1999
  (File No. 333-83887))
- 2.12(b) Assignment of Purchase Agreement by and between Charter Investment, Inc. and Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, effective as of September 21, 1999 (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 18, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
- Purchase and Contribution Agreement, entered into as of June 1999, by and among BCI (USA), LLC, William Bresnan, Blackstone BC Capital Partners L.P., Blackstone BC Offshore Capital Partners L.P., Blackstone Family Investment Partnership III L.P., TCID of Michigan, Inc. and TCI Bresnan LLC and Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on September 28, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
- 3.1 Certificate of Formation of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499).
- 3.2 Limited Liability Company Agreement of Charter
  Communications Holdings, LLC (Incorporated by reference to
  Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of
  Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter
  Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June
  22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499).
- 3.3 Certificate of Incorporation of Charter Communications
  Holdings Capital Corporation (Incorporated by reference to
  Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of
  Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter
  Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June
  22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499).

- 3.4 By-Laws of Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499).
- 4.2(a) Indenture dated as of January 10, 2001 between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and BNY Midwest Trust Company as Trustee governing 10 3/4% convertible senior notes due
- 4.2(b) Indenture dated as of January 10, 2001 between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and BNY Midwest Trust Company as Trustee governing 11 1/8% convertible senior notes due 2011
- 4.2(c) Indenture dated as of January 10, 2001 between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and BNY Midwest Trust Company as Trustee governing 13 1/2% convertible senior notes due 2011
- 5.1 Opinion of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP regarding legality
- 8.1 Opinion of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP regarding tax matters
- 10.1 Credit Agreement, dated as of March 18, 1999, between Charter Communications Operating, LLC, and certain lenders and agents named therein (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
- 10.1(a) First Amendment to Credit Agreement dated as of June 28, 1999 between Charter Communications Operating, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings LLC and certain lenders and agents named therein (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351))
- 10.1(b)

  Second Amendment to Credit Agreement dated as of December 14, 1999 between Charter Communications Operating, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings LLC and certain lenders and agents named therein (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351))

  10.1(c)

  Third Amendment to Credit Agreement dated as of March 18,
- 10.1(c) Third Amendment to Credit Agreement dated as of March 18, 2000, between Charter Communications Operating, LLC, Charter Communications, LLC and certain lenders and agents named therein (Incorporated by reference to the annual report on Form 10-K filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on March 30, 2000 (File No. 333-83887))
- 10.2(a)(1) Form of Second Amended Management Agreement, dated as of November 9, 1999, by and among Charter Investment, Inc., Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Operating, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 18, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
- 10.2(b) First Amended and Restated Mutual Services Agreement, dated as of December 21, 2000, by and between Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Investment, Inc. and Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC
- 10.2(c) Form of Management Agreement, dated as of November 9, 1999, by and between Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC and Charter Communications, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 18, 1999
- (File No. 333-83887))

  10.2(d) Management Agreement, dated as of November 12, 1999, by and between CC VI Operating Company, LLC and Charter Communications, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 1 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on April 18, 2000 (File No. 333-77499))

- Management Agreement, dated as of November 12, 1999 by and between Falcon Cable Communications, LLC and Charter Communications, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 1 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on April 18, 2000 (File No. 333-77499)) 10.2(e)
- Management Agreement dated as of February 14, 2000, by and between CC VIII Operating, LLC, certain subsidiaries of CC VIII Operating, LLC and Charter Communications, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to the annual report on Form 10-K filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on March 30, 2000 (File No. 10.2(f) 333-83887))
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  Form of Consulting Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2000, by and between Vulcan Ventures Incorporated, Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC Charter Communications Holdings, LLC 1999 Option Plan (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on July 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
  Assumption Agreement regarding option plan, dated as of May 25, 1999, by and between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 6 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on August 27, 1999 (File No. 333-77499)) 10.4(a) No. 333-77499))
- Form of Amendment No. 1 to the Charter Communications Holdings, LLC 1999 Option Plan (Incorporated 10.4(b) by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on November 1, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))

  Amendment No. 2 to the Charter Communications Holdings, LLC 1999 Option Plan (Incorporated by
- 10.4(c) reference to the annual report on Form 10-K filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on March 30, 2000 (File No. 333-83887))
- Membership Interests Purchase Agreement, dated July 22, 1999, by and between Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC and Paul G. Allen (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 6 to the 10.5 registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on August 27, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
- Employment Agreement, dated as of August 28, 1998, between Jerald L. Kent and Paul G. Allen (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 5 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter 10.6 Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on August 10, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
- Assignment of Employment Agreements, dated as of December 23, 1998, between Paul G. Allen and Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 6 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC 10.7 and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on August 27, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
- Option Agreement, dated as of February 9, 1999, between Jerald L. Kent and Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 6 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on August 27, 1999 (File No. 333-77499)) 10.8(a)

- Amendment to the Option Agreement, dated as of August 23, 1999, between Jerald L. Kent and Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 6 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on August 27, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
- 10.8(c) Form of Amendment to the Option Agreement, dated as of November 8, 1999, by and among Jerald L. Kent, Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC and Charter Communications, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on November 1, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
- Letter Agreement, dated as of July 22, 1999 between Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 5 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on August 10, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
- Amendment to Membership Interests Purchase Agreement, dated as of August 10, 1999, by and among Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, Vulcan Cable III Inc. and Paul G. Allen (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 6 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings (Parish Company of Filed on August 27, 1909) (Filed No. 232, 7740))
- Holdings Capital Corporation filed on August 27, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))

  Form of Assignment and Assumption Agreement, dated as of November 4, 1999, by and between Charter Investment, Inc. and Charter Communications, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on September 28, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
- Communications, Inc. filed on September 28, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))

  10.12 Form of Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of November 12, 1999, by and among Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Investment, Inc., Vulcan Cable III Inc., Mr. Paul G. Allen, Mr. Jerald L. Kent, Mr. Howard L. Wood and Mr. Barry L. Babcock (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 18, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))

  10.13 Form of Consulting Agreement, dated as of November 1, 1999, by and between Howard L.
- 10.13 Form of Consulting Agreement, dated as of November 1, 1999, by and between Howard L. Wood and Charter Communications, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on November 1, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
- 10.14 Form of Termination of Employment Agreement, dated as of November 1, 1999, by and between Howard L. Wood and Charter Investment, Inc., Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on November 1, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
- Letter Agreement, dated September 21, 1999, by and among Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Investment, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company, Inc. and Vulcan Ventures Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 18, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
- Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of February 2, 1999, as Amended and Restated as of January 2, 2001 by and among CC VIII Operating, LLC, as borrower, CC VIII Holdings, LLC, as guarantor, and several financial institutions or entities named therein (Incorporated by reference to the annual report on Form 10-K filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on March 30, 2000 (File No. 333-83887))

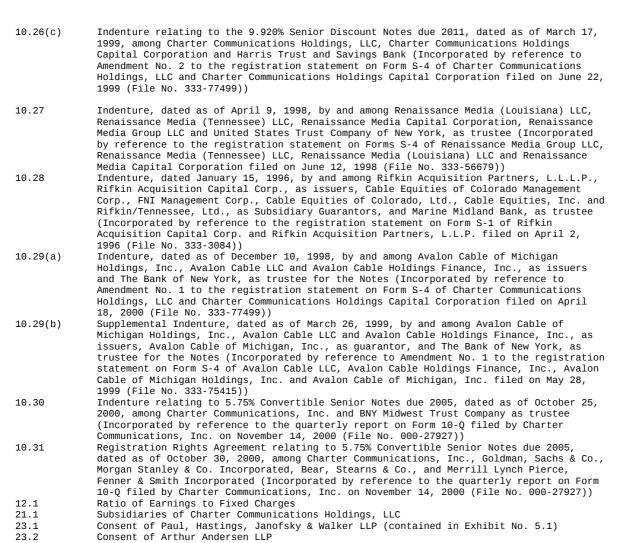
- 10.17 Form of Credit Agreement, dated as of June 30, 1998, as Amended and Restated as of November 12, 1999, among Falcon Cable Communications, LLC, certain guarantors and several financial institutions or entities named therein (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 18, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
- 10.18 Credit Agreement, dated as of November 12, 1999, among CC VI Holdings, LLC, CC VI Operating Company, LLC and several financial institutions or entities named therein (Incorporated by reference to the report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on November 29, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
- Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement for Charter Communications
  Holding Company, LLC, dated February 14, 2000 (Incorporated by reference to the
  current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on February 29, 2000
  (File No. 333-83887))
- 10.19(a) First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement for Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, dated September 13, 2000 (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 1 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on September 22, 2000 (File No. 333-41486))
- 10.20 Letter Agreement, dated May 25, 1999, between Charter Communications, Inc. and Marc Nathanson (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351))
- Exchange Agreement, dated as of February 14, 2000, by and among Charter Communications, Inc., BCI (USA), LLC, William J. Bresnan, Blackstone BC Capital Partners L.P., Blackstone BC Offshore Capital Partners L.P., Blackstone Family Media, III L.P. (as assignee of Blackstone Family Investment III L.P.), TCID of Michigan, Inc., and TCI Bresnan LLC (Incorporated by reference to the current report on Form 8-k
- III L.P. (as assignee of Blackstone Family Investment III L.P.), TCID of Michigan, Inc., and TCI Bresnan LLC (Incorporated by reference to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on February 29, 2000 (File No. 333-83887))

  10.22 Form of Exchange Agreement, dated as of November 12, 1999 by and among Charter Investments, Inc., Charter Communications, Inc., Vulcan Cable III Inc. and Paul G. Allen (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 18, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
- 10.23(a) Indenture relating to the 10.00% Senior notes due 2009, dated as of January 12, 2000, between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and Harris Trust and Savings Bank (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351))
- 10.23(b) Form of 10.00% Senior Note due 2010 (included in Exhibit No. 4.1(a)) (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351))
- Exchange and Registration Rights Agreement, dated January 12, 2000, by and among Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation, Goldman, Sachs & Co., Chase Securities Inc., FleetBoston Robertson Stephens Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, TD Securities (USA) Inc., First Union Securities, Inc., PNC Capital Markets, Inc. and SunTrust Equitable Securities Corporation, relating to the 10.00% Senior Notes due 2009 (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351))

- 10.24(a) Indenture relating to the 10.25% Senior Notes due 2010, dated as of January 12, 2000, among Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and Harris Trust and Savings Bank (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351))
- 10.24(b) Form of 10.25% Senior Note due 2010 (included in Exhibit No. 4.2(a)) (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351))
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  Exchange and Registration Rights Agreement, dated January 12, 2000, by and among Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation, Goldman, Sachs & Co., Chase Securities Inc., FleetBoston Robertson Stephens Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, TD Securities (USA) Inc., First Union Securities, Inc., PNC Capital Markets, Inc. and SunTrust Equitable Securities Corporation, relating to the 10.25% Senior Notes due 2010 (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351))

  10.25(a) Indenture relating to the 11.75% Senior Discount Notes due 2010, dated as of January
- 10.25(a) Indenture relating to the 11.75% Senior Discount Notes due 2010, dated as of January 12, 2000, among Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and Harris Trust and Savings Bank (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351))
- 10.25(b) Form of 11.75% Senior Discount Note due 2010 (included in Exhibit No. 4.3(a)) (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351))
- 10.25(c) Exchange and Registration Rights Agreement, dated January 12, 2000, by and among Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation, Goldman, Sachs & Co., Chase Securities Inc., FleetBoston Robertson Stephens Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, TD Securities (USA) Inc., First Union Securities, Inc., PNC Capital Markets, Inc. and SunTrust Equitable Securities Corporation, relating to the 11.75% Senior Discount Notes due 2010 (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351))
- 10.26(a) Indenture relating to the 8.250% Senior Notes due 2007, dated as of March 17, 1999, between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and Harris Trust and Savings Bank (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
- 10.26(b) Indenture relating to the 8.625% Senior Notes due 2009, dated as of March 17, 1999, among Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and Harris Trust and Savings Bank (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))



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Consent of KPMG LLP

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                Statement of eligibility of trustee
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#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

Schedules not listed above are omitted because of the absence of the conditions under which they are required or because the information required by such omitted schedules is set forth in the financial statements or the notes thereto.

## ITEM 22. UNDERTAKINGS.

The undersigned registrants hereby undertake that:

- (1) Prior to any public reoffering of the securities registered hereunder through use of a prospectus which is a part of this registration statement, by any person or party who is deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of Rule 145(c), the issuer undertakes that such reoffering prospectus will contain the information called for by the applicable registration form with respect to the reofferings by persons who may be deemed underwriters, in addition to the information called for by the other items of the applicable form.
- (2) Every prospectus: (i) that is filed pursuant to the immediately preceding paragraph or (ii) that purports to meet the requirements of Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act and is used in connection with an offering of securities subject to Rule 415, will be filed as a part of an amendment to the registration statement and will not be used until such amendment is effective, and that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

The undersigned registrants hereby undertake to respond to requests for information that is incorporated by reference into the prospectus pursuant to Items 4, 10(b), 11, or 13 of this form, within one business day of receipt of such request, and to send the incorporated documents by first class mail or other equally prompt means. This includes information contained in documents filed subsequent to the effective date of the registration statement through the date of responding to the request.

The undersigned registrants hereby undertake to supply by means of a post-effective amendment all information concerning a transaction, and the company being acquired involved therein, that was not the subject of and included in the registration statement when it became effective.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrants pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrants have been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities, other than the payment by the registrants of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrants in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding, is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrants will, unless in the opinion of their counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by them is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Charter Communications Holdings, LLC has duly caused this Registration Statement on Form S-4 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri on the first day of February 2001.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC: a registrant

> By: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDING COMPANY, LLC, its sole member

By: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC., its member and manager, and the manager of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC

By: /s/ CURTIS S. SHAW

Name: Curtis S. Shaw Title: Senior Vice President, General

Counsel and Secretary

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

> CAPACITY WITH CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC., THE MANAGER OF CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC AND THE MANAGER OF CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDING COMPANY, LLC, THE SOLE MEMBER OF

SIGNATURE CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC DATE Director February 1, 2001 William D. Savov President, Chief Executive Officer and Director
------(Principal Executive Officer) February 1, 2001 Jerald L. Kent February 1, 2001 Director Nancy B. Peretsman February 1, 2001 Director -----Marc B. Nathanson February 1, 2001 Director -----Ronald L. Nelson February 1, 2001 Director Howard L. Wood Executive Vice President and Chief Financial February 1, 2001 ------ Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer) Kent D. Kalkwarf

\*By: /s/ CURTIS S. SHAW Curtis S. Shaw, Attorney-in-Fact

# SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation has duly caused this Registration Statement on Form S-4 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri on the first day of February 2001.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS CAPITAL CORPORATION, a registrant

By: /s/ CURTIS S. SHAW

Name: Curtis S. Shaw
Title: Senior Vice President,
General Counsel and Secretary

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

	SIGNATURE	CAPACITY	DATE
 Jeral	ld L. Kent	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	February 1, 2001
 (ent	D. Kalkwarf	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	February 1, 2001
By:	/s/ CURTIS S. SHAW		
	Curtis S. Shaw, Attorney-in-Fact		

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# EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT	
	DESCRIPTION
2.1	Merger Agreement, dated March 31, 1999, by and between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Marcus Cable Holdings, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
2.2(a)	Membership Purchase Agreement, dated as of January 1, 1999, by and between ACEC Holding Company, LLC and Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on July 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
2.2(b)	Assignment of Membership Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 23, 1999, by and between Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) and Charter Communications Entertainment II, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on July 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
2.3(a)	Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 17, 1999, among Greater Media, Inc., Greater Media Cablevision, Inc. and Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on July 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
2.3(b)	Assignment of Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 23, 1999, by and between Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) and Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on July 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
2.4	Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 23, 1999, by and among Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.), Charter Communications, LLC, Renaissance Media Holdings LLC and Renaissance Media Group LLC (Incorporated by reference to the report on Form 8-K of Renaissance Media Group LLC filed on March 1, 1999 (File No. 333-56679))
2.5	Purchase Ágreement, dated as of March 22, 1999, among Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.), Charter Communications, LLC, Charter Helicon, LLC, Helicon Partners I, L.P., Baum Investments, Inc. and the limited partners of Helicon Partners I, L.P. (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on July 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
2.6(a)	Asset and Stock Purchase Agreement, dated April 20, 1999, between InterMedia Partners of West Tennessee, L.P. and Charter Communications, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))

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- 2.6(b) Stock Purchase Agreement, dated April 20, 1999, between TCID 1P-V, Inc. and Charter Communications, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
  2.6(c) RMG Purchase Agreement, dated as of April 20, 1999, between
- 2.6(c) RMG Purchase Agreement, dated as of April 20, 1999, between Robin Media Group, Inc., InterMedia Partners of West Tennessee, L.P. and Charter RMG, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
- 2.6(d) Asset Exchange Agreement, dated April 20, 1999, among InterMedia Partners Southeast, Charter Communications, LLC, Charter Communications Properties, LLC, and Marcus Cable Associates, L.L.C. (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
- 2.6(d)(i) Amendment to Asset Exchange Agreement, made as of October 1, 1999, by and among InterMedia Partners Southeast and Charter Communications, LLC, Charter Communications Properties, LLC and Marcus Cable Associates, L.L.C. (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 18, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
- 2.6(e) Asset Exchange Agreement, dated April 20, 1999, among InterMedia Partners, a California Limited Partnership, Brenmor Cable Partners, L.P. and Robin Media Group, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
- 2.6(f) Common Agreement, dated April 20, 1999, between InterMedia Partners, InterMedia Partners Southeast, InterMedia Partners of West Tennessee, L.P., InterMedia Capital Partners IV, L.P., InterMedia Partners IV, L.P., Brenmor Cable Partners, L.P., TCID IP-V, Inc., Charter Communications, LLC, Charter Communications Properties, LLC, Marcus Cable Associates, L.L.C. and Charter RMG, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on July 2, 1999 (File No. 333-77499)) (Portions of this exhibit have been omitted pursuant to a request for confidential treatment.)
- 2.7(a) Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of April 26, 1999, by and among InterLink Communications Partners, LLLP, the sellers listed therein and Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
- 2.7(b) Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of April 26, 1999, by and among Rifkin Acquisition Partners, L.L.L.P., the sellers listed therein and Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on July 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))

**EXHIBIT** DESCRIPTION RAP Indemnity Agreement, dated April 26, 1999, by and among the sellers listed therein and Charter Communications, Inc. 2.7(c) (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on July 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499)) 2.7(d) Assignment of Purchase Agreement with InterLink Communications Partners, LLLP, dated as of June 30, 1999, by and between Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) and Charter Communications Operating, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on July 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499)) 2.7(e) Assignment of Purchase Agreement with Rifkin Acquisition Partners L.L.I.P., dated as of June 30, 1999, by and between Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) and Charter Communications Operating, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on July 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499)) Assignment of RAP Indemnity Agreement, dated as of June 30, 1999, by and between Charter Communications, Inc. (now 2.7(f) called Charter Investment, Inc.) and Charter Communications
Operating, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on July 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499)) 2.7(g) Amendment to the Purchase Agreement with InterLink Communications Partners, LLLP, dated June 29, 1999 (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 6 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on August 27, 1999 (File No. 333-77499)) 2.7(h)

- 2.7(h) Contribution Agreement, dated as of September 14, 1999, by and among Charter Communications Operating, LLC, Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, Charter Communications, Inc., Paul G. Allen and the certain other individuals and entities listed on the signature pages thereto (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 18, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
- 2.7(i) Form of First Amendment to the Contribution Agreement dated as of September 14, 1999, by and among Charter Communications Operating, LLC, Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, Charter Communications, Inc. and Paul G. Allen (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 5 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on November 4, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
- 2.8 Contribution and Sale Agreement dated as of December 30, 1999, by and among Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, CC VII Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications VII, LLC (Incorporated by reference to the report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 18, 2000 (File No. 333-77499))
- 2.9 Contribution and Sale Agreement dated as of December 30, 1999, by and among Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (Incorporated by reference to the report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 18, 2000 (File No. 333-77499))

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2.10(a) Securities Purchase Agreement, dated May 13, 1999, by and between Avalon Cable Holdings LLC, Avalon Investors, L.L.C., Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc. and Avalon Cable LLC and Charter Communications Holdings LLC and Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 1 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Avalon Cable of Michigan LLC, Avalon Cable of Michigan Inc., Avalon Cable of New England LLC and Avalon Cable Finance Inc. filed on May 28, 1999 (File No. 333-75453))

- 2.10(b) Assignment and Contribution Agreement, entered into as of October 11, 1999 by and between Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC and Charter Communications, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 18, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
- 2.10(c) Assignment Agreement effective as of June 16, 1999, by and among Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holdings LLC, Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, Avalon Cable Holdings LLC, Avalon Investors, L.L.C., Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc. and Avalon Cable LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 18, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
- 2.11(a) Purchase and Contribution Agreement, dated as of May 26, 1999, by and among Falcon Communications, L.P., Falcon Holding Group, L.P., TCI Falcon Holdings, LLC, Falcon Cable Trust, Falcon Holding Group, Inc. and DHN Inc. and Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on September 28, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
- 2.11(b) First Amendment to Purchase and Contribution Agreement, dated as of June 22, 1999, by and among Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, Falcon Communications, L.P., Falcon Holding Group, L.P., TCI Falcon Holdings, LLC, Falcon Cable Trust, Falcon Holding Group, Inc. and DHN Inc. (Incorporated by reference to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Falcon Communications, L.P. and Falcon Funding Corporation on August 13, 1999 (File Nos. 333-60776 and 333-55755))
- 2.11(c) Form of Second Amendment to Purchase And Contribution
  Agreement, dated as of October 27, 1999, by and among
  Charter Investment, Inc., Charter Communications Holding
  Company, LLC, Falcon Communications, L.P., Falcon Holding
  Group, L.P., TCI Falcon Holdings, LLC, Falcon Holding Group,
  Inc. and DHN Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Amendment
  No. 5 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter
  Communications, Inc. filed on November 4, 1999 (File No.
  333-83887))
- 2.11(d) Third Amendment to Purchase and Contribution Agreement dated as of November 12, 1999, by and among Charter Communications, Inc., Falcon Communications L.P., Falcon Holdings Group, L.P., TCI Falcon Holdings, LLC, Falcon Cable Trust, Falcon Holding Group, Inc. and DHN Inc. (Incorporated by reference to the report on Form 8-K of CC VII Holdings, LLC and Falcon Funding Corporation filed on November 26, 1999 (File No. 033-60776))

EXHIBIT

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- 2.12(a) Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 21, 1999, among Blackstone TWF Capital Partners, L.P., Blackstone TWF Capital Partners A L.P., Blackstone TWF Capital Partners B L.P., Blackstone TWF Family Investment Partnership, L.P., RCF Carry, LLC, Fanch Management Partners, Inc., PBW Carried Interest, Inc., RCF Indiana Management Corp, The Robert C. Fanch Revocable Trust, A. Dean Windry, Thomas Binning, Jack Pottle, SDG/Michigan Communications Joint Venture, Fanch-JV2 Master Limited Partnership, Cooney Cable Associates of Ohio, Limited Partnership, North Texas Cablevision, LTD., Post Cablevision of Texas, Limited Partnership, Spring Green Communications, L.P., Fanch-Narragansett CSI Limited Partnership, and Fanch Cablevision of Kansas General Partnership and Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on September 28, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
- 2.12(b) Assignment of Purchase Agreement by and between Charter Investment, Inc. and Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, effective as of September 21, 1999 (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 18, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
- 2.13 Purchase and Contribution Agreement, entered into as of June 1999, by and among BCI (USA), LLC, William Bresnan, Blackstone BC Capital Partners L.P., Blackstone BC Offshore Capital Partners L.P., Blackstone Family Investment Partnership III L.P., TCID of Michigan, Inc. and TCI Bresnan LLC and Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on September 28, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
- 3.1 Certificate of Formation of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499).
- 3.2 Limited Liability Company Agreement of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499).
- 3.3 Certificate of Incorporation of Charter Communications
  Holdings Capital Corporation (Incorporated by reference to
  Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of
  Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter
  Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June
  22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499).
- 3.4 By-Laws of Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499).
- 4.2(a) Indenture dated as of January 10, 2001 between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and BNY Midwest Trust Company as Trustee governing 10 3/4% convertible senior notes due 2009
- 4.2(b) Indenture dated as of January 10, 2001 between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and BNY Midwest Trust Company as Trustee governing 11 1/8% convertible senior notes due 2011
- 4.2(c) Indenture dated as of January 10, 2001 between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and BNY Midwest Trust Company as Trustee governing 13 1/2% convertible senior notes due 2011
- 5.1 Opinion of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP regarding legality

EXHIBIT	DESCRIPTION
8.1	Opinion of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP regarding
12.1 10.1	tax matters Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges Credit Agreement, dated as of March 18, 1999, between Charter Communications Operating, LLC, and certain lenders and agents named therein (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June
10.1(a)	22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499)) First Amendment to Credit Agreement dated as of June 28, 1999 between Charter Communications Operating, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings LLC and certain lenders and agents named therein (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351))
10.1(b)	Second Amendment to Credit Agreement dated as of December 14, 1999 between Charter Communications Operating, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings LLC and certain lenders and agents named therein (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital
10.1(c)	Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351)) Third Amendment to Credit Agreement dated as of March 18, 2000, between Charter Communications Operating, LLC, Charter Communications, LLC and certain lenders and agents named therein (Incorporated by reference to the annual report on Form 10-K filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on March 30, 2000 (File No. 333-83887))
10.2(a)(1)	Form of Second Amended Management Agreement, dated as of November 9, 1999, by and among Charter Investment, Inc., Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Operating, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 18, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
10.2(b)	First Amended and Restated Mutual Services Agreement, dated as of December 21, 2000, by and between Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Investment, Inc. and Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC
10.2(c)	Form of Management Agreement, dated as of November 9, 1999, by and between Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC and Charter Communications, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 18, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
10.2(d)	Management Agreement, dated as of November 12, 1999, by and between CC VI Operating Company, LLC and Charter Communications, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 1 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on April 18, 2000 (File No. 333-77499))
10.2(e)	Management Agreement, dated as of November 12, 1999 by and between Falcon Cable Communications, LLC and Charter Communications, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 1 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on April 18, 2000 (File No. 333-77499))
10.2(f)	Management Agreement dated as of February 14, 2000, by and between CC VIII Operating, LLC, certain subsidiaries of CC VIII Operating, LLC and Charter Communications, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to the annual report on Form 10-K filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on March 30, 2000 (File No. 333-83887))

EXHIBIT	DESCRIPTION
10.3	Form of Consulting Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2000, by and between Vulcan Ventures Incorporated, Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC
10.4	Charter Communications Holdings, LLC 1999 Option Plan (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on July 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
10.4(a)	Assumption Agreement regarding option plan, dated as of May 25, 1999, by and between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 6 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on August 27, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
10.4(b)	Form of Amendment No. 1 to the Charter Communications Holdings, LLC 1999 Option Plan (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on November 1, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
10.4(c)	Amendment No. 2 to the Charter Communications Holdings, LLC 1999 Option Plan (Incorporated by reference to the annual report on Form 10-K filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on March 30, 2000 (File No. 333-83887))
10.5	Membership Interests Purchase Agreement, dated July 22, 1999, by and between Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC and Paul G. Allen (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 6 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on August 27, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
10.6	Employment Agreement, dated as of August 28, 1998, between Jerald L. Kent and Paul G. Allen (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 5 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on August 10, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
10.7	Assignment of Employment Agreements, dated as of December 23, 1998, between Paul G. Allen and Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 6 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on
10.8(a)	August 27, 1999 (File No. 333-77499)) Option Agreement, dated as of February 9, 1999, between Jerald L. Kent and Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 6 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on August 27, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
10.8(b)	Amendment to the Option Agreement, dated as of August 23, 1999, between Jerald L. Kent and Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 6 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on August 27, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
10.8(c)	Form of Amendment to the Option Agreement, dated as of November 8, 1999, by and among Jerald L. Kent, Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC and Charter Communications, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on November 1, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))

EXHIBIT	DESCRIPTION
10.9	Letter Agreement, dated as of July 22, 1999 between Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 5 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on August 10, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
10.10	Amendment to Membership Interests Purchase Agreement, dated as of August 10, 1999, by and among Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, Vulcan Cable III Inc. and Paul G. Allen (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 6 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on August 27, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
10.11	Form of Assignment and Assumption Agreement, dated as of November 4, 1999, by and between Charter Investment, Inc. and Charter Communications, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on September 28, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
10.12	Form of Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of November 12, 1999, by and among Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Investment, Inc., Vulcan Cable III Inc., Mr. Paul G. Allen, Mr. Jerald L. Kent, Mr. Howard L. Wood and Mr. Barry L. Babcock (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 18, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
10.13	Form of Consulting Agreement, dated as of November 1, 1999, by and between Howard L. Wood and Charter Communications, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on November 1, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
10.14	Form of Termination of Employment Agreement, dated as of November 1, 1999, by and between Howard L. Wood and Charter Investment, Inc., Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on November 1, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
10.15	Letter Agreement, dated September 21, 1999, by and among Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Investment, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company, Inc. and Vulcan Ventures Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 18, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
10.16	Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of February 2, 1999, as Amended and Restated as of January 2, 2001 by and among CC VIII Operating, LLC, as borrower, CC VIII Holdings, LLC, as guarantor, and several financial institutions or entities named therein (Incorporated by reference to the annual report on Form 10-K filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on March 30, 2000 (File No. 333-83887))
10.17	Form of Credit Agreement, dated as of June 30, 1998, as Amended and Restated as of November 12, 1999, among Falcon Cable Communications, LLC, certain guarantors and several financial institutions or entities named therein (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 18, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))
10.18	Credit Agreement, dated as of November 12, 1999, among CC VI Holdings, LLC, CC VI Operating Company, LLC and several financial institutions or entities named therein (Incorporated by reference to the report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on November 29, 1999 (File No. 333-83887))

EXHIBIT	DESCRIPTION
10.19	Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement for Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, dated February 14, 2000 (Incorporated by reference to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on February
10.19(a)	29, 2000 (File No. 333-83887)) First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement for Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, dated September 13, 2000 (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 1 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed
10.20	on September 22, 2000 (File No. 333-41486)) Letter Agreement, dated May 25, 1999, between Charter Communications, Inc. and Marc Nathanson (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter
10.21	Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351))  Exchange Agreement, dated as of February 14, 2000, by and among Charter Communications, Inc., BCI (USA), LLC, William J. Bresnan, Blackstone BC Capital Partners L.P., Blackstone BC Offshore Capital Partners L.P., Blackstone Family Media, III L.P. (as assignee of Blackstone Family Investment III L.P.), TCID of Michigan, Inc., and TCI Bresnan LLC (Incorporated by reference to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on February 29, 2000
10.22	(File No. 333-83887)) Form of Exchange Agreement, dated as of November 12, 1999 by and among Charter Investments, Inc., Charter Communications, Inc., Vulcan Cable III Inc. and Paul G. Allen (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed
10.23(a)	on October 18, 1999 (File No. 333-83887)) Indenture relating to the 10.00% Senior notes due 2009, dated as of January 12, 2000, between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and Harris Trust and Savings Bank (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351))
10.23(b)	Form of 10.00% Senior Note due 2010 (included in Exhibit No. 4.1(a)) (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351))
10.23(c)	Exchange and Registration Rights Agreement, dated January 12, 2000, by and among Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation, Goldman, Sachs & Co., Chase Securities Inc., FleetBoston Robertson Stephens Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, TD Securities (USA) Inc., First Union Securities, Inc., PNC Capital Markets, Inc. and SunTrust Equitable Securities Corporation, relating to the 10.00% Senior Notes due 2009 (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January
10.24(a)	25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351)) Indenture relating to the 10.25% Senior Notes due 2010, dated as of January 12, 2000, among Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and Harris Trust and Savings Bank (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351))

EXHIBIT	DESCRIPTION
10.24(b)	Form of 10.25% Senior Note due 2010 (included in Exhibit No. 4.2(a)) (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351))
10.24(c)	Exchange and Registration Rights Agreement, dated January 12, 2000, by and among Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation, Goldman, Sachs & Co., Chase Securities Inc., FleetBoston Robertson Stephens Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, TD Securities (USA) Inc., First Union Securities, Inc., PNC Capital Markets, Inc. and SunTrust Equitable Securities Corporation, relating to the 10.25% Senior Notes due 2010 (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351))
10.25(a)	Indenture relating to the 11.75% Senior Discount Notes due 2010, dated as of January 12, 2000, among Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and Harris Trust and Savings Bank (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351))
10.25(b)	Form of 11.75% Senior Discount Note due 2010 (included in Exhibit No. 4.3(a)) (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351))
10.25(c)	Exchange and Registration Rights Agreement, dated January 12, 2000, by and among Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation, Goldman, Sachs & Co., Chase Securities Inc., FleetBoston Robertson Stephens Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, TD Securities (USA) Inc., First Union Securities, Inc., PNC Capital Markets, Inc. and SunTrust Equitable Securities Corporation, relating to the 11.75% Senior Discount Notes due 2010 (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351))
10.26(a)	Indenture relating to the 8.250% Senior Notes due 2007, dated as of March 17, 1999, between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and Harris Trust and Savings Bank (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
10.26(b)	Indenture relating to the 8.625% Senior Notes due 2009, dated as of March 17, 1999, among Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and Harris Trust and Savings Bank (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
10.26(c)	Indenture relating to the 9.920% Senior Discount Notes due 2011, dated as of March 17, 1999, among Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and Harris Trust and Savings Bank (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))

EXHIBIT	DESCRIPTION
10.27	Indenture, dated as of April 9, 1998, by and among Renaissance Media (Louisiana) LLC, Renaissance Media (Tennessee) LLC, Renaissance Media Capital Corporation, Renaissance Media Group LLC and United States Trust Company of New York, as trustee (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Forms S-4 of Renaissance Media Group LLC, Renaissance Media (Tennessee) LLC, Renaissance Media (Louisiana) LLC and Renaissance Media Capital Corporation filed on June 12, 1998 (File No. 333-56679)) Indenture, dated January 15, 1996, by and among Rifkin Acquisition Partners, L.L.L.P., Rifkin Acquisition Capital Corp., as issuers, Cable Equities of Colorado Management Corp., FNI Management Corp., Cable Equities of Colorado, Ltd., Cable Equities, Inc. and Rifkin/Tennessee, Ltd., as Subsidiary Guarantors, and Marine Midland Bank, as trustee (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Rifkin Acquisition Capital Corp. and Rifkin Acquisition Partners, L.L.P. filed on April 2, 1996 (File
10.29(a)	No. 333-3084)) Indenture, dated as of December 10, 1998, by and among Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc., Avalon Cable LLC and Avalon Cable Holdings Finance, Inc., as issuers and The Bank of New York, as trustee for the Notes (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 1 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on
10.29(b)	April 18, 2000 (File No. 333-77499)) Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 26, 1999, by and among Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc., Avalon Cable LLC and Avalon Cable Holdings Finance, Inc., as issuers, Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc., as guarantor, and The Bank of New York, as trustee for the Notes (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 1 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Avalon Cable LLC, Avalon Cable Holdings Finance, Inc., Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc. and Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. filed on May 28, 1999 (File No. 333-75415))
10.30	Indenture relating to 5.75% Convertible Senior Notes due 2005, dated as of October 25, 2000, among Charter Communications, Inc. and BNY Midwest Trust Company as trustee (Incorporated by reference to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on November 14, 2000 (File No. 000-27927))
10.31	Registration Rights Agreement relating to 5.75% Convertible Senior Notes due 2005, dated as of October 30, 2000, among Charter Communications, Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co., Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, Bear, Stearns & Co., and Merrill Lynch Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (Incorporated by reference to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on November 14, 2000 (File No. 000-27927))
12.1 21.1 23.1 23.2 23.3 23.4 23.5 23.6 23.7 23.8	Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges Subsidiaries of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC Consent of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP (contained in Exhibit No. 5.1) Consent of Arthur Andersen LLP Consent of KPMG LLP Consent of Ernst & Young LLP Consent of Ernst & Young LLP Consent of KPMG LLP Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

EXHIBIT	DESCRIPTION
23.9	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP
23.10	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
23.11	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
23.12	Consent of Greenfield, Altman, Brown, Berger & Katz, P.C.
23.13	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
23.14	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP
23.15	Consent of KPMG LLP
23.16	Consent of KPMG LLP
23.17	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP
23.18	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP
23.19	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP
23.20	Consent of Shields & Co.
25.1	Statement of eligibility of trustee

INDENTURE dated as of January 10, 2001 among Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (as further defined below, the "Company"), Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation, a Delaware corporation (as further defined below, "Charter Capital" and together with the Company, the "Issuers"), and BNY Midwest Trust Company, as trustee (the "Trustee").

The Issuers and the Trustee agree as follows for the benefit of each other and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the Notes:

#### ARTICLE 1

# DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

Section 1.01. Definitions.

"Acquired Debt" means, with respect to any specified Person:

(1) Indebtedness of any other Person existing at the time such other Person is merged with or into or became a Subsidiary of such specified Person, whether or not such Indebtedness is incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such other Person merging with or into, or becoming a Subsidiary of, such specified Person; and

 $\hbox{(2) Indebtedness secured by a Lien encumbering any asset acquired by such specified Person.} \\$ 

"Additional Notes" means the Issuers' 10.750% Senior Notes due 2009 issued under this Indenture in addition to the Original Notes (other than any Notes issued in respect of Original Notes pursuant to Section 2.06, 2.07, 2.10, 3.03, 4.16 or 9.05).

"Affiliate" of any specified Person means any other Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person. For purposes of this definition, "control," as used with respect to any Person, shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by agreement or otherwise; provided that beneficial ownership of 10% or more of the Voting Stock of a Person shall be deemed to be control. For purposes of this definition, the terms "controlling, "controlled by" and "under common control with" shall have correlative meanings.

"Agent" means any Registrar or Paying Agent.

"Applicable Procedures" means, with respect to any transfer or transaction involving a Global Note or beneficial interest therein, the rules and procedures of the Depositary, Euroclear and Clearstream, in each case to the extent applicable to such transaction and as in effect from time to time.

"Asset Acquisition" means (a) an Investment by the Company or any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries in any other Person pursuant to which such Person shall become a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or shall be merged with or into the Company or any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries, or (b) the acquisition by the Company or any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries of the assets of any Person which constitute all or substantially all of the assets of such Person, any division or line of business of such Person or any other properties or assets of such Person other than in the ordinary course of business.

# "Asset Sale" means:

- (1) the sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition of any assets or rights, other than sales of inventory in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practices; provided that the sale, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, shall be governed by Section 4.16 and/or Section 5.01 and not by the provisions of Section 4.11; and
- (2) the issuance of Equity Interests by any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries or the sale of Equity Interests in any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries.

Notwithstanding the preceding, the following items shall not be deemed to be Asset Sales:

- (1) any single transaction or series of related transactions that: (a) involves assets having a fair market value of less than \$100 million; or (b) results in net proceeds to the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries of less than \$100 million;
- (2) a transfer of assets between or among the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (3) an issuance of Equity Interests by a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to the Company or to another Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of the Company;
- (4) a Restricted Payment that is permitted by Section 4.07 and a Restricted Investment that is permitted by Section 4.08; and

(5) the incurrence of Permitted Liens and the disposition of assets related to such Permitted Liens by the secured party pursuant to a foreclosure.

"Attributable Debt" in respect of a sale and leaseback transaction means, at the time of determination, the present value of the obligation of the lessee for net rental payments during the remaining term of the lease included in such sale and leaseback transaction including any period for which such lease has been extended or may, at the option of the lessee, be extended. Such present value shall be calculated using a discount rate equal to the rate of interest implicit in such transaction, determined in accordance with GAAP.

"Bankruptcy Law" means Title 11, U.S. Code or any similar Federal or state law of any jurisdiction relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, winding up, liquidation, reorganization or relief of debtors.

"Beneficial Owner" has the meaning assigned to such term 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)(3) 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.

"Board of Directors" means the Manager or the Board of Directors of the Company or the Board of Directors of Charter Capital, as the case may be, or any authorized committee of the Board of Directors of the Company or Charter Capital, as the case may be.

"Board Resolution" means a copy of a resolution certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company or Charter Capital, as the case may be, to have been duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company or Charter Capital, as the case may be, and to be in full force and effect on the date of such certification and delivered to the Trustee.

"Business Day" means any day other than a Legal Holiday.

"Cable Related Business" means the business of owning cable television systems and businesses ancillary, complementary and related thereto.

"Capital Lease Obligation" means, at the time any determination thereof is to be made, the amount of the liability in respect of a capital lease that would at that time be required to be capitalized on a balance sheet in accordance with GAAP.

"Capital Stock" means:

- (1) in the case of a corporation, corporate stock;
- (2) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock;
- (3) in the case of a partnership or limited liability company, partnership or membership interests (whether general or limited); and
- (4) any other interest (other than any debt obligation) or participation that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing Person.

"Capital Stock Sale Proceeds" means the aggregate net cash proceeds (including the fair market value of the non-cash proceeds, as determined by an independent appraisal firm) received by the Company since March 17, 1999 (x) as a contribution to the common equity capital or from the issue or sale of Equity Interests of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock) or (y) from the issue or sale of convertible or exchangeable Disqualified Stock or convertible or exchangeable debt securities of the Company that have been converted into or exchanged for such Equity Interests (other than Equity Interests (or Disqualified Stock or debt securities) sold to a Subsidiary of the Company).

"Cash Equivalents" means:

- (1) United States dollars;
- (2) securities issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the United States government or any agency or instrumentality thereof (provided that the full faith and credit of the United States is pledged in support thereof) having maturities of not more than twelve months from the date of acquisition;
- (3) certificates of deposit and eurodollar time deposits with maturities of twelve months or less from the date of acquisition, bankers' acceptances with maturities not exceeding six months and overnight bank deposits, in each case, with any domestic commercial bank having combined capital and surplus in excess of \$500 million and a Thompson Bank Watch Rating at the time of acquisition of "B" or better;
- (4) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than seven days for underlying securities of the types described in clauses (2) and (3) above entered into with any financial institution meeting the qualifications specified in clause (3) above;
- (5) commercial paper having a rating of at least "P-1" from Moody's or at least "A-1" from S&P and in each case maturing within twelve months after the date of acquisition;

following:

(6) corporate debt obligations maturing within twelve months after the date of acquisition thereof, rated at the time of acquisition at least "Aaa" or "P-1" by Moody's or "AAA" or "A-1" by S&P;

- (7) auction-rate preferred stocks of any corporation maturing not later than 45 days after the date of acquisition thereof, rated at the time of acquisition at least "Aaa" by Moody's or "AAA" by S&P;
- (8) securities issued by any state, commonwealth or territory of the United States, or by any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof, maturing not later than six months after the date of acquisition thereof, rated at the time of acquisition at least "A" by Moody's or S&P; and
- (9) money market or mutual funds at least 90% of the assets of which constitute Cash Equivalents of the kinds described in clauses (1) through (8) of this definition.

"Change of Control" means the occurrence of any of the

(1) the sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or of a Parent and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to any "person" (as such term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange

(2) the adoption of a plan relating to the liquidation or dissolution of the Company or a Parent;

Act) other than the Principal or a Related Party of the Principal;

(3) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any "person" (as defined above), other than the Principal and Related Parties, becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 35% of the Voting Stock of the Company or a Parent, measured by voting power rather than the number of shares, unless the Principal or a Related Party Beneficially Owns, directly or indirectly, a greater percentage of Voting Stock of the Company or such Parent, as the case may be, measured by voting power rather than the number of shares, than such person;

 $\hbox{(4) after the Issue Date, the first day on which a majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the Company or the board of directors of a Parent are not Continuing Directors; or }$ 

(5) the Company or a Parent consolidates with, or merges with or into, any Person, or any Person consolidates with, or merges with or into, the Company or a Parent, in any such event pursuant to a transaction in which any of the outstanding Voting Stock of the Company or such Parent is converted into or exchanged for cash, securities

or other property, other than any such transaction where the Voting Stock of the Company or such Parent outstanding immediately prior to such transaction is converted into or exchanged for Voting Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the surviving or transferee Person constituting a majority of the outstanding shares of such Voting Stock of such surviving or transferee Person immediately after giving effect to such issuance.

"Charter Capital" means Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and any successor in interest thereto.

 $\hbox{"Clearstream" means Clearstream Banking, societe anonyme (formerly Cedelbank).} \\$ 

"Commission" or "SEC" means the Securities and Exchange

 ${\tt Commission.}$ 

"Company" means Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and any successor in interest thereto.

"Consolidated EBITDA" means with respect to any Person, for any period, the net income of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period plus, to the extent such amount was deducted in calculating such net income:

- (1) Consolidated Interest Expense;
- (2) income taxes;
- (3) depreciation expense;
- (4) amortization expense;
- (5) all other non-cash items, extraordinary items, nonrecurring and unusual items and the cumulative effects of changes in accounting principles reducing such net income, less all non-cash items, extraordinary items, nonrecurring and unusual items and cumulative effects of changes in accounting principles increasing such net income, all as determined on a consolidated basis for such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries in conformity with GAAP;
- (6) amounts actually paid during such period pursuant to a deferred compensation plan; and  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1$ 
  - (7) for purposes of Section 4.10 only, Management Fees;

provided that Consolidated EBITDA shall not include:

- (x) the net income (or net loss) of any Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary ("Other Person"), except (i) with respect to net income, to the extent of the amount of dividends or other distributions actually paid to such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries by such Other Person during such period and (ii) with respect to net losses, to the extent of the amount of investments made by such Person or any Restricted Subsidiary of such Person in such Other Person during such period;
- (y) solely for the purposes of calculating the amount of Restricted Payments that may be made pursuant to clause (3) of Section 4.07 (and in such case, except to the extent includable pursuant to clause (x) above), the net income (or net loss) of any Other Person accrued prior to the date it becomes a Restricted Subsidiary or is merged into or consolidated with such Person or any Restricted Subsidiaries or all or substantially all of the property and assets of such Other Person are acquired by such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; and
- (z) the net income of any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to the extent that the declaration or payment of dividends or similar distributions by such Restricted Subsidiary of such net income is not at the time permitted by the operation of the terms of such Restricted Subsidiary's charter or any agreement, instrument, judgment, decree, order, statute, rule or governmental regulation applicable to such Restricted Subsidiary (other than any agreement or instrument evidencing Indebtedness or Preferred Stock (i) outstanding on the Issue Date, or (ii) incurred or issued thereafter in compliance with Section 4.10, provided that (a) the terms of any such agreement or instrument restricting the declaration and payment of dividends or similar distributions apply only in the event of a default with respect to a financial covenant or a covenant relating to payment (beyond any applicable period of grace) contained in such agreement or instrument, (b) such terms are determined by such Person to be customary in comparable financings and (c) such restrictions are determined by the Company not to materially affect the Issuers' ability to make principal or interest payments on the Notes when due).

"Consolidated Indebtedness" means, with respect to any Person as of any date of determination, the sum, without duplication, of:

- $\hbox{(1) the total amount of outstanding Indebtedness of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries, plus}\\$
- (2) the total amount of Indebtedness of any other Person that has been Guaranteed by the referent Person or one or more of its Restricted Subsidiaries, plus  ${\sf Subsidiaries}$
- (3) the aggregate liquidation value of all Disqualified Stock of such Person and all Preferred Stock of Restricted Subsidiaries of such Person, in each case, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

"Consolidated Interest Expense" means, with respect to any Person for any period, without duplication, the sum of

- (1) the consolidated interest expense of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, whether paid or accrued (including, without limitation, amortization or original issue discount, non-cash interest payments, the interest component of any deferred payment obligations, the interest component of all payments associated with Capital Lease Obligations, commissions, discounts and other fees and charges incurred in respect of letter of credit or bankers' acceptance financings, and net payments (if any) pursuant to Hedging Obligations); and
- (2) the consolidated interest expense of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries that was capitalized during such period; and
- (3) any interest expense on Indebtedness of another Person that is guaranteed by such Person or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries or secured by a Lien on assets of such Person or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries (whether or not such Guarantee or Lien is called upon);

excluding, however, any amount of such interest of any Restricted Subsidiary of the referent Person if the net income of such Restricted Subsidiary is excluded in the calculation of Consolidated EBITDA pursuant to clause (z) of the definition thereof (but only in the same proportion as the net income of such Restricted Subsidiary is excluded from the calculation of Consolidated EBITDA pursuant to clause (z) of the definition thereof), in each case, on a consolidated basis and in accordance with GAAP.

"Continuing Directors" means, as of any date of determination, any member of the Board of Directors of the Company or the board of directors of a Parent who:

(1) was a member of such board of directors on the Issue Date;

(2) was nominated for election or elected to such board of directors with the approval of a majority of the Continuing Directors who were members of such board of directors at the time of such nomination or election or whose election or appointment was previously so approved.

"Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee" shall be at the address of the Trustee specified in Section 10.02 or such other address as to which the Trustee may give notice to the Issuers.

"Credit Facilities" means, with respect to the Company and/or its Restricted Subsidiaries, one or more debt facilities or commercial paper facilities, in each case with banks or other institutional lenders providing for revolving credit loans, term loans, receivables financing (including through the sale of receivables to such lenders or to

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special purpose entities formed to borrow from such lenders against such receivables) or letters of credit, in each case, as amended, restated, modified, renewed, refunded, replaced or refinanced in whole or in part from time to time.

"Definitive Note" means a certificated Note registered in the name of the Holder thereof and issued in accordance with Section 2.06, substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto, except that such Note shall not bear the Global Note Legend and shall not have the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto.

"Depositary" means, with respect to the Global Notes, the Person specified in Section 2.03 as the Depositary with respect to the Notes, and any and all successors thereto appointed as depositary hereunder and having become such pursuant to the applicable provision of this Indenture.

"Disposition" means, with respect to any Person, any merger, consolidation or other business combination involving such Person (whether or not such Person is the surviving Person) or the sale, assignment, or transfer, lease conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of such Person's assets or Capital Stock.

"Disqualified Stock" means any Capital Stock that, by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible, or for which it is exchangeable, in each case at the option of the holder thereof), or upon the happening of any event, matures or is mandatorily redeemable, pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or redeemable at the option of the holder thereof, in whole or in part, on or prior to the date that is 91 days after the date on which the Notes mature. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, any Capital Stock that would constitute Disqualified Stock solely because the holders thereof have the right to require the Company to repurchase such Capital Stock upon the occurrence of a change of control or an asset sale shall not constitute Disqualified Stock if the terms of such Capital Stock provide that the Company may not repurchase or redeem any such Capital Stock pursuant to such provisions unless such repurchase or redemption complies with Section 4.07.

"Equity Interests" means Capital Stock and all warrants, options or other rights to acquire Capital Stock (but excluding any debt security that is convertible into, or exchangeable for, Capital Stock).

"Equity Offering" means any private or underwritten public offering of Qualified Capital Stock of the Company or a Parent of which the gross proceeds (x) to the Company or (y) received by the Company as a capital contribution from such Parent, as the case may be, are at least \$25 million.

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"Euroclear" means Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Brussels office, as operator of the Euroclear system.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as

"Exchange Notes" means the Issuers' 10.750% Senior Notes due 2009, containing terms substantially identical to the Initial Notes or any Initial Additional Notes (except that (i) such Exchange Notes shall not contain terms with respect to transfer restrictions and shall be registered under the Securities Act and (ii) certain provisions relating to an increase in the stated rate of interest thereon shall be eliminated), that are issued and exchanged for (a) the Initial Notes, as provided for in the Registration Rights Agreement relating to such Initial Notes and this Indenture or (b) such Initial Additional Notes, as may be provided in any Registration Rights Agreement relating to such Initial Additional Notes and this Indenture (including any amendment or supplement thereto).

"Exchange Offer" means an offer to exchange Initial Notes or Initial Additional Notes, if any, for Exchange Notes pursuant to a Registration Rights Agreement.

"Exchange Offer Registration Statement" means a registration statement relating to an Exchange Offer as may be provided in any Registration Rights Agreement.

"Existing Indebtedness" means Indebtedness of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in existence on the Issue Date, until such amounts are repaid.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or in such other statements by such other entity as have been approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession, which are in effect on the Issue Date.

"Global Note Legend" means the legend set forth in Section 2.06(g)(ii), which is required to be placed on all Global Notes issued under this Indenture.

"Global Notes" means, individually and collectively, each of the Restricted Global Notes and the Unrestricted Global Notes.

"Government Securities" means direct obligations of, or obligations guaranteed by, the United States of America, and the payment for which the United States pledges its full faith and credit.

"Guarantee" or "guarantee" means a guarantee other than by endorsement of negotiable instruments for collection in the ordinary course of business, direct or indirect, in any manner including, without limitation, by way of a pledge of assets or through

letters of credit or reimbursement agreements in respect thereof, of all or any part of any Indebtedness, measured as the lesser of the aggregate outstanding amount of the Indebtedness so guaranteed and the face amount of the guarantee.

- $\hbox{(1) interest rate swap agreements, interest rate cap} \\ \text{agreements and interest rate collar agreements;}$
- (2) interest rate option agreements, foreign currency exchange agreements, foreign currency swap agreements; and
- $\hbox{(3) other agreements or arrangements designed to protect such Person against fluctuations in interest and currency exchange rates.}$

"Helicon Preferred Stock" means the preferred limited liability company interest of Charter-Helicon LLC with an aggregate liquidation value of \$25 million outstanding on the Issue Date.

"Holder" means a holder of the Notes.

- in respect of borrowed money;
- (2) evidenced by bonds, notes, debentures or similar instruments or letters of credit (or reimbursement agreements in respect thereof):
  - (3) in respect of banker's acceptances;
  - (4) representing Capital Lease Obligations;
- $\,$  (5) in respect of the balance deferred and unpaid of the purchase price of any property, except any such balance that constitutes an accrued expense or trade payable; or
- $\hbox{ (6) representing the notional amount of any Hedging } \\ \hbox{Obligations,}$

if and to the extent any of the preceding items (other than letters of credit and Hedging Obligations) would appear as a liability upon a balance sheet of the specified Person prepared in accordance with GAAP. In addition, the term "Indebtedness" includes all Indebtedness of others secured by a Lien on any asset of the specified Person (whether or not such Indebtedness is assumed by the specified Person) and, to the extent not

otherwise included, the Guarantee by such Person of any indebtedness of any other Person.

The amount of any Indebtedness outstanding as of any date shall be:

- (1) the accreted value thereof, in the case of any Indebtedness issued with original issue discount; and
- (2) the principal amount thereof, together with any interest thereon that is more than 30 days past due, in the case of any other Indebtedness.

"Indenture" means this Indenture, as amended or supplemented from time to time.

"Indirect Participant" means a Person who holds a beneficial interest in a Global Note through a Participant.

 $\hbox{"Initial Additional Notes" means Additional Notes issued in an offering not registered under the Securities Act.}\\$ 

"Initial Notes" means the Issuers' 10.750% Senior Notes due 2009, issued on the Issue Date (and any Notes issued in respect thereof pursuant to Section 2.06, 2.07, 2.10, 3.03, 4.16 or 9.05).

"Institutional Accredited Investor" means an institution that is an "accredited investor" as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act that is not also a QIB.

"Investment Grade Rating" means a rating equal to or higher than Baa3 (or the equivalent) by Moody's and BBB- (or the equivalent) by S&P.

"Investments" means, with respect to any Person, all investments by such Person in other Persons (including Affiliates) in the forms of direct or indirect loans (including guarantees of Indebtedness or other obligations), advances or capital contributions (excluding commission, travel and similar advances to officers and employees made in the ordinary course of business) and purchases or other acquisitions for consideration of Indebtedness, Equity Interests or other securities, together with all items that are or would be classified as investments on a balance sheet prepared in accordance with GAAP.

"Issue Date" means January 10, 2001.

"Issuers" has the meaning assigned to it in the preamble to this Indenture.  $% \label{eq:local_eq} % \label{eq:local_eq}$ 

"Legal Holiday" means a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which banking institutions in The City of New York or at a place of payment are authorized by law,

regulation or executive order to remain closed. If a payment date is a Legal Holiday at a place of payment, payment may be made at that place on the next succeeding day that is not a Legal Holiday, and no interest shall accrue on such payment for the intervening period.

"Letter of Transmittal" means the letter of transmittal to be prepared by the Issuers and sent to all Holders of the Initial Notes or any Initial Additional Notes for use by such Holders in connection with any Exchange Offer.

"Leverage Ratio" means, as of any date, the ratio of:

- (1) the Consolidated Indebtedness of the Company on such date to
- (2) the aggregate amount of Consolidated EBITDA for the Company for the most recently ended fiscal quarter for which internal financial statements are available multiplied by four (the "Reference Period").

In addition to the foregoing, for purposes of this definition, "Consolidated EBITDA" shall be calculated on a pro forma basis after giving effect to

- (1) the issuance of the Notes;
- (2) the incurrence of the Indebtedness or the issuance of the Disqualified Stock or other Preferred Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary (and the application of the proceeds therefrom) giving rise to the need to make such calculation and any incurrence or issuance (and the application of the proceeds therefrom) or repayment of other Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock or other Preferred Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary, other than the incurrence or repayment of Indebtedness for ordinary working capital purposes, at any time subsequent to the beginning of the Reference Period and on or prior to the date of determination, as if such incurrence (and the application of the proceeds thereof), or the repayment, as the case may be, occurred on the first day of the Reference Period; and
- (3) any Dispositions or Asset Acquisitions (including, without limitation, any Asset Acquisition giving rise to the need to make such calculation as a result of such Person or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries (including any person that becomes a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of such Asset Acquisition) incurring, assuming or otherwise becoming liable for or issuing Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock) made on or subsequent to the first day of the Reference Period and on or prior to the date of determination, as if such Disposition or Asset Acquisition (including the incurrence, assumption or liability for any such Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock and also including any Consolidated EBITDA associated with such Asset Acquisition, including any cost savings adjustments in compliance with Regulation S-X promulgated by the Commission) had occurred on the first day of the Reference Period.

"Lien" means, with respect to any asset, any mortgage, lien, pledge, charge, security interest or encumbrance of any kind in respect of such asset, whether or not filed, recorded or otherwise perfected under applicable law, including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any lease in the nature thereof, any option or other agreement to sell or give a security interest in and any filing of or agreement to give any financing statement under the Uniform Commercial Code (or equivalent statutes) of any jurisdiction.

"Management Fees" means the fees payable to Charter Communications, Inc. pursuant to the management agreements between Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Operating, LLC and between Charter Communications, Inc. and Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company and pursuant to the limited liability company agreements of certain Restricted Subsidiaries as such management or limited liability company agreements exist on the Issue Date (or, if later, on the date any new Restricted Subsidiary is acquired or created), including any amendment or replacement thereof, provided that any such amendment or replacement is not more disadvantageous to the Holders of the Notes in any material respect from such management or limited liability company agreements existing on the Issue Date.

"Manager" means Charter Communications, Inc., in its capacity as manager of the Company under the Company's limited liability company agreement, dated as of February 9, 1999, as amended from time to time, and any successor manager appointed pursuant to such limited liability company agreement.

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.  $\,$ 

"Net Proceeds" means the aggregate cash proceeds received by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of any Asset Sale (including, without limitation, any cash received upon the sale or other disposition of any non-cash consideration received in any Asset Sale), net of the direct costs relating to such Asset Sale, including, without limitation, legal, accounting and investment banking fees, and sales commissions, and any relocation expenses incurred as a result thereof or taxes paid or payable as a result thereof (including amounts distributable in respect of owners', partners' or members' tax liabilities resulting from such sale), in each case after taking into account any available tax credits or deductions and any tax sharing arrangements and amounts required to be applied to the repayment of Indebtedness.

"Non-Recourse Debt" means Indebtedness:

(1) as to which neither the Company nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (a) provides credit support of any kind (including any undertaking, agreement or  ${\sf Company}$ 

instrument that would constitute Indebtedness), (b) is directly or indirectly liable as a guarantor or otherwise, or (c) constitutes the lender;

(2) no default with respect to which (including any rights that the holders thereof may have to take enforcement action against an Unrestricted Subsidiary) would permit upon notice, lapse of time or both any holder of any other Indebtedness (other than the Notes) of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to declare a default on such other Indebtedness or cause the payment thereof to be accelerated or payable prior to its stated maturity; and

(3) as to which the lenders have been notified in writing that they will not have any recourse to the Capital Stock or assets of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

"Non-U.S. Person" means a Person who is not a U.S. Person.

"Note" or "Notes" means the Initial Notes, any Additional Notes and the Exchange Notes.  $\,$ 

"Obligations" means any principal, interest, penalties, fees, indemnifications, reimbursements, damages and other liabilities payable under the documentation governing any Indebtedness.

"Officer" means, with respect to any Person, the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the President, the Chief Operating Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Controller, the Secretary or any Vice-President of such Person.

"Officers' Certificate" means a certificate signed on behalf of the Company or Charter Capital, as the case may be, by two Officers of the Company or Charter Capital, as the case may be, one of whom must be the principal executive officer, the chief financial officer or the treasurer of the Company or Charter Capital, as the case may be, that meets the requirements of Section 10.05.

"Opinion of Counsel" means an opinion from legal counsel that meets the requirements of Section 10.05. The counsel may be an employee of or counsel to the Issuers or any Subsidiary of the Issuers.

"Original Notes" means the Initial Notes and any Exchange Notes issued in exchange therefor.  $\,$ 

"Other Notes" means the 11.125% Senior Notes due 2011 of the Issuers in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed the principal amount issued on the Issue Date,

and the 13.500% Senior Discount Notes due 2011 of the Issuers in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed the principal amount issued on the Issue Date.

"Parent" means Charter Communications, Inc. and/or Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, as applicable, and any successor Person or any Person succeeding to the direct or indirect ownership of the Company.

"Participant" means, with respect to the Depositary, Euroclear or Clearstream, a Person who has an account with the Depositary, Euroclear or Clearstream, respectively (and, with respect to DTC, shall include Euroclear and Clearstream).

# "Permitted Investments" means:

- (1) any Investment by the Company in a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, or any Investment by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company in the Company;
  - (2) any Investment in Cash Equivalents;
- (3) any Investment by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company in a Person, if as a result of such Investment:
  - $\hbox{ (a) such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company; or }$
  - (b) such Person is merged, consolidated or amalgamated with or into, or transfers or conveys substantially all of its assets to, or is liquidated into, the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company;
- (4) any Investment made as a result of the receipt of non-cash consideration from an Asset Sale that was made pursuant to and in compliance with Section 4.11;
- (5) any Investment made out of the net cash proceeds of the issue and sale since March 17, 1999 (other than to a Subsidiary of the Company) of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company to the extent that (a) such net cash proceeds have not been applied to make a Restricted Payment or to effect other transactions pursuant to Section 4.07 or (b) such net cash proceeds have not been used to incur Indebtedness pursuant to clause (10) of Section 4.10;
- (6) Investments in Productive Assets having an aggregate fair market value (measured on the date each such Investment was made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value), when taken together with all other Investments in Productive Assets made by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to this clause (6) since March 17, 1999, not to exceed \$150 million; provided that either the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, after giving effect to such Investments,

will own at least 20% of the Voting Stock of any Person in which any such

- (7) other Investments in any Person having an aggregate fair market value (measured on the date each such Investment was made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value), when taken together with all other Investments in any Person made by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to this clause (7) since March 17, 1999, not to exceed \$50 million; and
- (8) Investments in customers and suppliers in the ordinary course of business which either (A) generate accounts receivable or (B) are accepted in settlement of bona fide disputes.

#### "Permitted Liens" means:

- (1) Liens on the assets of the Company securing Indebtedness and other Obligations under clause (1) of Section 4.10;
  - (2) Liens in favor of the Company;
- (3) Liens on property of a Person existing at the time such Person is merged with or into or consolidated with the Company; provided that such Liens were in existence prior to the contemplation of such merger or consolidation and do not extend to any assets other than those of the Person merged into or consolidated with the Company;
- (4) Liens on property existing at the time of acquisition thereof by the Company; provided that such Liens were in existence prior to the contemplation of such acquisition;
- (5) Liens to secure the performance of statutory obligations, surety or appeal bonds, performance bonds or other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business;
- (6) purchase money mortgages or other purchase money liens (including without limitation any Capital Lease Obligations) incurred by the Company upon any fixed or capital assets acquired after the Issue Date or purchase money mortgages (including without limitation Capital Lease Obligations) on any such assets, whether or not assumed, existing at the time of acquisition of such assets, whether or not assumed, existing at the time of acquisition of such assets, whether or not assumed, so long as (i) such mortgage or lien does not extend to or cover any of the assets of the Company, except the asset so developed, constructed, or acquired, and directly related assets such as enhancements and modifications thereto, substitutions, replacements, proceeds (including insurance proceeds), products, rents and profits thereof, and (ii) such mortgage or lien secures the obligation to pay the purchase price of such asset, interest thereon and other charges, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, the cost of design, development, construction, acquisition, transportation, installation, improvement,

and migration) and is incurred in connection therewith (or the obligation under such Capital Lease Obligation) only;

- $\mbox{\ \ \ }$  (7) Liens existing on the Issue Date (other than in connection with the Credit Facilities);
- (8) Liens for taxes, assessments or governmental charges or claims that are not yet delinquent or that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings promptly instituted and diligently concluded; provided that any reserve or other appropriate provision as shall be required in conformity with GAAP shall have been made therefor;
- (9) statutory and common law Liens of landlords and carriers, warehousemen, mechanics, suppliers, materialmen, repairmen or other similar Liens arising in the ordinary course of business and with respect to amounts not yet delinquent or being contested in good faith by appropriate legal proceedings promptly instituted and diligently conducted and for which a reserve or other appropriate provision, if any, as shall be required in conformity with GAAP shall have been made:
- (10) Liens incurred or deposits made in the ordinary course of business in connection with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other types of social security;
- (11) Liens incurred or deposits made to secure the performance of tenders, bids, leases, statutory or regulatory obligation, bankers' acceptance, surety and appeal bonds, government contracts, performance and return-of-money bonds and other obligations of a similar nature incurred in the ordinary course of business (exclusive of obligations for the payment of borrowed money);
- (12) easements, rights-of-way, municipal and zoning ordinances and similar charges, encumbrances, title defects or other irregularities that do not materially interfere with the ordinary course of business of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- $\mbox{\ \ }$  (13) Liens of franchisors or other regulatory bodies arising in the ordinary course of business;
- (14) Liens arising from filing Uniform Commercial Code financing statements regarding leases or other Uniform Commercial Code financing statements for precautionary purposes relating to arrangements not constituting Indebtedness;
- (15) Liens arising from the rendering of a final judgment or order against the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that does not give rise to an Event of Default;

(16) Liens securing reimbursement obligations with respect to letters of credit that encumber documents and other property relating to such letters of credit and the products and proceeds thereof;

- (17) Liens encumbering customary initial deposits and margin deposits, and other Liens that are within the general parameters customary in the industry and incurred in the ordinary course of business, in each case, securing Indebtedness under Hedging Obligations and forward contracts, options, future contracts, future options or similar agreements or arrangements designed solely to protect the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries from fluctuations in interest rates, currencies or the price of commodities;
- (18) Liens consisting of any interest or title of licensor in the property subject to a license;
  - (19) Liens on the Capital Stock of Unrestricted Subsidiaries;
- (20) Liens arising from sales or other transfers of accounts receivable which are past due or otherwise doubtful of collection in the ordinary course of business;
- (21) Liens incurred in the ordinary course of business of the Company with respect to obligations which in the aggregate do not exceed \$50 million at any one time outstanding;
- (22) Liens in favor of the Trustee arising under the provisions in this Indenture and in the indentures relating to the Other Notes, in each case under Section 7.07; and
- (23) Liens in favor of the Trustee for its benefit and the benefit of Holders and the holders of the Other Notes, as their respective interests appear.

"Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness" means any Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries issued in exchange for, or the net proceeds of which are used to extend, refinance, renew, replace, defease or refund, other Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than intercompany Indebtedness); provided that unless permitted otherwise by this Indenture, no Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, may be issued in exchange for, nor may the net proceeds of Indebtedness be used to extend, refinance, renew, replace, defease or refund, Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; provided, further, that:

(1) the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness does not exceed the principal amount of (or accreted value, if applicable), plus accrued interest and premium, if any, on the Indebtedness so extended,

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refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded (plus the amount of reasonable expenses incurred in connection therewith);

- (2) such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness has a final maturity date later than the final maturity date of, and has a Weighted Average Life to Maturity equal to or greater than the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of, the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded:
- (3) if the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded is subordinated in right of payment to the Notes, such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness has a final maturity date later than the final maturity date of, and is subordinated in right of payment to, the Notes on terms at least as favorable to the Holders of Notes as those contained in the documentation governing the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded; and
- (4) such Indebtedness is incurred either by the Company or by any of its Restricted Subsidiaries who is the obligor on the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, limited liability company, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, government or agency or political subdivision thereof or any other entity.

"Preferred Stock," as applied to the Capital Stock of any Person, means Capital Stock of any class or classes (however designated) which by its terms is preferred in right of payment of dividends, or as to the distribution of assets upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation or dissolution of such Person, over shares of Capital Stock of any other class of such Person.

"Principal" means Paul G. Allen.

"Private Placement Legend" means the legend set forth in Section 2.06(g)(i)(A) to be placed on all Notes issued under this Indenture except where otherwise permitted by the provisions of this Indenture.

"Productive Assets" means assets (including assets of a referent Person owned directly or indirectly through ownership of Capital Stock) of a kind used or useful in the Cable Related Business.

"QIB" means a "qualified institutional buyer" as defined in

"Qualified Capital Stock" means any Capital Stock that is not Disqualified Stock.

"Rating Agencies" means Moody's and S&P.

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"Registration Rights Agreement" means (a) the Exchange and Registration Rights Agreement dated as of the Issue Date among the Issuers and the initial purchasers named therein with respect to the Initial Notes and (b) any registration rights agreement among the Issuers and the initial purchasers named therein with respect to any Initial Additional Notes.

"Regulation S" means Regulation S promulgated under the Securities  $\mbox{\it Act.}$ 

"Regulation S Global Note" means a global note substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto bearing the Global Note Legend and the Private Placement Legend and deposited with or on behalf of, and registered in the name of, the Depositary or its nominee that will be issued in an initial denomination equal to the outstanding principal amount of the Initial Notes or any Initial Additional Notes, in each case, initially sold in reliance on Rule 903 of Regulation S.

# "Related Party" means:

- (1) the spouse or an immediate family member, estate or heir of the Principal; or
- (2) any trust, corporation, partnership or other entity, the beneficiaries, stockholders, partners, owners or Persons beneficially holding an 80% or more controlling interest of which consist of the Principal and/or such other Persons referred to in the immediately preceding clause (1).

"Responsible Officer," when used with respect to the Trustee, means any officer within the Corporate Trust Administration of the Trustee (or any successor group of the Trustee) with direct responsibility for the administration of this Indenture and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of his knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Restricted Definitive Note" means a Definitive Note bearing the Private Placement Legend.  $\,$ 

"Restricted Global Note" means a Global Note bearing the Private Placement Legend.  $\,$ 

"Restricted Investment" means an Investment other than a  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Permitted}}$  Investment.

"Restricted Subsidiary" of a Person means any Subsidiary of the referent Person that is not an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

"Rule 144" means Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities

"Rule 144A" means Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities

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"Rule 144A Global Note" means a global note substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto bearing the Global Note Legend and the Private Placement Legend and deposited with or on behalf of, and registered in the name of, the Depositary or its nominee that will be issued in an initial denomination equal to the outstanding principal amount of the Initial Notes or any Initial Additional Notes, in each case initially sold in reliance on Rule 144A.

"Rule 903" means Rule 903 promulgated under the Securities

Act.

"Rule 904" means Rule 904 promulgated under the Securities

Act.

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's Ratings Service, a division of the McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"Shelf Registration Statement" means a "shelf" registration statement providing for the registration and the sale on a continuous or delayed basis of the Initial Notes or any Initial Additional Notes as may be provided in any Registration Rights Agreement.

"Significant Subsidiary" means any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company which is a "Significant Subsidiary" as defined in Rule 1-02(w) of Regulation S-X under the Exchange Act.

"Special Interest" means special or additional interest in respect of the Notes that is payable by the Issuers as liquidated damages upon specified registration defaults pursuant to any Registration Rights Agreement.

"Stated Maturity" means, with respect to any installment of interest or principal on any series of Indebtedness, the date on which such payment of interest or principal was scheduled to be paid in the documentation governing such Indebtedness on the Issue Date, or, if none, the original documentation governing such Indebtedness, and shall not include any contingent obligations to repay, redeem or repurchase any such interest or principal prior to the date originally scheduled for the payment thereof.

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person:

(1) any corporation, association or other business entity of which at least 50% of the total voting power of shares of Capital Stock entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that Person (or a combination thereof) and, in the case of any such entity of which 50% of the total voting power of shares of Capital Stock is so owned or controlled by such Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of such

Person, such Person and its Subsidiaries also have the right to control the management of such entity pursuant to contract or otherwise; and

(2) any partnership (a) the sole general partner or the managing general partner of which is such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person or (b) the only general partners of which are such Person or of one or more Subsidiaries of such Person (or any combination thereof).

"Tax" shall mean any tax, duty, levy, impost, assessment or other governmental charge (including penalties, interest and any other liabilities related thereto).

"TIA" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (15 U.S.C. ss.ss. 77aaa-77bbbb) as in effect on the date on which this Indenture is qualified under the TIA; provided, however, that in the event the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 is amended after such date, then "TIA" means, to the extent required by such amendment, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 as so amended.

"Trustee" means BNY Midwest Trust Company until a successor replaces BNY Midwest Trust Company in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Indenture and thereafter means the successor serving hereunder.

"Unrestricted Global Note" means a permanent global note substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto that bears the Global Note Legend and that has the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto, and that is deposited with or on behalf of and registered in the name of the Depositary, representing a series of Notes that do not bear the Private Placement Legend.

"Unrestricted Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary of the Company that is designated by the Board of Directors of the Company as an Unrestricted Subsidiary pursuant to a Board Resolution, but only to the extent that such Subsidiary:

- (1) has no Indebtedness other than Non-Recourse Debt;
- (2) is not party to any agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding with the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company unless the terms of any such agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding are no less favorable to the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary than those that might be obtained at the time from Persons who are not Affiliates of the Company unless such terms constitute Investments permitted under Section 4.08;

- (3) is a Person with respect to which neither the Company nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries has any direct or indirect obligation (a) to subscribe for additional Equity Interests or (b) to maintain or preserve such Person's financial condition or to cause such Person to achieve any specified levels of operating results;
- (4) has not guaranteed or otherwise directly or indirectly provided credit support for any Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; and
- (5) has at least one director on its board of directors that is not a director or executive officer of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, or has at least one executive officer that is not a director or executive officer of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.
- "U.S. Person" means a U.S. person as defined in Rule 902(k) under the Securities  $\mbox{\rm Act.}$

"Voting Stock" of any Person as of any date means the Capital Stock of such Person that is at the time entitled to vote in the election of the board of directors of such Person.

"Weighted Average Life to Maturity" means, when applied to any Indebtedness at any date, the number of years obtained by dividing:

- (1) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (a) the amount of each then remaining installment, sinking fund, serial maturity or other required payments of principal, including payment at final maturity, in respect thereof, by (b) the number of years (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth) that will elapse between such date and the making of such payment; by
- $\hbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{(2)}} the then outstanding principal amount of such Indebtedness.}}$

"Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary" of any Person means a Restricted Subsidiary of such Person all of the outstanding Capital Stock or other ownership interests of which (other than directors' qualifying shares) shall at the time be owned by such Person and/or by one or more Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiaries of such Person.

Term	Defined in Section
Term "Affiliate Transaction". "Asset Sale Offer". "Authentication Order". "Change of Control Offer". "Change of Control Payment". "Change of Control Payment Date". "Covenant Defeasance". "DTC". "Event of Default". "Excess Proceeds". "incur". "Legal Defeasance". "Offer Amount". "Offer Period". "Paying Agent". "Payment Default". "Permitted Debt". "Permitted Debt". "Preferred Stock Financing". "Registrar". "Restricted Payments". "Subordinated Debt Financing".	
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Section 1.03. Incorporation by Reference of Trust Indenture Act.

The following TIA terms used in this Indenture have the following meanings:

"indenture securities" means the Notes;

"indenture security Holder" means a Holder of a Note;

"indenture to be qualified" means this Indenture;

"indenture trustee" or "institutional trustee" means the Trustee; and

"obligor" on the Notes means the Issuers and any successor obligor upon the Notes.

All other terms used in this Indenture that are defined by the TIA, defined by TIA reference to another statute or defined by SEC rule under the TIA have the meanings so assigned to them.

Section 1.04. Rules of Construction.

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) a term has the meaning assigned to it;
- (b) an accounting term not otherwise defined has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with  $\mathsf{GAAP};$ 
  - (c) "or" is not exclusive;
- (d) words in the singular include the plural, and in the plural include the singular;
  - (e) provisions apply to successive events and transactions;
- (f) references to sections of or rules under the Securities Act shall be deemed to include substitute, replacement of successor sections or rules adopted by the SEC from time to time;
- (g) references to any statute, law, rule or regulation shall be deemed to refer to the same as from time to time amended and in effect and to any successor statute, law, rule or regulation; and
- (h) references to any contract, agreement or instrument shall mean the same as amended, modified, supplemented or amended and restated from time to time, in each case, in accordance with any applicable restrictions contained in this Indenture.

#### THE NOTES

## Section 2.01. Form and Dating.

(a) General. The Notes and the Trustee's certificate of authentication shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto. The Notes may have notations, legends or endorsements required by law, stock exchange rule or usage. Each Note shall be dated the date of its authentication. The Notes shall be in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples thereof.

The terms and provisions contained in the Notes shall constitute, and are hereby expressly made, a part of this Indenture and the Issuers and the Trustee, by their execution and delivery of this Indenture, expressly agree to such terms and provisions and to be bound thereby. However, to the extent any provision of any Note conflicts with the express provisions of this Indenture, the provisions of this Indenture shall govern and be controlling.

- (b) Global Notes. Notes issued in global form shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto (including the Global Note Legend thereon and the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto). Notes issued in definitive form shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto (but without the Global Note Legend thereon and without the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto). Each Global Note shall represent such of the outstanding Notes as shall be specified therein and each shall provide that it shall represent the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes from time to time endorsed thereon and that the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as appropriate, to reflect exchanges and redemptions. Any endorsement of a Global Note to reflect the amount of any increase or decrease in the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby shall be made by the Trustee or the custodian, at the direction of the Trustee, in accordance with instructions given by the Holder thereof as required by Section 2.06.
- (c) Euroclear and Clearstream Procedures Applicable. The provisions of the "Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System" and "Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear" and the "General Terms and Conditions of Clearstream" and "Customer Handbook" of Clearstream (or, in each case, equivalent documents setting forth the procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream) shall be applicable to transfers of beneficial interests in the Regulation S Global Notes that are held by Participants through Euroclear or Clearstream.

Section 2.02. Execution and Authentication.

 $\,$  Two Officers shall sign the Notes for each Issuer by manual or facsimile signature.

If an Officer whose signature is on a Note no longer holds that office at the time a Note is authenticated, the Note shall nevertheless be valid.

A Note shall not be valid until authenticated by the manual signature (which may be by facsimile) of the Trustee. The signature shall be conclusive evidence that the Note has been authenticated under this Indenture.

At any time and from time to time after the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the Issuers may deliver Notes executed by the Issuers to the Trustee for authentication; and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver (i) Initial Notes for original issue in the aggregate principal amount of \$900,000,000, (ii) Additional Notes from time to time for original issue in aggregate principal amount specified by the Issuers and (iii) Exchange Notes from time to time for issue in exchange for a like principal amount of Initial Notes or Initial Additional Notes, in each case specified in clauses (i) through (iii) above, upon a written order of the Issuers signed by an Officer of each of the Issuers (an "Authentication Order"). Such Authentication Order shall specify the amount of Notes to be authenticated and the date on which the Notes are to be authenticated, whether such notes are to be Initial Notes, Additional Notes or Exchange Notes and whether the Notes are to be issued as one or more Global Notes and such other information as the Issuers may include or the Trustee may reasonably request. The aggregate principal amount of Notes which may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is unlimited.

On the Issue Date, the Issuers will issue \$900,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Initial Notes. Initial Notes and any Initial Additional Notes offered and sold in reliance on the exemption from registration under the Securities Act provided by Section 4(2) thereunder or Rule 144A shall be issued as one or more Rule 144A Global Notes. Initial Notes and any Initial Additional Notes offered and sold in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S shall be issued as one or more Regulation S Global Notes.

The Trustee may appoint an authenticating agent acceptable to the Issuers to authenticate Notes. An authenticating agent may authenticate Notes whenever the Trustee may do so. Each reference in this Indenture to authentication by the Trustee includes authentication by such agent. An authenticating agent has the same rights as an Agent to deal with Holders or an Affiliate of the Issuers.

Section 2.03. Registrar and Paying Agent.

The Issuers shall maintain an office or agency where Notes may be presented for registration of transfer or for exchange ("Registrar") and an office or agency where Notes may be presented for payment ("Paying Agent"). The Registrar shall keep a register of the Notes and of their transfer and exchange. The Issuers may appoint one or more co-registrars and one or more additional paying agents. The term "Registrar" includes any co-registrar and the term "Paying Agent" includes any additional paying agent. The Issuers may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Issuers shall notify the Trustee in writing of the name and address of any Agent not a party to this Indenture. If the Issuers fail to appoint or maintain another entity as Registrar or Paying Agent, the Trustee shall act as such. The Issuers or any of their Subsidiaries may act as Paying Agent or Registrar.

The Issuers initially appoint The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") to act as Depositary with respect to the Global Notes.

The Issuers initially appoint the Trustee to act as the Registrar and Paying Agent and to act as Custodian with respect to the Global Notes.

Section 2.04. Paying Agent to Hold Money in Trust.

The Issuers shall require each Paying Agent other than the Trustee to agree in writing that the Paying Agent shall hold in trust for the benefit of Holders or the Trustee all money held by the Paying Agent for the payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest on the Notes, and shall notify the Trustee of any default by the Issuers in making any such payment. While any such default continues, the Trustee may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. The Issuers at any time may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. Upon payment over to the Trustee, the Paying Agent (if other than the Issuers or a Subsidiary) shall have no further liability for the money. If the Issuers or a Subsidiary acts as Paying Agent, it shall segregate and hold in a separate trust fund for the benefit of the Holders all money held by it as Paying Agent. Upon any bankruptcy or reorganization proceedings relating to the Issuers, the Trustee shall serve as Paying Agent for the Notes.

Section 2.05. Holder Lists.

The Trustee shall preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of all Holders and shall otherwise comply with TIA ss. 312(a). If the Trustee is not the Registrar, the Issuers shall furnish to the Trustee at least seven Business Days before each interest payment date and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, a list in such form and as of

such date as the Trustee may reasonably require of the names and addresses of the Holders of Notes and the Issuers shall otherwise comply with TIA ss. 312(a).

Section 2.06. Transfer and Exchange.

- (a) Transfer and Exchange of Global Notes. A Global Note may not be transferred as a whole except by the Depositary to a nominee of the Depositary, by a nominee of the Depositary to the Depositary or to another nominee of the Depositary, or by the Depositary or any such nominee to a successor Depositary or a nominee of such successor Depositary. All Global Notes shall be exchanged by the Company for Definitive Notes if:
  - (i) the Issuers deliver to the Trustee notice from the Depositary that it is unwilling or unable to continue to act as Depositary or that it is no longer a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and, in either case, a successor Depositary is not appointed by the Issuers within 120 days after the date of such notice from the Depositary; or
  - (ii) the Issuers in their sole discretion determine that the Global Notes (in whole but not in part) should be exchanged for Definitive Notes and deliver a written notice to such effect to the Trustee; or
  - $\mbox{(iii)}$  there shall have occurred and be continuing a Default or Event of Default with respect to the Notes.

Upon the occurrence of any of the preceding events in (i), (ii) or (iii) above, Definitive Notes shall be issued in such names as the Depositary shall instruct the Trustee. Global Notes also may be exchanged or replaced, in whole or in part, as provided in Sections 2.07 and 2.10. Every Note authenticated and delivered in exchange for, or in lieu of, a Global Note or any portion thereof, pursuant to this Section 2.06 or Section 2.07 or 2.10, shall be authenticated and delivered in the form of, and shall be, a Global Note. A Global Note may not be exchanged for another Note other than as provided in this Section 2.06(a); however, beneficial interests in a Global Note may be transferred and exchanged as provided in Section 2.06(b), (c) or (f).

(b) Transfer and Exchange of Beneficial Interests in the Global Notes. The transfer and exchange of beneficial interests in the Global Notes shall be effected through the Depositary, in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture and the Applicable Procedures. Beneficial interests in the Restricted Global Notes shall be subject to restrictions on transfer comparable to those set forth herein to the extent required by the Securities Act. Prior to the expiration of the 40-day distribution compliance period set forth in Regulation S, beneficial interests in any Regulation S Global Notes may be held only through Euroclear or Clearstream unless transferred in accordance with

Section 2.06(b)(iii)(A). Transfers of beneficial interests in the Global Notes also shall require compliance with either subparagraph (i) or (ii) below, as applicable, as well as one or more of the other following subparagraphs, as applicable:

- (i) Transfer of Beneficial Interests in the Same Global Note. Beneficial interests in any Restricted Global Note may be transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in the same Restricted Global Note in accordance with the transfer restrictions set forth in the Private Placement Legend. Beneficial interests in any Unrestricted Global Note may be transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note. No written orders or instructions shall be required to be delivered to the Registrar to effect the transfers described in this Section 2.06(b)(i).
- (ii) All Other Transfers and Exchanges of Beneficial Interests in Global Notes. In connection with all transfers and exchanges of beneficial interests that are not subject to Section 2.06(b)(i) above, the transferor of such beneficial interest must deliver to the Registrar either:
  - (A)(1) a written order from a Participant or an Indirect Participant given to the Depositary in accordance with the Applicable Procedures directing the Depositary to credit or cause to be credited a beneficial interest in another Global Note in an amount equal to the beneficial interest to be transferred or exchanged; and
  - (A)(2) instructions given in accordance with the Applicable Procedures containing information regarding the Participant account to be credited with such increase; or
  - (B)(1) a written order from a Participant or an Indirect Participant given to the Depositary in accordance with the Applicable Procedures directing the Depositary to cause to be issued a Definitive Note in an amount equal to the beneficial interest to be transferred or exchanged; and
  - (B)(2) instructions given by the Depositary to the Registrar containing information regarding the Person in whose name such Definitive Note shall be registered to effect the transfer or exchange referred to in (1) above.

Upon consummation of an Exchange Offer by the Issuers in accordance with Section 2.06(f), the requirements of this Section 2.06(b)(ii) shall be deemed to have been satisfied upon receipt by the Registrar of the instructions contained in the Letter of Transmittal delivered by the holder of such beneficial interests in the Restricted Global Notes. Upon satisfaction of all of the requirements for transfer or exchange of beneficial interests in Global Notes contained in this Indenture and the Notes or

otherwise applicable under the Securities Act, the Trustee shall adjust the principal amount of the relevant Global Note(s) pursuant to Section 2.06(h).

- (iii)Transfer of Beneficial Interests to Another Restricted Global Note. A beneficial interest in any Restricted Global Note may be transferred to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Restricted Global Note if the transfer complies with the requirements of Section 2.06(b)(ii) above and the Registrar receives the following:
  - (A) if the transferee will take delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in the Rule 144A Global Note, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof: and
  - (B) if the transferee will take delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in the Regulation S Global Note, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof.
- (iv) Transfer and Exchange of Beneficial Interests in a Restricted Global Note for Beneficial Interests in an Unrestricted Global Note. A beneficial interest in any Restricted Global Note may be exchanged by any holder thereof for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or transferred to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note if the exchange or transfer complies with the requirements of Section 2.06(b)(ii) above and:
  - (A) such exchange or transfer is effected pursuant to an Exchange Offer in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement and the holder of the beneficial interest to be transferred, in the case of an exchange, or the transferee, in the case of a transfer, certifies in the applicable Letter of Transmittal that it is not (1) a broker-dealer, (2) a Person participating in the distribution of the relevant Exchange Notes or (3) a Person who is an affiliate (as defined in Rule 144) of the Issuers;
  - (B) such transfer is effected pursuant to a Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement;
  - (C) such transfer is effected by a broker-dealer pursuant to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement; or

- (1) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(a) thereof; or
- (2) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case set forth in this subparagraph (D), if the Registrar so requests or if the Applicable Procedures so require, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Registrar to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

If any such transfer is effected pursuant to subparagraph (B) or (D) above at a time when an Unrestricted Global Note has not yet been issued, the Issuers shall issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with Section 2.02, the Trustee shall authenticate one or more Unrestricted Global Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of beneficial interests transferred pursuant to subparagraph (B) or (D) above.

Beneficial interests in an Unrestricted Global Note cannot be exchanged for, or transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of, a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note.

- (c) Transfer or Exchange of Beneficial Interests for Definitive Notes.
- (i) Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes to Restricted Definitive Notes. If any holder of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Restricted Definitive Note or to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a Restricted Definitive Note, then, upon receipt by the Registrar of the following documentation:
  - (A) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Restricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (2)(a) thereof (provided that any such beneficial interest in Regulation S Global Note shall not be so exchangeable until after the expiration of the 40-day distribution compliance period set forth in Regulation S);

- (B) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to a QIB in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;
- (C) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to a Non-U.S. Person in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof;
- (D) if such beneficial interest is being transferred pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(a) thereof:
- (E) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to an Institutional Accredited Investor in reliance on an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than those listed in subparagraphs (B) through (D) above, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications, certificates and Opinion of Counsel required by item (3)(d) thereof, if applicable;
- (F) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to the Issuers or any of their Subsidiaries, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(b) thereof; or
- (G) if such beneficial interest is being transferred pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(c) thereof.

the Trustee shall cause the aggregate principal amount of the applicable Global Note to be reduced accordingly pursuant to Section 2.06(h), and the Issuers shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Person designated in the instructions a Definitive Note in the appropriate principal amount. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note pursuant to this Section 2.06(c) shall be registered in such name or names and in such authorized denomination or denominations as the holder of such beneficial interest shall instruct the Registrar through instructions from the Depositary and the Participant or Indirect Participant. The Trustee shall deliver such Definitive Notes to the Persons in whose names such Notes are so registered. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note pursuant to this Section 2.06(c)(i) shall bear the Private Placement Legend and shall be subject to all restrictions on transfer contained therein.

- (ii) Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes. A holder of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note may exchange such beneficial interest for an Unrestricted Definitive Note or may transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note only if:
  - (A) such exchange or transfer is effected pursuant to an Exchange Offer in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement and the holder of such beneficial interest, in the case of an exchange, or the transferee, in the case of a transfer, certifies in the applicable Letter of Transmittal that it is not (1) a broker-dealer, (2) a Person participating in the distribution of the relevant Exchange Notes or (3) a Person who is an affiliate (as defined in Rule 144) of the Issuers:
  - (B) such transfer is effected pursuant to a Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement;
  - (C) such transfer is effected by a broker-dealer pursuant to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement; or
  - (D) such exchange or transfer is effected after the expiration of the 40-day distribution compliance period set forth in Regulation S and the Registrar receives the following:
    - (1) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Definitive Note that does not bear the Private Placement Legend, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(b) thereof; or
    - (2) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of a Definitive Note that does not bear the Private Placement Legend, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case set forth in this subparagraph (D), if the Registrar so requests or if the Applicable Procedures so require, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Registrar to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

- (iii)Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes. If any holder of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Definitive Note or to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a Definitive Note, then, upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 2.06(b)(ii), the Trustee shall cause the aggregate principal amount of the applicable Global Note to be reduced accordingly pursuant to Section 2.06(h), and the Issuers shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Person designated in the instructions a Definitive Note in the appropriate principal amount. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest pursuant to this Section 2.06(c)(iii) shall be registered in such name or names and in such authorized denomination or denominations as the holder of such beneficial interest shall instruct the Registrar through instructions from the Depositary and the Participant or Indirect Participant. The Trustee shall deliver such Definitive Notes to the Persons in whose names such Notes are so registered. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest pursuant to this Section 2.06(c)(iii) shall not bear the Private Placement Legend.
- (d) Transfer and Exchange of Definitive Notes for Beneficial Interests in Global Notes.
  - (i) Restricted Definitive Notes to Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes. If any Holder of a Restricted Definitive Note proposes to exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note or to transfer such Restricted Definitive Notes to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note, then, upon receipt by the Registrar of the following documentation:
    - (A) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Note proposes to exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (2)(b) thereof;
    - (B) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to a QIB in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;
    - (C) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to a Non-U.S. Person in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof;
    - (D) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred pursuant to an  $\,$

exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(a) thereof;

- (E) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to an Institutional Accredited Investor in reliance on an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than those listed in subparagraphs (B) through (D) above, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications, certificates and Opinion of Counsel required by item (3) thereof, if applicable;
- (F) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(b) thereof; or
- (G) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(c) thereof,

the Trustee shall cancel the Restricted Definitive Note, increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount of, in the case of clause (A) above, the appropriate Restricted Global Note, in the case of clause (B) above, the Rule 144A Global Note, in the case of clause (C) above, the Regulation S Global Note.

- (ii) Restricted Definitive Notes to Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global Notes. A Holder of a Restricted Definitive Note may exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or transfer such Restricted Definitive Note to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note only if:
  - (A) such exchange or transfer is effected pursuant to an Exchange Offer in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement and the Holder, in the case of an exchange, or the transferee, in the case of a transfer, certifies in the applicable Letter of Transmittal that it is not (1) a broker-dealer, (2) a Person participating in the distribution of the relevant Exchange Notes or (3) a Person who is an affiliate (as defined in Rule 144) of the Issuers;
  - (B) such transfer is effected pursuant to a Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement;
  - (C) such transfer is effected by a broker-dealer pursuant to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement; or

- (D) such exchange or transfer is effected after the expiration of the 40-day distribution compliance period set forth in Regulation S and the Registrar receives the following:
  - (1) if the Holder of such Definitive Notes proposes to exchange such Notes for a beneficial interest in the Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(c) thereof; or
  - (2) if the Holder of such Definitive Notes proposes to transfer such Notes to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in the Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case set forth in this subparagraph (D), if the Registrar so requests or if the Applicable Procedures so require, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Registrar to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

Upon satisfaction of the conditions of any of the subparagraphs in this Section 2.06(d)(ii), the Trustee shall cancel the Definitive Notes and increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount of the Unrestricted Global Note.

(iii)Unrestricted Definitive Notes to Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global Notes. A Holder of an Unrestricted Definitive Note may exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or transfer such Definitive Notes to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note at any time. Upon receipt of a request for such an exchange or transfer, the Trustee shall cancel the applicable Unrestricted Definitive Note and increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount of one of the Unrestricted Global Notes.

If any such exchange or transfer from a Definitive Note to a beneficial interest is effected pursuant to subparagraphs (ii)(B), (ii)(D) or (iii) above at a time when an Unrestricted Global Note has not yet been issued, the Issuers shall issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with Section 2.02, the Trustee shall authenticate one or more Unrestricted Global Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of Definitive Notes so transferred.

(e) Transfer and Exchange of Definitive Notes for Definitive Notes. Upon request by a Holder of Definitive Notes and such Holder's compliance with the  ${\sf T}$ 

provisions of this Section 2.06(e), the Registrar shall register the transfer or exchange of Definitive Notes. Prior to such registration of transfer or exchange, the requesting Holder shall present or surrender to the Registrar the Definitive Notes duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instruction of transfer in form satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by such Holder or by its attorney, duly authorized in writing. In addition, the requesting Holder shall provide any additional certifications, documents and information, as applicable, required pursuant to the following provisions of this Section 2.06(e).

- (i) Restricted Definitive Notes to Restricted Definitive Notes. Any Restricted Definitive Note may be transferred to and registered in the name of Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a Restricted Definitive Note if the Registrar receives the following:
  - (A) if the transfer will be made pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;
  - (B) if the transfer will be made pursuant to Rule 903 or Rule 904, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof; and
  - (C) if the transfer will be made pursuant to any other exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications, certificates and Opinion of Counsel required by item (3) thereof, if applicable.
- (ii) Restricted Definitive Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes. Any Restricted Definitive Note may be exchanged by the Holder thereof for an Unrestricted Definitive Note or transferred to a Person or Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note if:
  - (A) such exchange or transfer is effected pursuant to an Exchange Offer in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement and the Holder, in the case of an exchange, or the transferee, in the case of a transfer, certifies in the applicable Letter of Transmittal that it is not (1) a broker-dealer, (2) a Person participating in the distribution of the relevant Exchange Notes or (3) a Person who is an affiliate (as defined in Rule 144) of the Issuers;
  - (B) any such transfer is effected pursuant to a Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement;
  - (C) any such transfer is effected by a broker-dealer pursuant to an Exchange Offer Registration Statement in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement; or

- (D) such exchange or transfer is effected after the expiration of the 40-day distribution compliance period set forth in Regulation S and the Registrar receives the following:
  - (1) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Notes proposes to exchange such Notes for an Unrestricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(d) thereof; or
  - (2) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Notes proposes to transfer such Notes to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case set forth in this subparagraph (D), if the Registrar so requests, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Issuers to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

(iii)Unrestricted Definitive Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes. A Holder of Unrestricted Definitive Notes may transfer such Notes to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note. Upon receipt of a request to register such a transfer, the Registrar shall register the Unrestricted Definitive Notes pursuant to the instructions from the Holder thereof.

(f) Exchange Offer. Upon the occurrence of an Exchange Offer in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement, the Issuers shall issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with Section 2.02, the Trustee shall authenticate (i) one or more Unrestricted Global Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the beneficial interests in the Restricted Global Notes tendered for acceptance by Persons that certify in the applicable Letters of Transmittal that (x) they are not broker-dealers, (y) they are not participating in a distribution of the relevant Exchange Notes and (z) they are not affiliates (as defined in Rule 144) of the Issuers, and accepted for exchange in the relevant Exchange Offer and (ii) Definitive Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Restricted Definitive Notes accepted for exchange in the relevant Exchange Offer. Concurrently with the issuance of such Notes, the Trustee shall cause the aggregate principal amount of the applicable Restricted Global Notes to be reduced accordingly, and the Issuers shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Persons designated by the Holders of Definitive Notes so accepted Definitive Notes in the appropriate principal amount.

(g) Legends. The following legends shall appear on the face of all Global Notes and Definitive Notes issued under this Indenture unless specifically stated otherwise in the applicable provisions of this Indenture.

# (i) Private Placement Legend.

(A) Except as permitted by subparagraph (B) below, each Global Note and each Definitive Note (and all Notes issued in exchange therefor or substitution thereof) shall bear the legend in substantially the following form:

"THE NOTES EVIDENCED HEREBY HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 (THE "SECURITIES ACT") AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT (A)(1) TO A PERSON WHO THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A, (2) IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION COMPLYING WITH RULE 903 OR RULE 904 OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (3) TO AN INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT, SUBJECT TO THE CERTIFICATION AND DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS OF THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THE NOTES, (4) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144 THEREUNDER (IF AVAILABLE) OR (5) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND (B) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES."

(B) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Global Note or Definitive Note issued pursuant to subparagraphs (b)(iv), (c)(ii), (c)(iii), (d)(iii), (e)(ii), (e)(iii) or (f) to this Section 2.06 (and all Notes issued in exchange therefor or substitution thereof) shall not bear the Private Placement Legend.

"THIS GLOBAL NOTE IS HELD BY THE DEPOSITARY (AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THIS NOTE) OR ITS NOMINEE IN

CUSTODY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS HEREOF, AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANY PERSON UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES EXCEPT THAT (I) THE TRUSTEE MAY MAKE SUCH NOTATIONS HEREON AS MAY BE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.07 OF THE INDENTURE, (II) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE EXCHANGED IN WHOLE BUT NOT IN PART PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.06(A) OF THE INDENTURE, (III) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE TRUSTEE FOR CANCELLATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.11 OF THE INDENTURE AND (IV) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY WITH THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE ISSUERS."

- (h) Cancellation and/or Adjustment of Global Notes. At such time as all beneficial interests in a particular Global Note have been exchanged for Definitive Notes or a particular Global Note has been redeemed, repurchased or canceled in whole and not in part, each such Global Note shall be returned to or retained and canceled by the Trustee in accordance with Section 2.11. At any time prior to such cancellation, if any beneficial interest in a Global Note is exchanged for or transferred to a Person who will take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Global Note or for Definitive Notes, the principal amount of Notes represented by such Global Note shall be reduced accordingly and an endorsement shall be made on such Global Note by the Trustee or by the Depositary at the direction of the Trustee to reflect such reduction; and if the beneficial interest is being exchanged for or transferred to a Person who will take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Global Note, such other Global Note shall be increased accordingly and an endorsement shall be made on such Global Note by the Trustee or by the Depositary at the direction of the Trustee to reflect such increase.
  - (i) General Provisions Relating to Transfers and Exchanges.
  - (i) To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Issuers shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate Global Notes and Definitive Notes upon the Issuers' order or at the Registrar's request.
  - (ii) No service charge shall be made to a holder of a beneficial interest in a Global Note or to a Holder of a Definitive Note for any registration of transfer or exchange, but the Issuers may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax or similar governmental charge payable in connection therewith (other than any such transfer taxes or similar governmental charge payable upon exchange or transfer pursuant to Sections 2.10, 3.03, 4.11, 4.16 and 9.05).

(iii) The Registrar shall not be required to register the transfer of or exchange any Note selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part.

(iv) All Global Notes and Definitive Notes issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Global Notes or Definitive Notes shall be the valid obligations of the Issuers, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as the Global Notes or Definitive Notes surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.

(v) The Issuers shall not be required to register the transfer of or to exchange a Note between a record date and the next succeeding Interest Payment Date.

(vi) Prior to due presentment for the registration of a transfer of any Note, the Trustee, any Agent and the Issuers may deem and treat the Person in whose name any Note is registered as the absolute owner of such Note for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and interest on such Notes and for all other purposes, and none of the Trustee, any Agent or the Issuers shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

(vii) The Trustee shall authenticate Global Notes and Definitive Notes in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.02.

(viii) All certifications, certificates and Opinions of Counsel required to be submitted to the Registrar pursuant to this Section 2.06 to effect a registration of transfer or exchange may be submitted by facsimile.

Section 2.07. Replacement Notes.

If any mutilated Note is surrendered to the Trustee or the Issuers and the Trustee receives evidence to its satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Note, the Issuers shall issue and the Trustee, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, shall authenticate a replacement Note if the Trustee's requirements are met. If required by the Trustee or the Issuers, an indemnity bond must be supplied by the Holder that is sufficient in the judgment of the Trustee and the Issuers to protect the Issuers, the Trustee, any Agent and any authenticating agent from any loss that any of them may suffer if a Note is replaced. The Issuers may charge for their expenses in replacing a Note.

Every replacement Note is an additional legally binding obligation of the Issuers and shall be entitled to all of the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with all other Notes duly issued hereunder. Section 2.08. Outstanding Notes.

The Notes outstanding at any time are all the Notes authenticated by the Trustee except for those canceled by it, those delivered to it for cancellation, those reductions in the interest in a Global Note effected by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture, and those described in this Section as not outstanding. Except as set forth in Section 2.09, a Note does not cease to be outstanding because either of the Issuers or an Affiliate of the Issuers holds the Note.

If a Note is replaced pursuant to Section 2.07, it ceases to be outstanding unless the Trustee receives proof satisfactory to it that the replaced Note is held by a bona fide purchaser.

If the principal amount of any Note is considered paid under Section 4.01, it ceases to be outstanding and interest on it ceases to accrue.

If the Paying Agent (other than an Issuer, a Subsidiary or an Affiliate of any thereof) holds, on a redemption date or maturity date, money sufficient to pay Notes payable on that date, then on and after that date such Notes shall be deemed to be no longer outstanding and shall cease to accrue interest.

Section 2.09. Treasury Notes.

In determining whether the Holders of the required principal amount of Notes have concurred in any direction, waiver or consent, Notes owned by an Issuer, or by any Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with an Issuer, shall be considered as though not outstanding, except that for the purposes of determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying on any such direction, waiver or consent, only Notes that a Responsible Officer of the Trustee knows are so owned shall be so disregarded.

Section 2.10. Temporary Notes.

Until certificates representing Notes are ready for delivery, the Issuers may prepare and the Trustee, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, shall authenticate temporary Notes. Temporary Notes shall be substantially in the form of certificated Notes but may have variations that the Issuers considers appropriate for temporary Notes and as shall be reasonably acceptable to the Trustee. Without unreasonable delay, the Issuers shall prepare and the Trustee shall authenticate definitive Notes in exchange for temporary Notes.

 $\,$  Holders of temporary Notes shall be entitled to all of the benefits of this Indenture.

Section 2.11. Cancellation.

The Issuers at any time

The Issuers at any time may deliver Notes to the Trustee for cancellation. The Registrar and Paying Agent shall forward to the Trustee any Notes surrendered to them for registration of transfer, exchange or payment. The Trustee and no one else shall cancel all Notes surrendered for registration of transfer, exchange, payment, replacement or cancellation and shall dispose of such canceled Notes in its customary manner. The Issuers may not issue new Notes to replace Notes that they have paid or that have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation.

Section 2.12. Defaulted Interest.

If the Issuers default in a payment of interest on the Notes, they shall pay the defaulted interest in any lawful manner plus, to the extent lawful, interest payable on the defaulted interest, to the Persons who are Holders on a subsequent special record date, in each case at the rate provided in the Notes and in Section 4.01. The Issuers shall notify the Trustee in writing of the amount of defaulted interest proposed to be paid on each Note and the date of the proposed payment. The Issuers shall fix or cause to be fixed each such special record date and payment date; provided that no such special record date shall be less than 10 days prior to the related payment date for such defaulted interest. At least 15 days before the special record date, the Issuers (or, upon the written request of the Issuers, the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Issuers) shall mail or cause to be mailed to Holders a notice that states the special record date, the related payment date and the amount of such interest to be paid.

### ARTICLE 3

## REDEMPTION AND PREPAYMENT

Section 3.01. Optional Redemption.

The Notes will not be redeemable at the Issuers' option prior to maturity.

Section 3.02. Mandatory Redemption.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 4.11 or Section 4.16 below, the Issuers shall not be required to make mandatory redemption payments with respect to the Notes.

Section 3.03. Offer to Purchase by Application of Excess Proceeds.

In the event that the Issuers shall be required to commence an offer to all Holders to purchase Notes pursuant to Section 4.11 (an "Asset Sale Offer"), they shall follow the procedures specified below.

The Asset Sale Offer shall remain open for a period of 20 Business Days following its commencement and no longer, except to the extent that a longer period is required by applicable law (the "Offer Period"). No later than five Business Days after the termination of the Offer Period (the "Purchase Date"), the Issuers shall purchase the principal amount of Notes required to be purchased pursuant to Section 4.11 (the "Offer Amount") or, if less than the Offer Amount has been tendered, all Notes tendered in response to the Asset Sale Offer. Payment for any Notes so purchased shall be made in the same manner as interest payments are made. Unless the Issuers default in making such payment, any Note accepted for payment pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer shall cease to accrue interest after the Purchase Date.

If the Purchase Date is on or after an interest record date and on or before the related interest payment date, any accrued and unpaid interest shall be paid to the Person in whose name a Note is registered at the close of business on such record date, and no Special Interest shall be payable to Holders who tender Notes pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer.

Upon the commencement of an Asset Sale Offer the Issuers shall send, by first class mail, a notice to the Trustee and each of the Holders, with a copy to the Trustee. The notice shall contain all instructions and materials necessary to enable such Holders to tender Notes pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer. The Asset Sale Offer shall be made to all Holders. The notice, which shall govern the terms of the Asset Sale Offer, shall state:

- (a) that the Asset Sale Offer is being made pursuant to this Section 3.03 and Section 4.11 and the length of time the Asset Sale Offer shall remain open;
  - (b) the Offer Amount, the purchase price and the Purchase Date;
- (c) that any Note not tendered or accepted for payment shall continue to accrue interest;  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right$
- (d) that, unless the Issuers default in making such payment, any Note accepted for payment pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer shall cease to accrue interest after the Purchase Date;
- (e) that Holders electing to have a Note purchased pursuant to an Asset Sale Offer or may elect to have Notes purchased in integral multiples of \$1,000 only;

- (f) that Holders electing to have a Note purchased pursuant to any Asset Sale Offer shall be required to surrender the Note, with the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" on the reverse of the Note completed, or transfer by book-entry transfer, to the Issuers, a depositary, if appointed by the Issuers, or a Paying Agent at the address specified in the notice at least three days before the Purchase Date;
- (g) that Holders shall be entitled to withdraw their election if the Issuers, the depositary or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, receives, not later than the expiration of the Offer Period, a telegram, telex, facsimile transmission or letter setting forth the name of the Holder, the principal amount of the Note the Holder delivered for purchase and a statement that such Holder is withdrawing his election to have such Note purchased;
- (h) that, if the aggregate principal amount of Notes surrendered by Holders exceeds the Offer Amount, the Issuers shall select the Notes to be purchased on a pro rata basis (with such adjustments as may be deemed appropriate by the Issuers so that only Notes in denominations of \$1,000, or integral multiples thereof, shall be purchased); and
- (i) that Holders whose Notes were purchased only in part shall be issued new Notes equal in principal amount to the unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered (or transferred by book-entry transfer).

On or before the Purchase Date, the Issuers shall, to the extent lawful, accept for payment, on a pro rata basis to the extent necessary, the Offer Amount of Notes or portions thereof tendered pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer or if less than the Offer Amount has been tendered, all Notes tendered, and shall deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that such Notes or portions thereof were accepted for payment by the Issuers in accordance with the terms of this Section 3.03. The Issuers, the Depositary or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, shall promptly (but in any case not later than five days after the Purchase Date) mail or deliver to each tendering Holder an amount equal to the purchase price of the Notes tendered by such Holder and accepted by the Issuers for purchase, and the Issuers shall promptly issue a new Note, and the Trustee, upon written request from the Issuers, shall authenticate and mail or deliver such new Note to such Holder, in a principal amount equal to any unpurchased portion of the Note surrendered. Any Note not so accepted shall be promptly mailed or delivered by the Issuers to the Holder thereof. The Issuers shall publicly announce the results of the Asset Sale Offer on the Purchase Date.

#### ARTICLE 4

#### COVENANTS

Section 4.01. Payment of Notes.

The Issuers shall pay or cause to be paid the principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes on the dates and in the manner provided in the Notes. Principal, premium, if any, and interest shall be considered paid on the date due if the Paying Agent, if other than the Issuers or a Subsidiary thereof, holds as of 10:00 a.m. New York City time on the due date money deposited by the Issuers in immediately available funds and designated for and sufficient to pay all principal, premium, if any, and interest then due. The Issuers shall pay all Special Interest, if any, in the same manner on the dates and in the amounts set forth in any Registration Rights Agreement.

The Issuers shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal at the rate equal to 1% per annum in excess of the then applicable interest rate on the Notes to the extent lawful; they shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue installments of interest (without regard to any applicable grace period) at the same rate to the extent lawful.

Section 4.02. Maintenance of Office or Agency.

The Issuers shall maintain in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, an office or agency (which may be an office of the Trustee or an affiliate of the Trustee, Registrar or co-registrar) where Notes may be surrendered for registration of transfer or for exchange and where notices and demands to or upon the Issuers in respect of the Notes and this Indenture may be served. The Issuers shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the location, and any change in the location, of such office or agency. If at any time the Issuers shall fail to maintain any such required office or agency or shall fail to furnish the Trustee with the address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee.

The Issuers may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies where the Notes may be presented or surrendered for any or all such purposes and may from time to time rescind such designations; provided, however, that no such designation or rescission shall in any manner relieve the Issuers of their obligation to maintain an office or agency in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York for such purposes. The Issuers shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of any such designation or rescission and of any change in the location of any such other office or agency.

The Issuers hereby designate The Bank of New York, an affiliate of the Trustee, at 101 Barclay Street, New York, New York 10286 as one such office or agency of the Issuers in accordance with Section 2.03.

Section 4.03. Reports.

Whether or not required by the Commission, so long as any Notes are outstanding, the Issuers shall furnish to the Holders of Notes, within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and regulations:

- (1) all quarterly and annual financial information that would be required to be contained in a filing with the Commission on Forms 10-Q and 10-K if the Issuers were required to file such Forms, including a "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" section and, with respect to the annual information only, a report on the annual financial statements by the Company's certified independent accountants; and
- (2) all current reports that would be required to be filed with the Commission on Form 8-K if the Issuers were required to file such reports.

If the Issuers have designated any of their Subsidiaries as Unrestricted Subsidiaries, then the quarterly and annual financial information required by the preceding paragraph shall include a reasonably detailed presentation, either on the face of the financial statements or in the footnotes thereto, and in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, of the financial condition and results of operations of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries separate from the financial condition and results of operations of the Unrestricted Subsidiaries of the Company.

In addition, whether or not required by the Commission, the Issuers shall file a copy of all of the information and reports referred to in clauses (1) and (2) above with the Commission for public availability within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and regulations, unless the Commission will not accept such a filing, and make such information available to securities analysts and prospective investors upon request.

Section 4.04. Compliance Certificate.

(a) The Company shall deliver to the Trustee, within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year, an Officers' Certificate stating that a review of the activities of the Company and its Subsidiaries during the preceding fiscal year have been made under the supervision of the signing Officers with a view to determining whether the Company has kept, observed, performed and fulfilled its obligations under this Indenture, and further stating, as to each such Officer signing such certificate, that to the best of his or her knowledge the Company has kept, observed, performed and fulfilled each and every

covenant contained in this Indenture and is not in default in the performance or observance of any of the terms, provisions and conditions of this Indenture (or, if a Default or Event of Default shall have occurred, describing all such Defaults or Events of Default of which he or she may have knowledge and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto) and that to the best of his or her knowledge no event has occurred and remains in existence by reason of which payments on account of the principal of or interest, if any, on the Notes is prohibited or if such event has occurred, a description of the event and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

- (b) So long as not contrary to the then current recommendations of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the year-end financial statements delivered pursuant to Section 4.03 above shall be accompanied by a written statement of the Company's independent public accountants (each of whom shall be a firm of established national reputation) that in making the examination necessary for certification of such financial statements, nothing has come to their attention that would lead them to believe that the Company has violated any provisions of Article 4 or Article 5 or, if any such violation has occurred, specifying the nature and period of existence thereof, it being understood that such accountants shall not be liable directly or indirectly to any Person for any failure to obtain knowledge of any such violation. In the event that, after the Company has used its reasonable best efforts to obtain the written statement of the Company's independent public accountants required by the provisions of this paragraph, such statement cannot be obtained, the Company shall deliver, in satisfaction of its obligations under this Section 4.04, an Officers' Certificate (A) certifying that it has used its reasonable best efforts to obtain such required statement but was unable to do so and (B) attaching the written statement of the Company's accountants that the Company received in lieu thereof.
- (c) The Company shall, so long as any of the Notes are outstanding, deliver to the Trustee, forthwith upon any Officer becoming aware of any Default or Event of Default, an Officers' Certificate specifying such Default or Event of Default and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

Section 4.05. Taxes.

The Company shall pay, and shall cause each of its Subsidiaries to pay, prior to delinquency, all material taxes, assessments, and governmental levies except such as are contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings or where the failure to effect such payment is not adverse in any material respect to the Holders of the Notes.

Each of the Issuers covenants (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it shall not at any time insist upon, plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay, extension or usury law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, that may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and each of the Issuers (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such law, and covenants that it shall not, by resort to any such law, hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Trustee, but shall suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law has been enacted.

Section 4.07. Restricted Payments.

- (a) declare or pay any dividend or make any other payment or distribution on account of the Company's or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries' Equity Interests (including, without limitation, any payment in connection with any merger or consolidation involving the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries) or to the direct or indirect holders of the Company's or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries' Equity Interests in their capacity as such (other than dividends or distributions payable (x) solely in Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company or (y) ,in the case of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company);
- (b) purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire or retire for value (including, without limitation, in connection with any merger or consolidation involving the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries) any Equity Interests of the Company or any direct or indirect parent of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company (other than, in the case of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, any such Equity Interests owned by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company); or
- (c) make any payment on or with respect to, or purchase, redeem, defease or otherwise acquire or retire for value, any Indebtedness that is subordinated to the Notes, except a payment of interest or principal at the Stated Maturity thereof,
- (all such payments and other actions set forth in clauses (a) through (c) above being collectively referred to as "Restricted Payments"), unless, at the time of and after giving effect to such Restricted Payment:
- (1) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would occur as a consequence thereof; and

- (2) the Company would, at the time of such Restricted Payment and after giving pro forma effect thereto as if such Restricted Payment had been made at the beginning of the applicable quarter period, have been permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Leverage Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of Section 4.10; and
- (3) such Restricted Payment, together with the aggregate amount of all other Restricted Payments made by the Company and each of its Restricted Subsidiaries after March 17, 1999 (excluding Restricted Payments permitted by clauses (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8) of the next succeeding paragraph), shall not exceed, at the date of determination, the sum of:
  - (a) an amount equal to 100% of the Consolidated EBITDA of the Company since March 17, 1999 to the end of the Company's most recently ended full fiscal quarter for which internal financial statements are available, taken as a single accounting period, less the product of 1.2 times the Consolidated Interest Expense of the Company since March 17, 1999 to the end of the Company's most recently ended full fiscal quarter for which internal financial statements are available, taken as a single accounting period, plus
  - (b) an amount equal to 100% of Capital Stock Sale Proceeds less any such Capital Stock Sale Proceeds used in connection with (i) an Investment made pursuant to clause (5) of the definition of "Permitted Investments" or (ii) the incurrence of Indebtedness pursuant to clause (10) of Section 4.10, plus

# (c) \$100 million.

So long as no Default has occurred and is continuing or would be caused thereby, the preceding provisions shall not prohibit:

- (1) the payment of any dividend within 60 days after the date of declaration thereof, if at said date of declaration such payment would have complied with the provisions of this Indenture;
- (2) the redemption, repurchase, retirement, defeasance or other acquisition of any subordinated Indebtedness of the Company in exchange for, or out of the net proceeds of, the substantially concurrent sale (other than to a Subsidiary of the Company) of Equity Interests of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock); provided that the amount of any such net cash proceeds that are utilized for any such redemption, repurchase, retirement, defeasance or other acquisition shall be excluded from clause (3) (b) of the preceding paragraph;

- (3) the defeasance, redemption, repurchase or other acquisition of subordinated Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries with the net cash proceeds from an incurrence of Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness;
- (4) regardless of whether a Default then exists, the payment of any dividend or distribution to the extent necessary to permit direct or indirect beneficial owners of shares of Capital Stock of the Company to pay federal, state or local income tax liabilities that would arise solely from income of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, as the case may be, for the relevant taxable period and attributable to them solely as a result of the Company (and any intermediate entity through which the holder owns such shares) or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries being a limited liability company, partnership or similar entity for federal income tax purposes;
- (5) regardless of whether a Default then exists, the payment of any dividend by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to the holders of its common Equity Interests on a pro rata basis;
- (6) the payment of any dividend on the Helicon Preferred Stock or the redemption, repurchase, retirement or other acquisition of the Helicon Preferred Stock in an amount not in excess of its aggregate liquidation value;
- (7) the repurchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value, or the payment of any dividend or distribution to the extent necessary to permit the repurchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value, of any Equity Interests of the Company or a Parent held by any member of the Company's or such Parent's management pursuant to any management equity subscription agreement or membership or stock option agreement in effect as of the Issue Date; provided that the aggregate price paid for all such repurchased, redeemed, acquired or retired Equity Interests shall not exceed \$10 million in any fiscal year of the Company; and
- (8) payment of fees in connection with any acquisition, merger or similar transaction in an amount that does not exceed an amount equal to 1.25% of the transaction value of such acquisition, merger or similar transaction.

The amount of all Restricted Payments (other than cash) shall be the fair market value on the date of the Restricted Payment of the asset(s) or securities proposed to be transferred or issued by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to the Restricted Payment. The fair market value of any assets or securities that are required to be valued by this covenant shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the Company, whose resolution with respect thereto shall be delivered to the Trustee. Such Board of Directors' determination must be based upon an opinion or appraisal issued by an accounting, appraisal or investment banking firm of national standing if the fair market value exceeds \$100 million. Not later than the date of making any Restricted

Payment, the Company shall deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that such Restricted Payment is permitted and setting forth the basis upon which the calculations required by this Section 4.07 were computed, together with a copy of any fairness opinion or appraisal required by this Indenture.

Section 4.08. Investments.

- (1) make any Restricted Investment; or
- (2) allow any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to become an Unrestricted Subsidiary,  $\,$

unless, in each case:

- (1) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would occur as a consequence thereof; and  $\,$
- (2) the Company would, at the time of, and after giving effect to, such Restricted Investment or such designation of a Restricted Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, have been permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Leverage Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of Section 4.10.

Any designation of a Subsidiary of the Company as an Unrestricted Subsidiary shall be evidenced to the Trustee by filing with the Trustee a certified copy of the Board Resolution of the Company giving effect to such designation and an Officers' Certificate certifying that such designation complied with the preceding conditions and was permitted by this Section 4.08. If, at any time, any Unrestricted Subsidiary would fail to meet the requirements as an Unrestricted Subsidiary described in the definition of "Unrestricted Subsidiary," it shall thereafter cease to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary for purposes of this Indenture and any Indebtedness of such Subsidiary shall be deemed to be incurred by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company as of such date and, if such Indebtedness is not permitted to be incurred as of such date under Section 4.10, the Company shall be in default. The Board of Directors of the Company may at any time designate any Unrestricted Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary; provided that such designation shall be deemed to be an incurrence of Indebtedness by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company of any outstanding Indebtedness of such Unrestricted Subsidiary and such designation shall only be permitted if (1) such Indebtedness is permitted under Section 4.10 calculated on a pro forma basis as if such designation had occurred at the beginning of the Reference Period; and (2) no Default or Event of Default would be in existence following such designation.

Section 4.09. Dividend and Other Payment Restrictions Affecting Subsidiaries.

The Company shall not, directly or indirectly, create or permit to exist or become effective any encumbrance or restriction on the ability of any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to:

- (1) pay dividends or make any other distributions on its Capital Stock to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, or with respect to any other interest or participation in, or measured by, its profits, or pay any Indebtedness owed to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (2) make loans or advances to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; or
- $\hspace{0.1in}$  (3) transfer any of its properties or assets to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

However, the preceding restrictions shall not apply to encumbrances or restrictions existing under or by reason of:

- (1) Existing Indebtedness as in effect on the Issue Date (including, without limitation, the Credit Facilities) and any amendments, modifications, restatements, renewals, increases, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings thereof, provided that such amendments, modifications, restatements, renewals, increases, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings are no more restrictive, taken as a whole, with respect to such dividend and other payment restrictions than those contained in such Existing Indebtedness, as in effect on the Issue Date;
  - (2) this Indenture, the Notes and the Other Notes;
  - (3) applicable law;
- (4) any instrument governing Indebtedness or Capital Stock of a Person acquired by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries as in effect at the time of such acquisition (except to the extent such Indebtedness was incurred in connection with or in contemplation of such acquisition), which encumbrance or restriction is not applicable to any Person, or the properties or assets of any Person, other than the Person, or the property or assets of the Person, so acquired; provided that, in the case of Indebtedness, such Indebtedness was permitted by the terms of this Indenture to be incurred;
- (5) customary non-assignment provisions in leases entered into in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practices;

- (6) purchase money obligations for property acquired in the ordinary course of business that impose restrictions on the property so acquired of the nature described in clause (3) of the preceding paragraph;
- (7) any agreement for the sale or other disposition of a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that restricts distributions by such Restricted Subsidiary pending its sale or other disposition;
- (8) Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness; provided that the restrictions contained in the agreements governing such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness are no more restrictive, taken as a whole, than those contained in the agreements governing the Indebtedness being refinanced;
- (9) Liens securing Indebtedness otherwise permitted to be incurred under Section 4.14 that limit the right of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to dispose of the assets subject to such Lien;
- (10) provisions with respect to the disposition or distribution of assets or property in joint venture agreements and other similar agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business;
- (11) restrictions on cash or other deposits or net worth imposed by customers under contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business;
- (12) restrictions contained in the terms of Indebtedness permitted to be incurred under Section 4.10; provided that such restrictions are no more restrictive than the terms contained in the Credit Facilities as in effect on the Issue Date; and
- (13) restrictions that are not materially more restrictive than customary provisions in comparable financings and the management of the Company determines that such restrictions will not materially impair the Company's ability to make payments as required under the Notes.
- Section 4.10. Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock.

The Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create, incur, issue, assume, guarantee or otherwise become directly or indirectly liable, contingently or otherwise, with respect to (collectively, "incur") any Indebtedness (including Acquired Debt) and the Company shall not issue any Disqualified Stock and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to issue any shares of Preferred Stock unless the Leverage Ratio would have been not greater than 8.75 to 1.0 determined on a pro forma basis (including a pro forma application of the net proceeds therefrom) as if the additional Indebtedness had been incurred, or the

Disqualified Stock had been issued, as the case may be, at the beginning of the most recently ended fiscal quarter.  $\$ 

So long as no Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would be caused thereby, the first paragraph of this covenant shall not prohibit the incurrence of any of the following items of Indebtedness (collectively, "Permitted Debt"):

- (1) the incurrence by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness under the Credit Facilities; provided that the aggregate principal amount of all Indebtedness of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries outstanding under all Credit Facilities after giving effect to such incurrence does not exceed an amount equal to \$3.5 billion less the aggregate amount of all Net Proceeds of Asset Sales applied by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in the case of an Asset Sale since March 17, 1999 to repay Indebtedness under a Credit Facility pursuant to Section 4.11;
- (2) the incurrence by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries of Existing Indebtedness (other than the Credit Facilities);
- (3) the incurrence on the Issue Date by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness represented by the Notes (other than any Additional Notes) and the Other Notes;
- (4) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness represented by Capital Lease Obligations, mortgage financings or purchase money obligations, in each case, incurred for the purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price or cost of construction or improvement (including, without limitation, the cost of design, development, construction, acquisition, transportation, installation, improvement, and migration) of Productive Assets of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$75 million at any time outstanding;
- (5) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness in exchange for, or the net proceeds of which are used to refund, refinance or replace, in whole or in part, Indebtedness (other than intercompany Indebtedness) that was permitted by this Indenture to be incurred under the first paragraph of this covenant or clauses (2) or (3) of this paragraph;
- (6) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of intercompany Indebtedness between or among the Company and any of its Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiaries; provided that:
  - (a) if the Company is the obligor on such Indebtedness, such Indebtedness must be expressly subordinated to the prior payment in full in cash of all Obligations with respect to the Notes; and

- (b) (i) any subsequent issuance or transfer of Equity Interests that results in any such Indebtedness being held by a Person other than the Company or a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary thereof and (ii) any sale or other transfer of any such Indebtedness to a Person that is not either the Company or a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary thereof, shall be deemed, in each case, to constitute an incurrence of such Indebtedness by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that was not permitted by this clause (6);
- (7) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Hedging Obligations that are incurred for the purpose of fixing or hedging interest rate risk with respect to any floating rate Indebtedness that is permitted by the terms of this Indenture to be outstanding;
- (8) the guarantee by the Company of Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that was permitted to be incurred by another provision of this Section 4.10;
- (9) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of additional Indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not to exceed \$300 million:
- (10) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of additional Indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not to exceed 200% of the net cash proceeds received by the Company from the sale of its Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) after March 17, 1999 to the extent such net cash proceeds have not been applied to make Restricted Payments or to effect other transactions pursuant to Section 4.07 or to make Permitted Investments pursuant to clause (5) of the definition thereof; and
- (11) the accretion or amortization of original issue discount and the write up of Indebtedness in accordance with purchase accounting.

For purposes of determining compliance with this Section 4.10, in the event that an item of proposed Indebtedness meets the criteria of more than one of the categories of Permitted bebt described in clauses (1) through (11) above, or is entitled to be incurred pursuant to the first paragraph of this covenant, the Company shall be permitted to classify and from time to time to reclassify such item of Indebtedness in any manner that complies with this covenant. For avoidance of doubt, Indebtedness incurred pursuant to a single agreement, instrument, program, facility or line of credit may be classified as Indebtedness arising in part under one of the clauses listed above, and in part under any one or more of the clauses listed above, to the extent that such Indebtedness satisfies the criteria for such clauses.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company consummate a Subordinated Debt Financing or a Preferred Stock Financing. A "Subordinated Debt Financing" or a "Preferred Stock Financing", as the case may be, with respect to any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company shall mean a public offering or private placement (whether pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act or otherwise) of Subordinated Notes or Preferred Stock (whether or not such Preferred Stock constitutes Disqualified Stock), as the case may be, of such Restricted Subsidiary to one or more purchasers (other than to one or more Affiliates of the Company). "Subordinated Notes" with respect to any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company shall mean
Indebtedness of such Restricted Subsidiary that is contractually subordinated in
right of payment to any other Indebtedness of such Restricted Subsidiary (including, without limitation, Indebtedness under the Credit Facilities). The foregoing limitation shall not apply to (i) any Indebtedness or Preferred Stock of any Person existing at the time such Person is merged with or into or became a Subsidiary of the Company; provided that such Indebtedness or Preferred Stock was not incurred or issued in connection with, or in contemplation of, such Person merging with or into, or becoming a Subsidiary of, the Company and (ii) any Indebtedness or Preferred Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary issued in connection with, and as part of the consideration for, an acquisition, whether by stock purchase, asset sale, merger or otherwise, in each case involving such Restricted Subsidiary, which Indebtedness or Preferred Stock is issued to the seller or sellers of such stock or assets; provided that such Restricted Subsidiary is not obligated to register such Indebtedness or Preferred Stock under the Securities Act or obligated to provide information pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act.

#### Section 4.11. Limitation on Asset Sales.

- (1) the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, as the case may be, receives consideration at the time of such Asset Sale at least equal to the fair market value of the assets or Equity Interests issued or sold or otherwise disposed of;
- (2) such fair market value is determined by the Company's Board of Directors and evidenced by a resolution of such Board of Directors set forth in an Officers' Certificate delivered to the Trustee; and
- (3) at least 75% of the consideration therefor received by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary is in the form of cash, Cash Equivalents or readily marketable securities.

For purposes of this Section 4.11, each of the following shall be deemed to be cash:

- (a) any liabilities (as shown on the Company's or such Restricted Subsidiary's most recent balance sheet) of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company (other than contingent liabilities and liabilities that are by their terms subordinated to the Notes) that are assumed by the transferee of any such assets pursuant to a customary novation agreement that releases the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary from further liability;
- (b) any securities, notes or other obligations received by the Company or any such Restricted Subsidiary from such transferee that are converted by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary into cash, Cash Equivalents or readily marketable securities within 60 days after receipt thereof (to the extent of the cash, Cash Equivalents or readily marketable securities received in that conversion); and

### (c) Productive Assets.

Within 365 days after the receipt of any Net Proceeds from an Asset Sale, the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, as the case may be, may apply such Net Proceeds at its option:

- (1) to repay debt under the Credit Facilities or any other Indebtedness of the Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company (other than Indebtedness represented by a guarantee of a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company); or
- (2) to invest in Productive Assets; provided that any Net Proceeds which the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, as the case may be, has committed to invest in Productive Assets within 365 days of the applicable Asset Sale may be invested in Productive Assets within two years of such Asset Sale.

The amount of any Net Proceeds received by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company from Asset Sales that are not applied or invested as provided in the preceding paragraph shall constitute "Excess Proceeds." When the aggregate amount of Excess Proceeds exceeds \$25 million, the Issuers shall make an Asset Sale Offer to all Holders of Notes and all holders of other Indebtedness that is pari passu with the Notes containing provisions requiring offers to purchase or redeem with the proceeds of sales of assets to purchase the maximum principal amount of Notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness that may be purchased out of the Excess Proceeds (which amount includes the entire amount of the Net Proceeds). The offer price in any Asset Sale Offer shall be payable in cash and equal to 100% of principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase. If any Excess Proceeds remain after consummation of an Asset Sale Offer, the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the

Company may use such Excess Proceeds for any purpose not otherwise prohibited by this Indenture. If the aggregate principal amount of Notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness tendered into such Asset Sale Offer exceeds the amount of Excess Proceeds, the Trustee shall select the Notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness to be purchased on a pro rata basis. Upon completion of each Asset Sale Offer, the amount of Excess Proceeds shall be reset at zero.

In the event that the Issuers shall be required to commence an offer to Holders to purchase Notes pursuant to this Section 4.11, they shall follow the procedures specified in Section 3.03.

Section 4.12. Sale and Leaseback Transactions.

The Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, enter into any sale and leaseback transaction; provided that the Company may enter into a sale and leaseback transaction if:

- (1) the Company could have (a) incurred Indebtedness in an amount equal to the Attributable Debt relating to such sale and leaseback transaction under the Leverage Ratio test in the first paragraph of Section 4.10 and (b) incurred a Lien to secure such Indebtedness pursuant to Section 4.14; and
- (2) the transfer of assets in that sale and leaseback transaction is permitted by, and the Company applies the proceeds of such transaction in compliance with, Section 4.11.

The foregoing restrictions shall not apply to a sale and leaseback transaction if the lease is for a period, including renewal rights, of not in excess of three years.

Section 4.13. Transactions with Affiliates.

The Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, make any payment to, or sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of any of its properties or assets to, or purchase any property or assets from, or enter into or make or amend any transaction, contract, agreement, understanding, loan, advance or guarantee with, or for the benefit of, any Affiliate (each, an "Affiliate Transaction"), unless:

- (1) such Affiliate Transaction is on terms that are no less favorable to the Company or the relevant Restricted Subsidiary than those that would have been obtained in a comparable transaction by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary with an unrelated Person; and
  - (2) the Company delivers to the Trustee:

- (a) with respect to any Affiliate Transaction or series of related Affiliate Transactions involving aggregate consideration in excess of \$15 million, a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Company set forth in an Officers' Certificate certifying that such Affiliate Transaction complies with this Section 4.13 and that such Affiliate Transaction has been approved by a majority of the members of such Board of Directors; and
- (b) with respect to any Affiliate Transaction or series of related Affiliate Transactions involving aggregate consideration in excess of \$50 million, an opinion as to the fairness to the Holders of such Affiliate Transaction from a financial point of view issued by an accounting, appraisal or investment banking firm of national standing.

The following items shall not be deemed to be Affiliate Transactions and, therefore, shall not be subject to the provisions of the prior paragraph:

- (1) any existing employment agreement entered into by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and any employment agreement entered into by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business and consistent with the past practice of the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary;
- (2) transactions between or among the Company and/or its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (3) payment of reasonable directors fees to Persons who are not otherwise Affiliates of the Company and customary indemnification and insurance arrangements in favor of directors, regardless of affiliation with the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (4) payment of management fees pursuant to management agreements either (A) existing on the Issue Date or (B) entered into after the Issue Date, to the extent that such management agreements provide for percentage fees no higher than the percentage fees existing under the management agreements existing on the Issue Date:
- (5) Restricted Payments that are permitted by Section 4.07 and Restricted Investments that are permitted by Section 4.08; and
  - (6) Permitted Investments.

Section 4.14. Liens.

The Company shall not, directly or indirectly, create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien of any kind securing Indebtedness, Attributable Debt or trade payables on any asset now owned or hereafter acquired, except Permitted Liens

Subject to Article 5, the Company shall do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect (i) its limited liability company existence, and the corporate, partnership or other existence of each of its Subsidiaries, in accordance with the respective organizational documents (as the same may be amended from time to time) of the Company or any such Subsidiary and (ii) the rights (charter and statutory), licenses and franchises of the Company and its Subsidiaries; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to preserve any such right, license or franchise, or the corporate, partnership or other existence of any of its Subsidiaries (other than Charter Capital), if the Board of Directors of the Company shall determine that the preservation thereof is no longer desirable in the conduct of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, and that the loss thereof is not adverse in any material respect to the Holders of the Notes.

Section 4.16. Repurchase at the Option of Holders upon a Change of Control.

If a Change of Control occurs, each Holder of Notes shall have the right to require the Issuers to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$1,000 or an integral multiple thereof) of that Holder's Notes pursuant to a Change of Control Offer. In the Change of Control Offer, the Issuers shall offer (a "Change of Control Offer") a payment (the "Change of Control Payment") in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes repurchased plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to the date of purchase.

Within ten days following any Change of Control, the Issuers shall mail a notice to each Holder (with a copy to the Trustee) describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control and stating:

- (a) the purchase price and the purchase date, which shall not exceed 30 Business Days from the date such notice is mailed (the "Change of Control Payment Date");
  - (b) that any Note not tendered shall continue to accrue interest;
- (c) that, unless the Issuers default in the payment of the Change of Control Payment, all Notes accepted for payment pursuant to the Change of Control Offer shall cease to accrue interest after the Change of Control Payment Date:
- (d) that Holders electing to have any Notes purchased pursuant to a Change of Control Offer shall be required to surrender the Notes, with the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" on the reverse of the Notes completed, to the Paying Agent at the address specified in the notice prior to the close of business on the third Business Day preceding the Change of Control Payment Date;

- (e) that Holders shall be entitled to withdraw their election if the Paying Agent receives, not later than the close of business on the second Business Day preceding the Change of Control Payment Date, a telegram, telex, facsimile transmission or letter setting forth the name of the Holder, the principal amount of Notes delivered for purchase, and a statement that such Holder is withdrawing his election to have the Notes purchased; and
- (f) that Holders whose Notes are being purchased only in part shall be issued new Notes equal in principal amount to the unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered, which unpurchased portion must be equal to \$1,000 in principal amount or an integral multiple thereof.

The Issuers shall comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act (or any successor rules) and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the Notes as a result of a Change of Control.

On the Change of Control Payment Date, the Issuers shall, to the extent lawful:

- (a) accept for payment all Notes or portions thereof properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer;
- (b) deposit with the Paying Agent an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of all Notes or portions thereof so tendered; and
- (c) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Notes so accepted together with an Officers' Certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Notes or portions thereof being purchased by the Issuers.

The Paying Agent shall promptly pay to each Holder of Notes so tendered the Change of Control Payment for such Notes, and the Trustee shall promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book entry) to each Holder a new Note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered, if any; provided that each such new Note shall be in a principal amount of \$1,000 or an integral multiple thereof. The Company shall publicly announce the results of the Change of Control Offer on or as soon as practicable after the Change of Control Payment Date.

The provisions described above that require the Issuers to make a Change of Control Offer following a Change of Control shall be applicable regardless of whether or not any other provisions in this Indenture are applicable. Except as described above with respect to a Change of Control, this Indenture does not contain provisions that permit the Holders of the Notes to require that the Issuers repurchase or redeem the Notes in the event of a takeover, recapitalization or similar transaction.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 4.16, the Issuers shall not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon a Change of Control if a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in this Indenture applicable to a Change of Control Offer made by the Issuers and purchases all Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn under such Change of Control Offer.

### Section 4.17. Limitations on Issuances of Guarantees of Indebtedness.

The Company shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, directly or indirectly, to Guarantee or pledge any assets to secure the payment of any other Indebtedness of the Company except in respect of the Credit Facilities (the "Guaranteed Indebtedness") unless (i) such Restricted Subsidiary simultaneously executes and delivers a supplemental indenture providing for the Guarantee (a "Subsidiary Guarantee") of the payment of the Notes by such Restricted Subsidiary and (ii) until one year after all the Notes have been paid in full in cash, such Restricted Subsidiary waives and will not in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any rights of reimbursement, indemnity or subrogation or any other rights against the Company or any other Restricted Subsidiary of the Company as a result of any payment by such Restricted Subsidiary under its Subsidiary Guarantee; provided that this paragraph shall not be applicable to any Guarantee or any Restricted Subsidiary that existed at the time such Person became a Restricted Subsidiary and was not incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such Person becoming a Restricted Subsidiary. If the Guaranteed Indebtedness is subordinated to the Notes, then the Guarantee at least to the extent that the Guaranteed Indebtedness is subordinated to the Notes.

#### Section 4.18. Payments for Consent.

The Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, pay or cause to be paid any consideration to or for the benefit of any Holder of Notes for or as an inducement to any consent, waiver or amendment of any of the terms or provisions of this Indenture or the Notes unless such consideration is offered to be paid and is paid to all Holders of the Notes that consent, waive or agree to amend in the time frame set forth in the solicitation documents relating to such consent, waiver or agreement.

# Section 4.19. Application of Fall-Away Covenants.

During any period of time that (a) the Notes have Investment Grade Ratings from both Rating Agencies and (b) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall not be subject to the provisions of Sections 4.07, 4.08, 4.09, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12, 4.13 and clause (4) of the first

paragraph of Section 5.01 (collectively, the "Suspended Covenants"). In the event that the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries are not subject to the Suspended Covenants for any period of time as a result of the preceding sentence and, subsequently, one or both of the Rating Agencies withdraws its ratings or downgrades the ratings assigned to the Notes below the required Investment Grade Ratings or a Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing, then the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall thereafter again be subject to the Suspended Covenants and compliance with the Suspended Covenants with respect to the Restricted Payments made after the time of such withdrawal, downgrade, Default or Event of Default will be calculated in accordance with the terms of Section 4.07 as though such covenant had been in effect during the entire period of time from the Issue Date.

#### ARTICLE 5

### **SUCCESSORS**

Section 5.01. Merger, Consolidation, or Sale of Assets.

Neither of the Issuers may, directly or indirectly: (1) consolidate or merge with or into another Person (whether or not such Issuer is the surviving corporation); or (2) sell, assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its properties or assets, in one or more related transactions, to another Person; unless:

- (1) either: (a) such Issuer is the surviving corporation; or (b) the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than such Issuer) or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition shall have been made is a Person organized or existing under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia (provided that if the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger with either Issuer is a limited liability company or a Person other than a corporation, a corporate co-issuer shall also be an obligor with respect to the Notes):
- (2) the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than the Company) or the Person to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition shall have been made assumes all the obligations of the Company under the Notes and this Indenture pursuant to agreements reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee;
- (4) the Company or the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than the Company) will, on the date of such transaction after giving pro

forma effect thereto and any related financing transactions as if the same had occurred at the beginning of the applicable four-quarter period, either (a) be permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Leverage Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of Section 4.10 or (b) have a Leverage Ratio immediately after giving effect to such consolidation or merger no greater than the Leverage Ratio immediately prior to such consolidation or merger.

In addition, the Company may not, directly or indirectly, lease all or substantially all of its properties or assets, in one or more related transactions, to any other Person. This Section 5.01 shall not apply to a sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of assets between or among the Company and any of its Wholly Owned Subsidiaries.

Section 5.02. Successor Corporation Substituted.

Upon any consolidation or merger, or any sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of either Issuer in accordance with Section 5.01, the successor Person formed by such consolidation or into which either Issuer is merged or to which such transfer is made shall succeed to and (except in the case of a lease) be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, such Issuer under this Indenture with the same effect as if such successor Person had been named therein as such Issuer, and (except in the case of a lease) such Issuer shall be released from the obligations under the Notes and this Indenture, except with respect to any obligations that arise from, or are related to, such transaction.

### ARTICLE 6

### DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

Section 6.01. Events of Default.

An "Event of Default" occurs if:

- (a) the Issuers default in the payment when due of interest on the Notes and such default continues for a period of 30 days;
- (b) the Issuers default in payment when due of the principal of or premium, if any, on the Notes;
- (c) the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries fails to comply with any of the provisions of Sections 4.16 or 5.01;

- (d) the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries fails to comply with any of their other covenants or agreements in this Indenture for 30 days after written notice thereof has been given to the Company by the Trustee or to the Company and the Trustee by Holders of at least 25% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding;
- (e) the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries defaults under any mortgage, indenture or instrument under which there may be issued or by which there may be secured or evidenced any Indebtedness for money borrowed (or the payment of which is guaranteed by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries) whether such Indebtedness or guarantee now exists or is created after the Issue Date, if that default:
  - (1) is caused by a failure to pay at final stated maturity the principal amount on such Indebtedness prior to the expiration of the grace period provided in such Indebtedness on the date of such default (a "Payment Default"); or
  - (2) results in the acceleration of such Indebtedness prior to its express maturity,

and, in each case, the principal amount of any such Indebtedness, together with the principal amount of any other such Indebtedness under which there has been a Payment Default or the maturity of which has been so accelerated, aggregates \$100 million or more;

- (f) the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries fails to pay final judgments which are non-appealable aggregating in excess of \$100 million (net of applicable insurance which has not been denied in writing by the insurer), which judgments are not paid, discharged or stayed for a period of 60 days;
- (g) the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries pursuant to or within the meaning of Bankruptcy Law:
  - (i) commences a voluntary case,
  - $\mbox{(ii)}$  consents to the entry of an order for relief against it in an involuntary case,
  - $\,$  (iii) consents to the appointment of a custodian of it or for all or substantially all of its property, or
  - (iv) makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right)$
- (h) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that:

- (i) is for relief against the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries in an involuntary case;
- (ii) appoints a custodian of the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries or for all or substantially all of the property of the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries; or
- (iii) orders the liquidation of the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries;

and the order or decree remains unstayed and in effect for 60 consecutive days.

Section 6.02. Acceleration.

In the case of an Event of Default arising from clause (g) or (h) of Section 6.01 with respect to the Company, all outstanding Notes shall become due and payable immediately without further action or notice. If any other Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee by notice to the Issuers or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes by notice to the Issuers and the Trustee may declare all the Notes to be due and payable immediately. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding by written notice to the Trustee may on behalf of all of the Holders rescind an acceleration and its consequences if the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree and if all existing Events of Default (except nonpayment of principal, interest or premium that has become due solely because of the acceleration) have been cured or waived.

Section 6.03. Other Remedies.

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may pursue any available remedy to collect the payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes or to enforce the performance of any provision of the Notes or this Indenture.

The Trustee may maintain a proceeding even if it does not possess any of the Notes or does not produce any of them in the proceeding. A delay or omission by the Trustee or any Holder of a Note in exercising any right or remedy accruing upon an Event of Default shall not impair the right or remedy or constitute a waiver of or acquiescence in the Event of Default. All remedies are cumulative to the extent permitted by law.

Section 6.04. Waiver of Existing Defaults.

Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes by notice to the Trustee may on behalf of the Holders of all of the Notes waive an existing Default or Event of Default and its consequences hereunder.

except a continuing Default or Event of Default in the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, the Notes (including in connection with an offer to purchase) (provided, however, that the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may rescind an acceleration and its consequences, including any related payment default that resulted from such acceleration). Upon any such waiver, such Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

Section 6.05. Control by Majority.

Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for exercising any remedy available to the Trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on it. However, the Trustee may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or this Indenture that the Trustee determines may be prejudicial to the rights of other Holders of Notes or that may involve the Trustee in personal liability. The Trustee may take any other action which it deems proper that is not inconsistent with any such directive.

Section 6.06. Limitation on Suits.

A Holder of a Note may pursue a remedy with respect to this Indenture or the Notes only if:

- (a) the Holder of a Note gives to the Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default;
- (b) the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes make a written request to the Trustee to pursue the remedy;
- (c) such Holder of a Note or Holders of Notes offer and, if requested, provide to the Trustee indemnity satisfactory to the Trustee against any loss, liability or expense;
- (d) the Trustee does not comply with the request within 60 days after receipt of the request and the offer and, if requested, the provision of indemnity; and
- (e) during such 60-day period the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes do not give the Trustee a direction inconsistent with the request.

A Holder of a Note may not use this Indenture to prejudice the rights of another Holder of a Note or to obtain a preference or priority over another Holder of a Note.

Section 6.07. Rights of Holders of Notes to Receive Payment.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the right of any Holder of a Note to receive payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Note, on or after the respective due dates expressed in the Note (including in connection with an offer to purchase), or to bring suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such respective dates, shall not be impaired or affected without the consent of such Holder.

Section 6.08. Collection Suit by Trustee.

If an Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(a) or (b) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee is authorized to recover judgment in its own name and as trustee of an express trust against the Issuers for the whole amount of principal of, premium, if any, and interest remaining unpaid on the Notes and interest on overdue principal and, to the extent lawful, interest and such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel.

Section 6.09. Trustee May File Proofs of Claim.

The Trustee is authorized to file such proofs of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel) and the Holders of the Notes allowed in any judicial proceedings relative to the Issuers (or any other obligor upon the Notes), their creditors or their property and shall be entitled and empowered to collect, receive and distribute any money or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and any custodian in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make such payments to the Trustee, and in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due to it for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.07. To the extent that the payment of any such compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.07 out of the estate in any such proceeding, shall be denied for any reason, payment of the same shall be secured by a Lien on, and shall be paid out of, any and all distributions, dividends, money, securities and other properties that the Holders may be entitled to receive in such proceeding whether in liquidation or under any plan of reorganization or arrangement or otherwise. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Notes or the rights of any Holder, or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Holder in any such proceeding.

Section 6.10. Priorities.

First: to the Trustee, its agents and attorneys for amounts due under Section 7.07, including payment of all compensation, expense and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Trustee and the costs and expenses of collection;

Second: to Holders of Notes for amounts due and unpaid on the Notes for principal, premium, if any, and interest, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on the Notes for principal, premium, if any and interest, respectively; and

Third: to the Issuers or to such party as a court of competent jurisdiction shall direct.

The Trustee may fix a record date and payment date for any payment to Holders of Notes pursuant to this Section 6.10.

Section 6.11. Undertaking for Costs.

In any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken or omitted by it as a Trustee, a court in its discretion may require the filing by any party litigant in the suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of the suit, and the court in its discretion may assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, against any party litigant in the suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by the party litigant. This Section does not apply to a suit by the Trustee, a suit by a Holder of a Note pursuant to Section 6.07, or a suit by Holders of more than 10% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes.

### ARTICLE 7

### TRUSTEE

Section 7.01. Duties of Trustee.

(a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture, and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.

- (b) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default:
- (i) the duties of the Trustee shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Indenture and the Trustee need perform only those duties that are specifically set forth in this Indenture and no others, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee; and
- (ii) in the absence of bad faith on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions required to be furnished to the Trustee hereunder and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture. However, the Trustee shall examine the certificates and opinions to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of any mathematical calculations or other facts stated therein).
- (c) The Trustee may not be relieved from liabilities for its own gross negligent action, its own gross negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:
  - (i) this paragraph does not limit the effect of paragraph (b) of this Section;
  - (ii) the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, unless it is proved that the Trustee was grossly negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and
  - (iii) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in accordance with a direction received by it pursuant to Section 6.05.
- (d) Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Trustee is subject to paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this Section 7.01.
- (e) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or incur any liability. The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights and powers under this Indenture at the request of any Holders, unless such Holder shall have offered to the Trustee security and indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability, claim, damage or expense.
- (f) The Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Trustee may agree in writing with the Issuers. Money held in trust by the Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

(g) The Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture or other paper or documents.

### Section 7.02. Rights of Trustee.

- (a) The Trustee may conclusively rely upon any document (whether in its original or facsimile form) believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper Person. The Trustee need not investigate any fact or matter stated in the document.
- (b) Before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officers' Certificate or an Opinion of Counsel or both. The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on such Officers' Certificate or Opinion of Counsel. The Trustee may consult with counsel of its own selection and the written advice or opinion of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection from liability in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.
- (c) The Trustee may act through its attorneys and agents and shall not be responsible for the misconduct or negligence of any agent appointed with due care.
- (d) The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith that it believes to be authorized or within the rights or powers conferred upon it by this Indenture.
- (e) Unless otherwise specifically provided in this Indenture, any demand, request, direction or notice from either of the Issuers shall be sufficient if signed by an Officer of such Issuer.
- (f) The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities that might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.
- (g) The Trustee shall not be charged with knowledge of any Default or Event of Default unless either (i) a Responsible Officer of the Trustee shall have actual knowledge of such Default or Event of Default or (ii) written notice of such Default or Event of Default shall have been given to and received by a Responsible Officer of the Trustee by the Issuers or any Holder.

Section 7.03. Individual Rights of Trustee.

The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and may otherwise deal with the Issuers or any Affiliate of the Issuers with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. However, in the event that the Trustee acquires any conflicting interest it must eliminate such conflict within 90 days, apply to the SEC for permission to continue as trustee or resign. Any Agent may do the same with like rights and duties. The Trustee is also subject to Sections 7.10 and 7.11.

Section 7.04. Trustee's Disclaimer.

The Trustee shall not be responsible for and makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Notes, it shall not be accountable for the Issuers' use of the proceeds from the Notes or any money paid to the Issuers or upon the Issuers' direction under any provision of this Indenture, it shall not be responsible for the use or application of any money received by any Paying Agent other than the Trustee, and it shall not be responsible for any statement or recital herein or any statement in the Notes or any other document in connection with the sale of the Notes or pursuant to this Indenture other than its certificate of authentication.

Section 7.05. Notice of Defaults.

If a Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing and if it is known to a Responsible Officer of the Trustee, the Trustee shall mail to Holders of Notes a notice of the Default or Event of Default within 90 days after the Trustee acquires knowledge thereof. Except in the case of a Default or Event of Default in payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Note, the Trustee may withhold the notice if and so long as a committee of its Responsible Officers in good faith determines that withholding the notice is in the interests of the Holders of the Notes.

Section 7.06. Reports by Trustee to Holders of the Notes.

Within 60 days after each May 15 beginning with the May 15 following the date of this Indenture, and for so long as Notes remain outstanding, the Trustee shall mail to the Holders of the Notes a brief report dated as of such reporting date that complies with TIA ss. 313(a) (but if no event described in TIA ss. 313(a) has occurred within the twelve months preceding the reporting date, no report need be transmitted). The Trustee also shall comply with TIA ss. 313(b)(2). The Trustee shall also transmit by mail all reports as required by TIA ss. 313(c).

A copy of each report at the time of its mailing to the Holders of Notes shall be mailed to the Company and filed with the SEC and each stock exchange on which the Notes are listed in accordance with TIA ss. 313(d). The Issuers shall promptly notify the Trustee when the Notes are listed on any stock exchange.

Section 7.07. Compensation and Indemnity.

The Issuers shall pay to the Trustee from time to time reasonable compensation for its acceptance of this Indenture and services hereunder. The Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Issuers shall reimburse the Trustee promptly upon request for all reasonable disbursements, advances and expenses incurred or made by it in addition to the compensation for its services. Such expenses shall include the reasonable compensation, disbursements and expenses of the Trustee's agents and counsel.

The Issuers shall, jointly and severally, indemnify the Trustee against any and all losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses (including reasonable legal fees and expenses) incurred by it arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of its duties under this Indenture, including the costs and expenses of enforcing this Indenture against the Issuers (including this Section 7.07) and defending itself against any claim (whether asserted by the Issuers or any Holder or any other person) or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder, except to the extent any such loss, liability or expense may be attributable to its gross negligence or willful misconduct. The Trustee shall notify the Issuers promptly of any claim for which it may seek indemnity. Failure by the Trustee to so notify the Issuers shall not relieve the Issuers of their obligations hereunder. The Issuers shall defend the claim and the Trustee shall cooperate in the defense. The Trustee may have separate counsel and the Issuers shall pay the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel. The Issuers need not pay for any settlement made without their consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

The obligations of the Issuers this Section 7.07 shall survive resignation or removal of the Trustee and the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

To secure the Issuers' payment obligations in this Section, the Trustee shall have a Lien prior to the Notes on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee, except that held in trust to pay principal and interest on particular Notes. Such Lien shall survive the resignation or removal of the Trustee and the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services after an Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(g) or (h) occurs, the expenses and the compensation for the services (including the fees and expenses of its agents and counsel) are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any Bankruptcy Law.

The Trustee shall comply with the provisions of TIA ss. 313(b)(2) to the extent applicable.

Section 7.08. Replacement of Trustee.

A resignation or removal of the Trustee and appointment of a successor Trustee shall become effective only upon the successor Trustee's acceptance of appointment as provided in this Section.

The Trustee may resign in writing at any time and be discharged from the trust hereby created by so notifying the Issuers. The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may remove the Trustee by so notifying the Trustee and the Issuers in writing. The Issuers may remove the Trustee if:

- (a) the Trustee fails to comply with Section 7.10;
- (b) the Trustee is adjudged a bankrupt or an insolvent or an order for relief is entered with respect to the Trustee under any Bankruptcy Law;
- (c) a custodian or public officer takes charge of the Trustee or its property; or
  - (d) the Trustee becomes incapable of acting.

If the Trustee resigns or is removed or if a vacancy exists in the office of Trustee for any reason, the Issuers shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee. Within one year after the successor Trustee takes office, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may appoint a successor Trustee to replace the successor Trustee appointed by the Issuers.

If a successor Trustee does not take office within 60 days after the retiring Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Trustee, the Issuers, or the Holders of at least 10% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may petition at the expense of the Company any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

If the Trustee, after written request by any Holder who has been a Holder for at least six months, fails to comply with Section 7.10, such Holder may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee.

A successor Trustee shall deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Trustee and to the Issuers. Thereupon, the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective, and the successor Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the Trustee under this Indenture. The successor Trustee shall mail a notice of its succession to Holders. The retiring Trustee shall promptly transfer all property held by it as Trustee to the successor Trustee; provided all sums owing to the Trustee hereunder have been paid and subject to the Lien provided for in Section 7.07.

Notwithstanding replacement of the Trustee pursuant to this Section 7.08, the Issuers' obligations under Section 7.07 shall continue for the benefit of the retiring Trustee.

Section 7.09. Successor Trustee by Merger, etc.

If the Trustee consolidates, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all of its corporate trust business to, another corporation, the successor corporation without any further act shall be the successor Trustee.

Section 7.10. Eligibility; Disqualification.

There shall at all times be a Trustee hereunder that is a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state thereof that is authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trustee power, that is subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authorities and that has a combined capital and surplus of at least \$100 million as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition.

This Indenture shall always have a Trustee who satisfies the requirements of TIA ss. 310(a)(1), (2) and (5). The Trustee is subject to TIA ss. 310(b).

Section 7.11. Preferential Collection of Claims Against the Issuers.

The Trustee is subject to TIA ss. 311(a), excluding any creditor relationship listed in TIA ss. 311(b). A Trustee who has resigned or been removed shall be subject to TIA ss. 311(a) to the extent indicated therein.

### ARTICLE 8

### LEGAL DEFEASANCE AND COVENANT DEFEASANCE

Section 8.01. Option to Effect Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

The Issuers may, at the option of their respective Boards of Directors evidenced by a resolution set forth in an Officers' Certificate of each of the Issuers, at any time, elect to have either Section 8.02 or 8.03 be applied to all outstanding Notes upon compliance with the conditions set forth below in this Article 8.

Section 8.02. Legal Defeasance and Discharge.

Upon the Issuers' exercise under Section 8.01 of the option applicable to this Section 8.02, the Issuers shall, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in

Section 8.04, be deemed to have been discharged from their obligations with respect to all outstanding Notes on the date the conditions set forth below are satisfied (hereinafter, "Legal Defeasance"). For this purpose, Legal Defeasance means that the Issuers shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire Indebtedness represented by the outstanding Notes, which shall thereafter be deemed to be "outstanding" only for the purposes of Section 8.05 and the other Sections of this Indenture referred to in (a) and (b) below, and to have satisfied all their other obligations under such Notes and this Indenture (and the Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Issuers, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), except for the following provisions which shall survive until otherwise terminated or discharged hereunder:

- (a) the rights of Holders of outstanding Notes to receive payments in respect of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on such Notes when such payments are due from the trust referred to below;
- (b) the Issuers' obligations with respect to the Notes concerning issuing temporary Notes, registration of Notes, mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes and the maintenance of an office or agency for payment and money for security payments held in trust;
- (c) the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the Trustee and the Issuers' obligations in connection therewith; and
  - (d) the Legal Defeasance provisions of this Indenture;

Subject to compliance with this Article 8, the Issuers may exercise their option under this Section 8.02 notwithstanding the prior exercise of their option under Section 8.03.

Section 8.03. Covenant Defeasance.

Upon the Issuers' exercise under Section 8.01 of the option applicable to this Section 8.03, the Issuers shall, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04, be released from their obligations under the covenants contained in Article 5 and Sections 4.03, 4.07, 4.08, 4.09, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12, 4.13, 4.14, 4.16, 4.17 and 4.19 with respect to the outstanding Notes on and after the date the conditions set forth in Section 8.04 are satisfied (hereinafter, "Covenant Defeasance"), and the Notes shall thereafter be deemed not "outstanding" for the purposes of any direction, waiver, consent or declaration or act of Holders (and the consequences of any thereof) in connection with such covenants, but shall continue to be deemed "outstanding" for all other purposes hereunder (it being understood that such Notes shall not be deemed outstanding for accounting purposes). For this purpose, Covenant Defeasance means that, with respect to the outstanding Notes, the Issuers may omit to comply with and shall have no liability in

respect of any term, condition or limitation set forth in any such covenant, whether directly or indirectly, by reason of any reference elsewhere herein to any such covenant or by reason of any reference in any such covenant to any other provision herein or in any other document and such omission to comply shall not constitute a Default or an Event of Default under Section 6.01, but, except as specified above, the remainder of this Indenture and such Notes shall be unaffected thereby. In addition, upon the Issuers' exercise under Section 8.01 of the option applicable to this Section 8.03, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04, Sections 6.01(c) through 6.01(f) shall not constitute Events of Default.

Section 8.04. Conditions to Legal or Covenant Defeasance.

The following shall be the conditions to the application of either Section 8.02 or 8.03 to the outstanding Notes:

In order to exercise either Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance:

- (1) the Company must irrevocably deposit with the Trustee, in trust, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes, cash in U.S. dollars, non-callable Government Securities, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants, to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the outstanding Notes on the stated maturity or on the applicable redemption date, as the case may be, and the Company must specify whether the Notes are being defeased to maturity or to a particular redemption date;
- (2) in the case of Legal Defeasance, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel reasonably acceptable to the Trustee confirming that (a) the Company has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling or (b) since the Issue Date, there has been a change in the applicable federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such opinion of counsel shall confirm that, the Holders of the outstanding Notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Legal Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Legal Defeasance had not occurred:
- (3) in the case of Covenant Defeasance, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel reasonably acceptable to the Trustee confirming that the Holders of the outstanding Notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Covenant Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Covenant Defeasance had not occurred:

- (4) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing either: (a) on the date of such deposit (other than a Default or Event of Default resulting from the borrowing of funds to be applied to such deposit); or (b) or insofar as Events of Default from bankruptcy or insolvency events are concerned, at any time in the period ending on the 91st day after the date of deposit;
- (5) such Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under any material agreement or instrument (other than this Indenture) to which the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries is bound;
- (6) the Company must have delivered to the Trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that after the 91st day assuming no intervening bankruptcy, that no Holder is an insider of either of the Issuers following the deposit and that such deposit would not be deemed by a court of competent jurisdiction a transfer for the benefit of either Issuer in its capacity as such, the trust funds will not be subject to the effect of any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally;
- (7) the Company must deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that the deposit was not made by the Company with the intent of preferring the Holders of Notes over the other creditors of the Company with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding creditors of the Company or others; and
- (8) the Company must deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an opinion of counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent relating to the Legal Defeasance or the Covenant Defeasance have been complied with.
- Notwithstanding the foregoing, the opinion of counsel required by clause (2) above with respect to a Legal Defeasance need not be delivered if all Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation (i) have become due and payable or (ii) will become due and payable on the maturity date within one year, by their terms or under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Issuers.

Section 8.05. Deposited Money and Government Securities to Be Held in Trust; Other Miscellaneous Provisions.

Subject to Section 8.06, all money and non-callable Government Securities (including the proceeds thereof) deposited with the Trustee (or other qualifying trustee, collectively for purposes of this Section 8.05, the "Trustee") pursuant to Section 8.04 in respect of the outstanding Notes shall be held in trust and applied by the Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of such Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either

directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Issuers acting as Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Holders of such Notes of all sums due and to become due thereon in respect of principal, premium, if any, and interest, but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

The Issuers shall pay and indemnify the Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against the cash or non-callable Government Securities deposited pursuant to Section 8.04 or the principal and interest received in respect thereof other than any such tax, fee or other charge which by law is for the account of the Holders of the outstanding Notes.

Anything in this Article 8 to the contrary notwithstanding, the Trustee shall deliver or pay to the Issuers from time to time upon the request of the Issuers any money or non-callable Government Securities held by it as provided in Section 8.04 which, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee (which may be the opinion delivered under Section 8.04(a)), are in excess of the amount thereof that would then be required to be deposited to effect an equivalent Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

### Section 8.06. Repayment to Issuers.

Any money deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent, or then held by the Issuers, in trust for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Note and remaining unclaimed for two years after such principal, and premium, if any, or interest has become due and payable shall be paid to the Issuers on their request or (if then held by the Issuers) shall be discharged from such trust; and the Holder of such Note shall thereafter look only to the Issuers for payment thereof, and all liability of the Trustee or such Paying Agent with respect to such trust money, and all liability of the Issuers as trustee thereof, shall thereupon cease; provided, however, that the Trustee or such Paying Agent, before being required to make any such repayment, may at the expense of the Issuers cause to be published once, in the New York Times and The Wall Street Journal (national edition), notice that such money remains unclaimed and that, after a date specified therein, which shall not be less than 30 days from the date of such notification or publication, any unclaimed balance of such money then remaining shall be repaid to the Issuers.

# Section 8.07. Reinstatement.

If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any United States dollars or non-callable Government Securities in accordance with Section 8.02 or 8.03, as the case may be, by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, then the Issuers' obligations under

this Indenture and the Notes, shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to Section 8.02 or 8.03 until such time as the Trustee or Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money in accordance with Section 8.02 or 8.03, as the case may be; provided, however, that, if the Issuers make any payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Note following the reinstatement of their obligations, the Issuers shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Notes to receive such payment from the money held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

### ARTICLE 9

# AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT AND WAIVER

Section 9.01. Without Consent of Holders of Notes.

Notwithstanding Section 9.02 of this Indenture, the Issuers and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture or the Notes without the consent of any Holder of a Note:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency;
- (b) to provide for uncertificated Notes in addition to or in place of certificated Notes;
  - (c) to provide for or confirm the issuance of Additional Notes;
- (d) to provide for the assumption of either Issuer's obligations to Holders of Notes in the case of a merger or consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of the assets of such Issuer pursuant to Article 5;
- (e) to make any change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the Holders of Notes or that does not adversely affect the legal rights under this Indenture of any Holder; or
- (f) to comply with requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of this Indenture under the TIA or otherwise as necessary to comply with applicable law.

Upon the request of the Issuers accompanied by a resolution of their respective Boards of Directors authorizing the execution of any such amended or supplemental Indenture, and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in Section 7.02, the Trustee shall join with the Issuers in the execution of any amended or supplemental Indenture authorized or permitted by the terms of this Indenture and to make any further

appropriate agreements and stipulations that may be therein contained, but the Trustee shall not be obligated to enter into such amended or supplemental Indenture that affects its own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise.

Section 9.02. With Consent of Holders of Notes.

Except as provided below in this Section 9.02, this Indenture (including Sections 4.11 and 4.16) or the Notes may be amended or supplemented with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding (including, without limitation, consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or a tender offer or exchange offer for, Notes) and, subject to Sections 6.04 and 6.07, any existing Default or compliance with any provision of this Indenture or the Notes may be waived with the consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding (including, without limitation, consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or a tender offer or exchange offer for, Notes). Section 2.08 shall determine which Notes are considered to be "outstanding" for purposes of this Section 9.02.

Upon the request of the Issuers accompanied by a resolution of their respective Boards of Directors authorizing the execution of any such amended or supplemental Indenture, and upon the filing with the Trustee of evidence satisfactory to the Trustee of the consent of the Holders of Notes as aforesaid, and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in Section 7.02, the Trustee shall join with the Issuers in the execution of such amended or supplemental Indenture unless such amended or supplemental Indenture directly affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise, in which case the Trustee may in its discretion, but shall not be obligated to, enter into such amended or supplemental Indenture.

It shall not be necessary for the consent of the Holders of Notes under this Section 9.02 to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment or waiver, but it shall be sufficient if such consent approves the substance thereof.

After an amendment, supplement or waiver under this Section 9.02 becomes effective, the Company shall mail to the Holders of Notes affected thereby a notice briefly describing the amendment, supplement or waiver. Any failure of the Company to mail such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such amended or supplemental Indenture or waiver. Subject to Sections 6.04 and 6.07, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding may waive compliance in a particular instance by the Issuers with any provision of this Indenture or the Notes. However, without the consent of each Holder affected, an amendment, supplement or waiver under this Section 9.02 may not (with respect to any Notes held by a non-consenting Holder):

- (b) reduce the principal of or change the fixed maturity of any Note or alter the payment provisions with respect to the redemption of the Notes (other than provisions relating to Sections 4.11 and 4.16);
- (c) reduce the rate of or extend the time for payment of interest on any Note;
- (d) waive a Default or Event of Default in the payment of principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on the Notes (except a rescission of acceleration of the Notes by the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from such acceleration);
- (e)  $\,$  make any Note payable in money other than that stated in the Notes;
- (f) make any change in the provisions of this Indenture relating to waivers of past Defaults or the rights of Holders of Notes to receive payments of principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on the Notes;
- (g) waive a redemption payment with respect to any Note (other than a payment required by Sections 4.11 and 4.16); or
  - (h) make any change in this Section 9.02.
- Section 9.03. Compliance with Trust Indenture Act.

Every amendment or supplement to this Indenture or the Notes shall be set forth in a amended or supplemental Indenture that complies with the TIA as then in effect.

Section 9.04. Revocation and Effect of Consents.

Until an amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective, a consent to it by a Holder of a Note is a continuing consent by the Holder of a Note and every subsequent Holder of a Note or portion of a Note that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Note, even if notation of the consent is not made on any Note. However, any such Holder of a Note or subsequent Holder of a Note may revoke the consent as to its Note if the Trustee receives written notice of revocation before the date the waiver, supplement or amendment becomes effective. An amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective in accordance with its terms and thereafter binds every Holder.

Section 9.05. Notation on or Exchange of Notes.

The Trustee may place an appropriate notation about an amendment, supplement or waiver on any Note thereafter authenticated. The Issuers in exchange for all Notes may issue and the Trustee shall, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, authenticate new Notes that reflect the amendment, supplement or waiver.

Section 9.06. Trustee to Sign Amendments, etc.

The Trustee shall sign any amended or supplemental Indenture authorized pursuant to this Article 9 if the amendment or supplement does not adversely affect the rights, duties, liabilities or immunities of the Trustee. The Issuers may not sign an amendment or supplemental Indenture until their respective Boards of Directors approve it. In executing any amended or supplemental indenture, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive and (subject to Section 7.01) shall be fully protected in relying upon, in addition to the documents required by Section 10.04, an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, in each case from each of the Issuers, stating that the execution of such amended or supplemental indenture is authorized or permitted by this Indenture.

# ARTICLE 10

### MISCELLANEOUS

Section 10.01. Trust Indenture Act Controls.

If any provision of this Indenture limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by TIA ss. 318(c), the imposed duties shall control.

Section 10.02. Notices.

Any notice or communication by the Issuers or the Trustee to the others is duly given if in writing and delivered in Person or mailed by first class mail (registered or certified, return receipt requested), telex, telecopier or overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery, to the others' address:

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Charter Communications Holdings, LLC Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation c/o Charter Communications, Inc. 12444 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 100 St. Louis, Missouri 63131 Telecopier No.: (314) 965-8793 Attention: Secretary

With a copy to:

Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP Irell & Manella
399 Park Avenue 1800 Avenue of the Stars
31st Floor Suite 900
New York, New York 10022 Los Angeles, California 90067
Telecopier No.: (212) 319-4090 Telecopier No.: (310) 556-5393
Attention: Leigh P. Ryan, Esq. Attention: Meredith Jackson, Esq.

If to the Trustee:

BNY Midwest Trust Company 2 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1020 Chicago, Illinois 60602 Telecopier No.: (312) 827-8542 Attention: Corporate Trust Department

The Issuers or the Trustee, by notice to the others may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

All notices and communications (other than those sent to Holders) shall be deemed to have been duly given: at the time delivered by hand, if personally delivered; five Business Days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, if mailed; when answered back, if telexed; when receipt acknowledged, if telecopied; and the next Business Day after timely delivery to the courier, if sent by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery.

Any notice or communication to a Holder shall be mailed by first class mail, certified or registered, return receipt requested, or by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery to its address shown on the register kept by the Registrar. Any notice or communication shall also be so mailed to any Person described in TIA ss. 313(c), to the extent required by the TIA. Failure to mail a notice or communication to a Holder or any defect in it shall not affect its sufficiency with respect to other Holders.

If a notice or communication is mailed in the manner provided above within the time prescribed, it is duly given, whether or not the addressee receives it.

If the Issuers mail a notice or communication to Holders, it shall mail a copy to the Trustee and each Agent at the same time.

Section 10.03. Communication by Holders of Notes with Other Holders of Notes.

Holders may communicate pursuant to TIA ss. 312(b) with other Holders with respect to their rights under this Indenture or the Notes. The Issuers, the Trustee, the Registrar and anyone else shall have the protection of TIA ss. 312(c).

Section 10.04. Certificate and Opinion as to Conditions Precedent.

Upon any request or application by the Issuers to the Trustee to take any action under this Indenture, the Issuers shall furnish to the Trustee:  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac$ 

- (a) an Officers' Certificate in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee (which shall include the statements set forth in Section 10.05) stating that, in the opinion of the signers, all conditions precedent and covenants, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been satisfied; and
- (b) an Opinion of Counsel in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee (which shall include the statements set forth in Section 10.05) stating that, in the opinion of such counsel, all such conditions precedent and covenants have been satisfied.

Section 10.05. Statements Required in Certificate or Opinion.

Each certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture (other than a certificate provided pursuant to TIA ss. 314(a)(4)) shall comply with the provisions of TIA ss. 314(e) and shall include:

- (a) a statement that the Person making such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition;
- (c) a statement that, in the opinion of such Person, he or she has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been satisfied; and
- (d) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of such Person, such condition or covenant has been satisfied.

Section 10.06. Rules by Trustee and Agents.

The Trustee may make reasonable rules for action by or at a meeting of Holders. The Registrar or Paying Agent may make reasonable rules and set reasonable requirements for its functions.

Section 10.07. No Personal Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees, Members and Stockholders.

No director, officer, employee, incorporator, member or stockholder of the Issuers, as such, shall have any liability for any obligations of the Issuers under the Notes, this Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder of Notes by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes.

Section 10.08. Governing Law.

THE INTERNAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THIS INDENTURE AND THE NOTES AND ANY SUBSIDIARY GUARANTEE WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO THE APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAWS TO THE EXTENT THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION WOULD BE REQUIRED THEREBY. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO AGREES TO SUBMIT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE OR THE NOTES OR ANY SUBSIDIARY GUARANTEE.

Section 10.09. No Adverse Interpretation of Other Agreements.

This Indenture may not be used to interpret any other indenture, loan or debt agreement of the Issuers or their Subsidiaries or of any other Person. Any such indenture, loan or debt agreement may not be used to interpret this Indenture.

Section 10.10. Successors.

All agreements of the Issuers in this Indenture and the Notes, as the case may be, shall bind their respective successors. All agreements of the Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successors.

Section 10.11. Severability.

In case any provision in this Indenture or the Notes, as the case may be, shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 10.12. Counterpart Originals.

Section 10.13. Table of Contents, Headings, etc.

The Table of Contents, Cross-Reference Table and Headings of the Articles and Sections of this Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part of this Indenture and shall in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions.

### ARTICLE 11

### SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

Section 11.01. Satisfaction and Discharge of Indenture.

This Indenture shall cease to be of further effect (except as to any surviving rights of registration of transfer or exchange of Notes herein expressly provided for), and the Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Issuers, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, when

- (1) either
- (A) all Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than (i) Notes which have been destroyed, lost or stolen and which have been replaced or paid as provided in Section 2.07 and (ii) Notes for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Issuers and thereafter repaid to the Issuers or discharged from such trust,) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or
- (B) all such Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1$ 
  - (i) have become due and payable, or

- (ii)  $\,$  will become due and payable at their Stated Maturity within one year, or
- (iii) are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Issuers.

and the Issuers, in the case of (i), (ii) or (iii) above, have deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust for the purpose an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on such Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, for principal (and premium, if any) and interest to the date of such deposit (in the case of Notes which have become due and payable) or to the maturity or redemption thereof, as the case may be;

- (2) the Issuers have paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable hereunder by the Issuers; and  $\,$
- (3) each of the Issuers have delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture have been complied with.

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture pursuant to this Article 11, the obligations of the Issuers to the Trustee under Section 7.07, and, if money shall have been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to subclause (B) of clause (1) of this Section, the obligations of the Trustee under Section 11.02 shall survive.

Section 11.02. Application of Trust Money.

All money deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 11.01 shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent as the Trustee may determine, to the Persons entitled thereto, of the principal (and premium, if any) and interest for whose payment such money has been deposited with the Trustee.

[Signatures on following page]

SIGNATURES

Dated as of January 10, 2001

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC, as an Issuer

By: /s/ Steven A. Schumm

Name: Steven A. Schumm
Title: Executive Vice President

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS CAPITAL CORPORATION, as an Issuer

By: /s/ Steven A. Schumm

Name: Steven A. Schumm Title: Executive Vice President

BNY MIDWEST TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee

By: /s/ M. Callahan

Name: M. Callahan Title: Assistant Vice President

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	CUSIP NO. []	
	10.750% Senior Notes due 2009	
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CHARTER	COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS CAPITAL CORPORATION	
promise to pay to		
or registered assigns,		
the principal amount of		_ Dollars
(\$	) on October 1, 2009.	
Interest Payment Dates:	April 1 and October 1	
Record Dates: March 15	and September 15	
Subject to Restrictions	set forth in this Note.	
Dated: January 10, 2001		
	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC	
	By Name: Title:	
	By Name: Title:	

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CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS CAPITAL CORPORATION

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This is one of the Notes referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture:

BNY MIDWEST TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_Authorized Signatory

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[Back of Note]

## 10.750% Senior Notes due 2009

"THIS GLOBAL NOTE IS HELD BY THE DEPOSITARY (AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THIS NOTE) OR ITS NOMINEE IN CUSTODY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS HEREOF, AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANY PERSON UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES EXCEPT THAT (I) THE TRUSTEE MAY MAKE SUCH NOTATIONS HEREON AS MAY BE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.07 OF THE INDENTURE, (II) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE EXCHANGED IN WHOLE BUT NOT IN PART PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.06(a) OF THE INDENTURE, (III) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE TRUSTEE FOR CANCELLATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.11 OF THE INDENTURE AND (IV) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY WITH THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE ISSUERS."1

"THE NOTES EVIDENCED HEREBY HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 (THE "SECURITIES ACT") AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT (A) (1) TO A PERSON WHO THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A, (2) IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION COMPLYING WITH RULE 903 OR RULE 904 OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (3) TO AN INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT SUBJECT TO THE CERTIFICATION AND DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS OF THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THE NOTES, (4) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144 THEREUNDER (IF AVAILABLE) OR (5) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND (B) IN

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1 This paragraph should be included only if the Note is issued in global form.

ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES."(2)

Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture referred to below unless otherwise indicated.

- 1. INTEREST. Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Charter Capital" and, together with the Company, the "Issuers"), promise to pay interest on the principal amount of this Note at the rate of 10.750% per annum from January 10, 2001 until maturity. The interest rate on the Notes is subject to increase pursuant to the provisions of the Registration Rights Agreement. The Issuers will pay interest semi-annually in arrears on April 1 and October 1 of each year (each an "Interest Payment Date"), or if any such day is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day. Interest on the Notes will accrue from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from the date of issuance; provided that if there is no existing Default in the payment of interest, and if this Note is authenticated between a record date referred to on the face and the next succeeding Interest Payment Date; interest shall accrue from such next succeeding Interest Payment Date; provided, further, that the first Interest Payment Date shall be October 1, 2001. The Issuers shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal and premium, if any, from time to time on demand at a rate that is 1% per annum in excess of the rate then in effect; they shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue installments of interest (without regard to any applicable grace periods) from time to time on demand at the same rate to the extent lawful. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.
- 2. METHOD OF PAYMENT. The Issuers shall pay interest on the Notes (except defaulted interest) to the Persons who are registered Holders of Notes at the close of business on the March 15 or September 15 next preceding the Interest Payment Date, even if such Notes are canceled after such record date and on or before such Interest Payment Date, except as provided in Section 2.12 of the Indenture with respect to defaulted interest. The Notes will be payable as to principal, premium, if any, and interest at the office or agency of the Issuers maintained for such purpose within or without the City and State of New York, or, at the option of the Issuers, payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the Holders at their addresses set forth in the register of Holders, and provided that payment by wire transfer of immediately available funds will
- (2) This paragraph should be removed upon the exchange of Notes for Exchange Notes in an Exchange Offer or upon the registration of the Notes pursuant to the terms of a Registration Rights Agreement.

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be required with respect to principal of and interest and premium on all Global Notes and all other Notes the Holders of which shall have provided wire transfer instructions to the Issuers or the Paying Agent. Such payment shall be in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts.

- 3. PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR. Initially, BNY Midwest Trust Company, the Trustee under the Indenture, will act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Issuers may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act in any such capacity.
- 4. INDENTURE. The Issuers issued the Notes under an Indenture dated as of January 10, 2001 (the "Indenture") between the Issuers and the Trustee. The terms of the Notes include those stated in the Indenture and those made part of the Indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (15 U.S. Code ss.ss. 77aaa-77bbbb). The Notes are subject to all such terms, and Holders are referred to the Indenture and such Act for a statement of such terms. To the extent any provision of this Note conflicts with the express provisions of the Indenture, the provisions of the Indenture shall govern and be controlling.
  - 5. OPTIONAL REDEMPTION.

The Notes will not be redeemable at the Issuers' option prior to maturity.

6. MANDATORY REDEMPTION.

Except as otherwise provided in Paragraph 7 below, the Issuers shall not be required to make mandatory redemption payments with respect to the Notes.

- 7. REPURCHASE AT OPTION OF HOLDER.
- (a) If there is a Change of Control, the Issuers shall make an offer (a "Change of Control Offer") to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$1,000 or an integral multiple thereof) of each Holder's Notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to the date of purchase (the "Change of Control Payment"). Within 10 days following any Change of Control, the Issuers shall mail a notice to each Holder describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control and offering to repurchase Notes on the Change of Control Payment Date specified in such notice, pursuant to the procedures required by the Indenture and described in such notice.
- (b) If the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary consummates any Asset Sale, when the aggregate amount of Excess Proceeds exceeds \$25.0 million, the Issuers shall commence an offer (an "Asset Sale Offer") pursuant to Section 4.11 of the Indenture to

all Holders of Notes and all holders of other Indebtedness that is pari passu with the Notes containing provisions requiring offers to purchase or redeem with the proceeds of sales of assets to purchase the maximum principal amount of Notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness that may be purchased out of the Excess Proceeds (which amount includes the entire amount of the Net Proceeds). The offer price in any Asset Sale Offer will be payable in cash and equal to 100% of principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase. If any Excess Proceeds remain after consummation of an Asset Sale Offer, the Company may use such Excess Proceeds for any purpose not otherwise prohibited by the Indenture. If the aggregate principal amount of Notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness tendered into such Asset Sale Offer exceeds the amount of Excess Proceeds, the Trustee shall select the Notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness to be purchased on a pro rata basis. Upon completion of each Asset Sale Offer, the amount of Excess Proceeds shall be reset at zero. Holders of Notes that are the subject of an offer to purchase will receive an Asset Sale Offer from the Company prior to any related purchase date and may elect to have such Notes purchased by completing the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" on the reverse of the Notes.

- 8. DENOMINATIONS, TRANSFER, EXCHANGE. The Notes are in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000. The transfer of Notes may be registered and Notes may be exchanged as provided in the Indenture. The Registrar and the Trustee may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and the Issuers may require a Holder to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Issuers need not exchange or register the transfer of any Note or portion of a Note selected for redemption, except for the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part. Also, the Issuers need not exchange or register the transfer of any Notes for a period of 15 days before a selection of Notes to be redeemed or during the period between a record date and the corresponding Interest Payment Date.
- 9. PERSONS DEEMED OWNERS. The registered Holder of a Note may be treated as its owner for all purposes.
- 10. AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT AND WAIVER. Subject to certain exceptions, the Indenture or the Notes may be amended or supplemented with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding (including, without limitation, consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, Notes), and any existing default or compliance with any provision of the Indenture or the Notes may be waived with the consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding (including, without limitation, consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, Notes). Without the consent of any Holder of a Note, the Issuers and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture or

the Notes to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency, to provide for uncertificated Notes in addition to or in place of certificated Notes, to provide for the assumption of an Issuers' obligations to Holders of Notes in the case of a merger or consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of the assets of either Issuer to make any change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the Holders of Notes or that does not adversely affect the legal rights under the Indenture of any such Holder, or to comply with the requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of the Indenture under the TIA or otherwise as necessary to comply with applicable law.

11. DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES. Each of the following is an Event of Default: (i) default for 30 days in the payment when due of interest on the Notes, (ii) default in payment when due of the principal of or premium, if any, on the Notes, (iii) failure by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to comply with Sections 4.16 and 5.01 of the Indenture, (iv) failure by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries for 30 days after written notice thereof has been given to the Company by the Trustee or to the Company and the Trustee by the Holders of at least 25% of the principal amount of the Notes outstanding to comply with any of their other covenants or agreements in the Indenture, (v)default under any mortgage, indenture or instrument under which there may be issued or by which there may be secured or evidenced any Indebtedness for money borrowed by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (or the payment of which is guaranteed by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries), whether such Indebtedness or guarantee now exists or is created after the date of the Indenture, if that default: (a) is caused by a failure to pay at final stated maturity the principal amount of such Indebtedness prior to the expiration of the grace period provided in such Indebtedness on the date of such default (a "Payment Default"); or (b) results in the acceleration of such Indebtedness prior to its express maturity, and, in each case, the principal amount of any such Indebtedness, together with the principal amount of any other such Indebtedness under which there has been a Payment Default or the maturity of which has been so accelerated, aggregates \$100 million or more, (vi) failure by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to pay final judgments which are non-appealable aggregating in excess of \$100 million (net of applicable insurance which has not been denied in writing by the insurer), which judgments are not paid, discharged or stayed for a period of 60 days or (vii) certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency with respect to the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries. In the case of an Event of Default arising from certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency with respect to the Company, all outstanding Notes will become due and payable without further action or notice. If any other Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee by notice to the Issuers or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes by notice to the Issuers and the Trustee may declare all the Notes to be due and payable. Holders may not enforce the Indenture or the Notes except as provided in the Indenture. Subject to certain limitations, Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may direct the Trustee in its exercise of any trust or power. The Trustee may withhold from Holders of the Notes notice of any continuing Default or

Event of Default (except a Default or Event of Default relating to the payment of principal or interest) if it determines that withholding notice is in their interest. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding by notice to the Trustee may on behalf of the Holders of all of the Notes waive any existing Default or Event of Default and its consequences under the Indenture except a continuing Default or Event of Default in the payment of interest on, or the principal of, the Notes. The Company is required to deliver to the Trustee annually a statement regarding compliance with the Indenture. Upon becoming aware of any Default or Event of Default, the Company is required to deliver to the Trustee a statement specifying such Default or Event of Default.

- 12. TRUSTEE DEALINGS WITH ISSUERS. The Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may make loans to, accept deposits from, and perform services for the Issuers or their Affiliates, and may otherwise deal with the Issuers or their Affiliates, as if it were not the Trustee.
- 13. NO RECOURSE AGAINST OTHERS. A director, officer, employee, incorporator, member or stockholder of either of the Issuers, as such, shall not have any liability for any obligations of the Issuers under the Notes or the Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issuance of the Notes.
- 14. GOVERNING LAW. THE INTERNAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THIS NOTE AND THE INDENTURE WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO THE APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAWS TO THE EXTENT THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION WOULD BE REQUIRED THEREBY. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO AND THE HOLDERS AGREE TO SUBMIT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS NOTE.
- 15. AUTHENTICATION. This Note shall not be valid until authenticated by the manual signature of the Trustee or an authenticating agent.
- 16. ABBREVIATIONS. Customary abbreviations may be used in the name of a Holder or an assignee, such as: TEN COM (= tenants in common), TEN ENT (= tenants by the entireties), JT TEN (= joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common), CUST (= Custodian), and U/G/M/A (= Uniform Gifts to Minors Act).
- 17. ADDITIONAL RIGHTS OF HOLDERS OF RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTES AND RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTES. In addition to the rights provided to

Holders of Notes under the Indenture, Holders of Restricted Global Notes and Restricted Definitive Notes shall have all the rights set forth in any Registration Rights Agreement.

18. CUSIP NUMBERS. Pursuant to a recommendation promulgated by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures, the Issuers have caused CUSIP numbers to be printed on the Notes and the Trustee may use CUSIP numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of redemption and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers placed thereon.

The Company will furnish to any Holder upon written request and without charge a copy of the Indenture and/or the Registration Rights Agreement. Requests may be made to:

Charter Communications Holdings, LLC Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation c/o Charter Communications, Inc. 12444 Powerscourt Drive Suite 100 St. Louis, Missouri 63131 Attention: Secretary

Telecopier No.: (314) 965-0555

# ASSIGNMENT FORM

To assign this Note, fill in the form below:
(I) or (we) assign and transfer this Note to:(Insert assignee's legal name)
(Insert assignee's soc. sec. or tax I.D. no.)
(Print or type assignee's name, address and zip code)
and irrevocably appoint to transfer this Note on the books of the Issuers. The agent may substitute another to act for him.
Date:
Your Signature:(Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)
Signature Guarantee*:

 $^{\star}$  Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

## OPTION OF HOLDER TO ELECT PURCHASE

If you want to elect	to have this Note purchased by the Issuers pursuant
to Section 4.11 or 4.16 of	the Indenture, check the appropriate box below:
_  Section 4.11  _	Section 4.16

If you want to elect to have only part of the Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 4.11 or Section 4.16 of the Indenture, state the amount you elect to have purchased:

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Date:_							
	Your Signature:						
		(Sign exactly this Note)		on t	he	face	of
	Tax Identificat	ion No.:					
	Signature Guara	intee*:					

 $^{\star}$  Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

# SCHEDULE OF EXCHANGES OF INTERESTS IN THE GLOBAL NOTE\*

The following exchanges of a part of this Global Note for an interest in another Global Note or for a Definitive Note, or exchanges of a part of another Global Note or Definitive Note for an interest in this Global Note, have been made:

Date of Exchange	Amount of decrease in Principal Amount of this Global Note	Amount of increase in Principal Amount of this Global Note	Principal Amount of this Global Note following such decrease (or increase)	Signature of authorized officer of Trustee or Note Custodian
Exchange	Note	Note	(or increase)	Note Custodian

EXHIBIT B

#### FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER

Charter Communications Holdings, LLC Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation c/o Charter Communications, Inc. 12444 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 100 St. Louis, Missouri 63131

BNY Midwest Trust Company 2 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1020 Chicago, Illinois 60602 Telecopier No.: (312) 827-8542 Attention: Corporate Trust Department

Re: 10.750% Senior Notes due 2009

Reference is hereby made to the Indenture, dated as of January 10, 2001 (the "Indenture"), among Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (the "Company") and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation ("Charter Capital" and, together with the Company, the "Issuers"), and BNY Midwest Trust Company, as trustee. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Indenture.

(tl	he "Transferor") owns and proposes to transfer the
Note[s] or interest in such !	Note[s] specified in Annex A hereto, in the
principal amount of \$	in such Note[s] or interests
(the "Transfer"), to	(the "Transferee"), as further
specified in Annex A hereto.	In connection with the Transfer, the Transferor
hereby certifies that:	

## [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

1. |\_| Check if Transferee will take delivery of a beneficial interest in the Rule 144A Global Note or a Definitive Note Pursuant to Rule 144A. The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144A under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and, accordingly, the Transferor hereby further certifies that the beneficial interest or Definitive Note is being transferred to a Person that the Transferor reasonably believed and believes is purchasing the beneficial interest or Definitive Note for its own account, or for one or more accounts with respect to which such Person exercises sole investment discretion, and such Person and each such account is a "qualified institutional buyer" within the meaning of Rule 144A in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A and such Transfer is in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture,

the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Rule 144A Global Note and/or the Definitive Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

- 2. | | Check if Transferee will take delivery of a beneficial interest in the Regulation S Global Note or a Definitive Note pursuant to Regulation S. The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act and, accordingly, the Transferor hereby further certifies that (i) the Transfer is not being made to a person in the United States and (x) at the time the buy order was originated, the Transferee was outside the United States or such Transferor and any Person acting on its behalf reasonably believed and believes that the Transferee was outside the United States or (y) the transaction was executed in, on or through the facilities of a designated offshore securities market and neither such Transferor nor any Person acting on its behalf knows that the transaction was prearranged with a buyer in the United States, (ii) no directed selling efforts have been made in contravention of the requirements of Rule 903(b) or Rule 904(b) of Regulation S under the Securities Act and (iii) the transaction is not part of a plan or scheme to evade the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will be subject to the restrictions on Transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Regulation S Global Note and/or the Definitive Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act. If the Transfer of the beneficial interest occurs prior to the expiration of the 40-day distribution compliance period set forth in Regulation S, the transferred beneficial interest will be held immediately thereafter through Euroclear or Clearstream.
- 3. |\_| Check and complete if Transferee will take delivery of a beneficial interest in a Definitive Note pursuant to any provision of the Securities Act other than Rule 144A or Regulation S. The Transfer is being effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to beneficial interests in Restricted Global Notes and Restricted Definitive Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States, and accordingly the Transferor hereby further certifies that (check one):
- (a)  $|\_|$  such Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act; or
- (b)  $\mid \_ \mid$  such Transfer is being effected to the Company or a subsidiary thereof; or
- (c) |-| such Transfer is being effected pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act and in compliance with the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act; or

- (d) |\_| such Transfer is being effected to an Institutional Accredited Investor and pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than Rule 144A, Rule 144 or Rule 904, and the Transferor hereby further certifies that it has not engaged in any general solicitation within the meaning of Regulation D under the Securities Act and the Transfer complies with the transfer restrictions applicable to beneficial interests in a Restricted Global Note or Restricted Definitive Notes and the requirements of the exemption claimed, which certification is supported by (1) a certificate executed by the Transferee in the form of Exhibit D to the Indenture and (2) an Opinion of Counsel provided by the Transferor or the Transferee (a copy of which the Transferor has attached to this certification), to the effect that such Transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Act.
- 4.  $|\_|$  Check if Transferee will take delivery of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or of an Unrestricted Definitive Note.
- (a) |\_| Check if Transfer is pursuant to Rule 144. (i) The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act and in compliance with the transfer restrictions contained in the Indenture and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States and (ii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will no longer be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Notes, on Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture.
- (b) |\_| Check if Transfer is Pursuant to Regulation S. (i) The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act and in compliance with the transfer restrictions contained in the Indenture and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States and (ii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will no longer be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Notes, on Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture.
- (c)  $|\_|$  Check if Transfer is Pursuant to Other Exemption. (i) The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in compliance with an exemption from the registration

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requirements of the Securities Act other than Rule 144, Rule 903 or Rule 904 and in compliance with the transfer restrictions contained in the Indenture and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any State of the United States and (ii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will not be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Notes or Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture. Definitive Notes and in the Indenture.

This certificate and the statements contained herein are made for your benefit and the benefit of the Issuers.

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# ANNEX A TO CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER

[CHECK ONE OF (a) OR (b)]
(a) $ \_ $ a beneficial interest in the:
(i)  _  Rule 144A Global Note (CUSIP), or
(ii)  _  Regulation S Global Note (CUSIP), or
(b) $\mid \_ \mid$ a Restricted Definitive Note.
2. After the Transfer the Transferee will hold:
[CHECK ONE]
(a) $ \_ $ a beneficial interest in the:
(i)  _  Rule 144A Global Note (CUSIP), or
(ii)  _  Regulation S Global Note (CUSIP), or
(iii)  _  Unrestricted Global Note (CUSIP); or
(b) $ \_ $ a Restricted Definitive Note; or
(c) $ \_ $ an Unrestricted Definitive Note,
in accordance with the terms of the Indenture.

1. The Transferor owns and proposes to transfer the following:

## FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF EXCHANGE

Charter Communications Holdings, LLC Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation c/o Charter Communications, Inc. 12444 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 100 St. Louis, Missouri 63131

BNY Midwest Trust Company 2 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1020 Chicago, Illinois 60602 Telecopier No.: (312) 827-8542 Attention: Corporate Trust Department

Re: 10.750% Senior Notes due 2009

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Reference is hereby made to the Indenture, dated as of January 10, 2001 (the "Indenture"), among Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (the "Company") and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation ("Charter Capital" and, together with the Company, the "Issuers"), and BNY Midwest Trust Company, as trustee. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Indenture.

\_\_\_\_\_ (the "Owner") owns and proposes to exchange the Note[s] or interest in such Note[s] specified herein, in the principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ in such Note[s] or interests (the "Exchange"). In connection with the Exchange, the Owner hereby certifies that:

- 1. Exchange of Restricted Definitive Notes or Beneficial Interests in a Restricted Global Note for Unrestricted Definitive Notes or Beneficial Interests in an Unrestricted Global Note
- (a) |\_| Check if Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note to beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note in an equal principal amount, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the beneficial interest is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Global Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the beneficial interest in an

Unrestricted Global Note is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States. If the Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Note to beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note, the Owner further certifies that it is either (x) a non-U.S. Person to whom Notes would be transferred in accordance with Regulation S or (y) a U.S. Person who purchased Notes in a transaction that did not require registration under the Securities Act.

- (b) |\_| Check if Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note to Unrestricted Definitive Note. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note for an Unrestricted Definitive Note, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the Definitive Note is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Restricted Global Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the Definitive Note is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.
- (c) |\_| Check if Exchange is from Restricted Definitive Note to beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note. In connection with the Owner's Exchange of a Restricted Definitive Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the beneficial interest is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to Restricted Definitive Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the beneficial interest is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States. If the Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Note to an Unrestricted Definitive Note, the Owner further certifies that it is either (x) a non-U.S. Person to whom Notes could be transferred in accordance with Regulation S or (y) a U.S. Person who purchased Notes in a transaction that did not require registration under the Securities Act.
- (d) |\_| Check if Exchange is from Restricted Definitive Note to Unrestricted Definitive Note. In connection with the Owner's Exchange of a Restricted Definitive Note for an Unrestricted Definitive Note, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the Unrestricted Definitive Note is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to Restricted Definitive Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the Unrestricted Definitive Note is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.

- 2. Exchange of Restricted Definitive Notes or Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes for Restricted Definitive Notes or Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes
- (a) |\_| Check if Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note to Restricted Definitive Note. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note for a Restricted Definitive Note with an equal principal amount, the Owner hereby certifies that the Restricted Definitive Note is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer. If the Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Note to a Restricted Definitive Note, the Owner further certifies that it is either (x) a non-U.S. Person to whom Notes could be transferred in accordance with Regulation S or (y) a U.S. Person who purchased Notes in a transaction that did not require registration under the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Exchange in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the Restricted Definitive Note issued will continue to be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Definitive Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

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This certificate and the statements contained herein are made for your benefit and the benefit of the Issuers.

[Insert Name of Transferor]

Name: Title:

Dated: \_

EXHIBIT D

# FORM OF CERTIFICATE FROM ACQUIRING INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR

Charter Communications Holdings, LLC Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation c/o Charter Communications, Inc. 12444 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 100 St. Louis, Missouri 63131

BNY Midwest Trust Company 2 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1020 Chicago, Illinois 60602 Telecopier No.: (312) 827-8542 Attention: Corporate Trust Department

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In connection with our proposed purchase of  $\$  aggregate principal amount of:

- (a) |\_| a beneficial interest in a Global Note, or
- (b)  $| \_ |$  a Definitive Note,

## we confirm that:

- 1. We understand that any subsequent transfer of the Notes or any interest therein is subject to certain restrictions and conditions set forth in the Indenture and the undersigned agrees to be bound by, and not to resell, pledge or otherwise transfer the Notes or any interest therein except in compliance with, such restrictions and conditions and the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act").
- 2. We understand that the offer and sale of the Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act, and that the Notes and any interest therein may not be offered or sold except as permitted in the following sentence. We agree, on our own behalf and on behalf of any accounts for which we are acting as hereinafter stated, that if we should sell the Notes or any interest therein, we will do so only (A) to the Company or any

subsidiary thereof, (B) in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act to a "qualified institutional buyer" (as defined therein), (C) to an institutional "accredited investor" (as defined below) that, prior to such transfer, furnishes (or has furnished on its behalf by a U.S. broker-dealer) to you and to the Company a signed letter substantially in the form of this letter and an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Company to the effect that such transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act, (D) outside the United States in accordance with Rule 904 of Regulation S under the Securities Act, (E) pursuant to the provisions of Rule 144(k) under the Securities Act or (F) pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, and we further agree to provide to any person purchasing the Definitive Note or beneficial interest in a Global Note from us in a transaction meeting the requirements of clauses (A) through (E) of this paragraph a notice advising such purchaser that resales thereof are restricted as stated herein.

- 3. We understand that, on any proposed resale of the Notes or beneficial interest therein, we will be required to furnish to you and the Issuers such certifications, legal opinions and other information as you and the Issuers may reasonably require to confirm that the proposed sale complies with the foregoing restrictions. We further understand that the Notes purchased by us will bear a legend to the foregoing effect.
- 4. We are an institutional "accredited investor" (as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) of Regulation D under the Securities Act) and have such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters as to be capable of evaluating the merits and risks of our investment in the Notes, and we and any accounts for which we are acting are each able to bear the economic risk of our or its investment.
- 5. We are acquiring the Notes or beneficial interest therein purchased by us for our own account or for one or more accounts (each of which is an institutional "accredited investor") as to each of which we exercise sole investment discretion.

You and the Issuers are entitled to rely upon this letter and are irrevocably authorized to produce this letter or a copy to any interested party in any administrative or legal proceedings or official inquiry with respect to the matters covered hereby.

	[Insert	Name	of	Transferor]	
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Name:					
Title:					
Dated:					

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CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC

and

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS

CAPITAL CORPORATION,

as Issuers

and

BNY MIDWEST TRUST COMPANY,

as Trustee

INDENTURE

Dated as of January 10, 2001

10.750% Senior Notes due 2009

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INDENTURE dated as of January 10, 2001 among Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (as further defined below, the "Company"), Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation, a Delaware corporation (as further defined below, "Charter Capital" and together with the Company, the "Issuers"), and BNY Midwest Trust Company, as trustee (the "Trustee").

The Issuers and the Trustee agree as follows for the benefit of each other and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the Notes:  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{1}$ 

### ARTICLE 1

## DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

### Section 1.01. Definitions.

"Acquired Debt" means, with respect to any specified Person:

- (1) Indebtedness of any other Person existing at the time such other Person is merged with or into or became a Subsidiary of such specified Person, whether or not such Indebtedness is incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such other Person merging with or into, or becoming a Subsidiary of, such specified Person; and
- (2) Indebtedness secured by a Lien encumbering any asset acquired by such specified Person.

"Additional Notes" means the Issuers' 11.125% Senior Notes due 2011 issued under this Indenture in addition to the Original Notes (other than any Notes issued in respect of Original Notes pursuant to Section 2.06, 2.07, 2.10, 3.06, 3.09, 4.16 or 9.05).

"Affiliate" of any specified Person means any other Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person. For purposes of this definition, "control," as used with respect to any Person, shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by agreement or otherwise; provided that beneficial ownership of 10% or more of the Voting Stock of a Person shall be deemed to be control. For purposes of this definition, the terms "controlling, "controlled by" and "under common control with" shall have correlative meanings.

"Agent" means any Registrar or Paying Agent.

"Applicable Procedures" means, with respect to any transfer or transaction involving a Global Note or beneficial interest therein, the rules and procedures of the Depositary, Euroclear and Clearstream, in each case to the extent applicable to such transaction and as in effect from time to time.

"Asset Acquisition" means (a) an Investment by the Company or any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries in any other Person pursuant to which such Person shall become a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or shall be merged with or into the Company or any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries, or (b) the acquisition by the Company or any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries of the assets of any Person which constitute all or substantially all of the assets of such Person, any division or line of business of such Person or any other properties or assets of such Person other than in the ordinary course of business.

## "Asset Sale" means:

- (1) the sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition of any assets or rights, other than sales of inventory in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practices; provided that the sale, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, shall be governed by Section 4.16 and/or Section 5.01 and not by the provisions of Section 4.11; and
- (2) the issuance of Equity Interests by any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries or the sale of Equity Interests in any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries.

- (1) any single transaction or series of related transactions that: (a) involves assets having a fair market value of less than \$100 million; or (b) results in net proceeds to the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries of less than \$100 million;
- (2) a transfer of assets between or among the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (3) an issuance of Equity Interests by a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to the Company or to another Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of the Company;
- (4) a Restricted Payment that is permitted by Section 4.07 and a Restricted Investment that is permitted by Section 4.08; and

(5) the incurrence of Permitted Liens and the disposition of assets related to such Permitted Liens by the secured party pursuant to a foreclosure.

"Attributable Debt" in respect of a sale and leaseback transaction means, at the time of determination, the present value of the obligation of the lessee for net rental payments during the remaining term of the lease included in such sale and leaseback transaction including any period for which such lease has been extended or may, at the option of the lessee, be extended. Such present value shall be calculated using a discount rate equal to the rate of interest implicit in such transaction, determined in accordance with GAAP.

"Bankruptcy Law" means Title 11, U.S. Code or any similar Federal or state law of any jurisdiction relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, winding up, liquidation, reorganization or relief of debtors.

"Beneficial Owner" has the meaning assigned to such term 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)(3) 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.

"Board of Directors" means the Manager or the Board of Directors of the Company or the Board of Directors of Charter Capital, as the case may be, or any authorized committee of the Board of Directors of the Company or Charter Capital, as the case may be.

"Board Resolution" means a copy of a resolution certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company or Charter Capital, as the case may be, to have been duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company or Charter Capital, as the case may be, and to be in full force and effect on the date of such certification and delivered to the Trustee.

"Business Day" means any day other than a Legal Holiday.

"Cable Related Business" means the business of owning cable television systems and businesses ancillary, complementary and related thereto.

"Capital Lease Obligation" means, at the time any determination thereof is to be made, the amount of the liability in respect of a capital lease that would at that time be required to be capitalized on a balance sheet in accordance with GAAP.

"Capital Stock" means:

- (1) in the case of a corporation, corporate stock;
- (2) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock;
- (3) in the case of a partnership or limited liability company, partnership or membership interests (whether general or limited); and
- (4) any other interest (other than any debt obligation) or participation that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing Person.

"Capital Stock Sale Proceeds" means the aggregate net cash proceeds (including the fair market value of the non-cash proceeds, as determined by an independent appraisal firm) received by the Company since March 17, 1999 (x) as a contribution to the common equity capital or from the issue or sale of Equity Interests of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock) or (y) from the issue or sale of convertible or exchangeable Disqualified Stock or convertible or exchangeable debt securities of the Company that have been converted into or exchanged for such Equity Interests (other than Equity Interests (or Disqualified Stock or debt securities) sold to a Subsidiary of the Company).

"Cash Equivalents" means:

- (1) United States dollars;
- (2) securities issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the United States government or any agency or instrumentality thereof (provided that the full faith and credit of the United States is pledged in support thereof) having maturities of not more than twelve months from the date of acquisition;
- (3) certificates of deposit and eurodollar time deposits with maturities of twelve months or less from the date of acquisition, bankers' acceptances with maturities not exceeding six months and overnight bank deposits, in each case, with any domestic commercial bank having combined capital and surplus in excess of \$500 million and a Thompson Bank Watch Rating at the time of acquisition of "B" or better:
- (4) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than seven days for underlying securities of the types described in clauses (2) and (3) above entered into with any financial institution meeting the qualifications specified in clause (3) above;

- (5) commercial paper having a rating of at least "P-1" from Moody's or at least "A-1" from S&P and in each case maturing within twelve months after the date of acquisition;
- (6) corporate debt obligations maturing within twelve months after the date of acquisition thereof, rated at the time of acquisition at least "Aaa" or "P-1" by Moody's or "AAA" or "A-1" by  $S_{e}$ ;
- (7) auction-rate preferred stocks of any corporation maturing not later than 45 days after the date of acquisition thereof, rated at the time of acquisition at least "Aaa" by Moody's or "AAA" by S&P;
- (8) securities issued by any state, commonwealth or territory of the United States, or by any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof, maturing not later than six months after the date of acquisition thereof, rated at the time of acquisition at least "A" by Moody's or S&P; and
- (9) money market or mutual funds at least 90% of the assets of which constitute Cash Equivalents of the kinds described in clauses (1) through (8) of this definition.

"Change of Control" means the occurrence of any of the following:

- (1) the sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or of a Parent and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to any "person" (as such term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) other than the Principal or a Related Party of the Principal;
- (2) the adoption of a plan relating to the liquidation or dissolution of the Company or a Parent;
- (3) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any "person" (as defined above), other than the Principal and Related Parties, becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 35% of the Voting Stock of the Company or a Parent, measured by voting power rather than the number of shares, unless the Principal or a Related Party Beneficially Owns, directly or indirectly, a greater percentage of Voting Stock of the Company or such Parent, as the case may be, measured by voting power rather than the number of shares, than such person;

- (4) after the Issue Date, the first day on which a majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the Company or the board of directors of a Parent are not Continuing Directors; or
- (5) the Company or a Parent consolidates with, or merges with or into, any Person, or any Person consolidates with, or merges with or into, the Company or a Parent, in any such event pursuant to a transaction in which any of the outstanding Voting Stock of the Company or such Parent is converted into or exchanged for cash, securities or other property, other than any such transaction where the Voting Stock of the Company or such Parent outstanding immediately prior to such transaction is converted into or exchanged for Voting Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the surviving or transferee Person constituting a majority of the outstanding shares of such Voting Stock of such surviving or transferee Person immediately after giving effect to such issuance.

"Charter Capital" means Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and any successor in interest thereto.

"Clearstream" means Clearstream Banking, societe anonyme (formerly Cedelbank).

"Commission" or "SEC" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Company" means Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and any successor in interest thereto. "Consolidated EBITDA" means with respect to any Person, for any period, the net income of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period plus, to the extent such amount was deducted in calculating such net income:

- (1) Consolidated Interest Expense;
- (2) income taxes;
- (3) depreciation expense;
- (4) amortization expense;
- (5) all other non-cash items, extraordinary items, nonrecurring and unusual items and the cumulative effects of changes in accounting principles reducing such net income, less all non-cash items, extraordinary items, nonrecurring and unusual items and cumulative effects of changes in accounting principles increasing such net income, all as determined on a consolidated basis for such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries in conformity with GAAP;

- (6) amounts actually paid during such period pursuant to a deferred compensation plan; and
- (7) for purposes of Section 4.10 only, Management Fees; provided that Consolidated EBITDA shall not include:
- (x) the net income (or net loss) of any Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary ("Other Person"), except (i) with respect to net income, to the extent of the amount of dividends or other distributions actually paid to such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries by such Other Person during such period and (ii) with respect to net losses, to the extent of the amount of investments made by such Person or any Restricted Subsidiary of such Person in such Other Person during such period;
- (y) solely for the purposes of calculating the amount of Restricted Payments that may be made pursuant to clause (3) of Section 4.07 (and in such case, except to the extent includable pursuant to clause (x) above) the net income (or net loss) of any Other Person accrued prior to the date it becomes a Restricted Subsidiary or is merged into or consolidated with such Person or any Restricted Subsidiaries or all or substantially all of the property and assets of such Other Person are acquired by such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; and
- (z) the net income of any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to the extent that the declaration or payment of dividends or similar distributions by such Restricted Subsidiary of such net income is not at the time permitted by the operation of the terms of such Restricted Subsidiary's charter or any agreement, instrument, judgment, decree, order, statute, rule or governmental regulation applicable to such Restricted Subsidiary (other than any agreement or instrument evidencing Indebtedness or Preferred Stock (i) outstanding on the Issue Date, or (ii) incurred or issued thereafter in compliance with Section 4.10, provided that (a) the terms of any such agreement or instrument restricting the declaration and payment of dividends or similar distributions apply only in the event of a default with respect to a financial covenant or a covenant relating to payment (beyond any applicable period of grace) contained in such agreement or instrument, (b) such terms are determined by such Person to be customary in comparable financings and (c) such restrictions are determined by the Company not to materially affect the Issuers' ability to make principal or interest payments on the Notes when due).

(1) the total amount of outstanding Indebtedness of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries, plus  $\,$ 

- (2) the total amount of Indebtedness of any other Person that has been Guaranteed by the referent Person or one or more of its Restricted Subsidiaries, plus
- (3) the aggregate liquidation value of all Disqualified Stock of such Person and all Preferred Stock of Restricted Subsidiaries of such Person, in each case, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

"Consolidated Interest Expense" means, with respect to any Person for any period, without duplication, the sum of:

- (1) the consolidated interest expense of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, whether paid or accrued (including, without limitation, amortization or original issue discount, non-cash interest payments, the interest component of any deferred payment obligations, the interest component of all payments associated with Capital Lease Obligations, commissions, discounts and other fees and charges incurred in respect of letter of credit or bankers' acceptance financings, and net payments (if any) pursuant to Hedging Obligations); and
- (2) the consolidated interest expense of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries that was capitalized during such period; and
- (3) any interest expense on Indebtedness of another Person that is guaranteed by such Person or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries or secured by a Lien on assets of such Person or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries (whether or not such Guarantee or Lien is called upon);

excluding, however, any amount of such interest of any Restricted Subsidiary of the referent Person if the net income of such Restricted Subsidiary is excluded in the calculation of Consolidated EBITDA pursuant to clause (z) of the definition thereof (but only in the same proportion as the net income of such Restricted Subsidiary is excluded from the calculation of Consolidated EBITDA pursuant to clause (z) of the definition thereof), in each case, on a consolidated basis and in accordance with GAAP.

"Continuing Directors" means, as of any date of determination, any member of the Board of Directors of the Company or the board of directors of a Parent who:

- (1) was a member of such board of directors on the Issue Date; or  $% \left\{ 1,2,\ldots,3\right\}$
- (2) was nominated for election or elected to such board of directors with the approval of a majority of the Continuing Directors who were members of such board of directors at the time of such nomination or election or whose election or appointment was previously so approved.

"Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee" shall be at the address of the Trustee specified in Section 10.02 or such other address as to which the Trustee may give notice to the Issuers.

"Credit Facilities" means, with respect to the Company and/or its Restricted Subsidiaries, one or more debt facilities or commercial paper facilities, in each case with banks or other institutional lenders providing for revolving credit loans, term loans, receivables financing (including through the sale of receivables to such lenders or to special purpose entities formed to borrow from such lenders against such receivables) or letters of credit, in each case, as amended, restated, modified, renewed, refunded, replaced or refinanced in whole or in part from time to time.

"Default" means any event that is, or with the passage of time or the giving of notice or both would be, an Event of Default.

"Definitive Note" means a certificated Note registered in the name of the Holder thereof and issued in accordance with Section 2.06, substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto, except that such Note shall not bear the Global Note Legend and shall not have the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto.

"Depositary" means, with respect to the Global Notes, the Person specified in Section 2.03 as the Depositary with respect to the Notes, and any and all successors thereto appointed as depositary hereunder and having become such pursuant to the applicable provision of this Indenture.

"Disposition" means, with respect to any Person, any merger, consolidation or other business combination involving such Person (whether or not such Person is the surviving Person) or the sale, assignment, or transfer, lease conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of such Person's assets or Capital Stock.

"Disqualified Stock" means any Capital Stock that, by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible, or for which it is exchangeable, in each case at the option of the holder thereof), or upon the happening of any event, matures or is mandatorily redeemable, pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or redeemable at the option of the holder thereof, in whole or in part, on or prior to the date that is 91 days after the date on which the Notes mature. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, any Capital Stock that would constitute Disqualified Stock solely because the holders thereof have the right to require the Company to repurchase such Capital Stock upon the occurrence of a change of control or an asset sale shall not constitute Disqualified Stock if the terms of such Capital Stock provide that the Company may not repurchase or redeem any such Capital Stock pursuant to such provisions unless such repurchase or redemption complies with Section 4.07.

amended.

"Equity Interests" means Capital Stock and all warrants, options or other rights to acquire Capital Stock (but excluding any debt security that is convertible into, or exchangeable for, Capital Stock).

"Equity Offering" means any private or underwritten public offering of Qualified Capital Stock of the Company or a Parent of which the gross proceeds (x) to the Company or (y) received by the Company as a capital contribution from such Parent, as the case may be, are at least \$25 million.

"Euroclear" means Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Brussels office, as operator of the Euroclear system.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as

"Exchange Notes" means the Issuers' 11.125% Senior Notes due 2011, containing terms substantially identical to the Initial Notes or any Initial Additional Notes (except that (i) such Exchange Notes shall not contain terms with respect to transfer restrictions and shall be registered under the Securities Act and (ii) certain provisions relating to an increase in the stated rate of interest thereon shall be eliminated), that are issued and exchanged for (a) the Initial Notes, as provided for in the Registration Rights Agreement relating to such Initial Notes and this Indenture or (b) such Initial Additional Notes, as may be provided in any Registration Rights Agreement relating to such Initial Additional Notes and this Indenture (including any amendment or supplement thereto).

"Exchange Offer" means an offer to exchange Initial Notes or Initial Additional Notes, if any, for Exchange Notes pursuant to a Registration Rights Agreement.

"Exchange Offer Registration Statement" means a registration statement relating to an Exchange Offer as may be provided in any Registration Rights Agreement.

"Existing Indebtedness" means Indebtedness of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in existence on the Issue Date, until such amounts are repaid.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or in such other statements by such other entity as have been approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession, which are in effect on the Issue Date.

"Global Note Legend" means the legend set forth in Section 2.06(g)(ii), which is required to be placed on all Global Notes issued under this Indenture.

"Global Notes" means, individually and collectively, each of the Restricted Global Notes and the Unrestricted Global Notes.

"Government Securities" means direct obligations of, or obligations guaranteed by, the United States of America, and the payment for which the United States pledges its full faith and credit.

"Guarantee" or "guarantee" means a guarantee other than by endorsement of negotiable instruments for collection in the ordinary course of business, direct or indirect, in any manner including, without limitation, by way of a pledge of assets or through letters of credit or reimbursement agreements in respect thereof, of all or any part of any Indebtedness, measured as the lesser of the aggregate outstanding amount of the Indebtedness so guaranteed and the face amount of the guarantee.

- (1) interest rate swap agreements, interest rate cap agreements and interest rate collar agreements;
- (2) interest rate option agreements, foreign currency exchange agreements, foreign currency swap agreements; and  $\,$
- (3) other agreements or arrangements designed to protect such Person against fluctuations in interest and currency exchange rates.

"Helicon Preferred Stock" means the preferred limited liability company interest of Charter-Helicon LLC with an aggregate liquidation value of \$25 million outstanding on the Issue Date.

"Holder" means a holder of the Notes.

"Indebtedness" means, with respect to any specified Person, any indebtedness of such Person, whether or not contingent:

- (1) in respect of borrowed money;
- (2) evidenced by bonds, notes, debentures or similar instruments or letters of credit (or reimbursement agreements in respect thereof);
  - (3) in respect of banker's acceptances;
  - (4) representing Capital Lease Obligations;

- (5) in respect of the balance deferred and unpaid of the purchase price of any property, except any such balance that constitutes an accrued expense or trade payable; or
- $\ensuremath{\text{(6)}}$  representing the notional amount of any Hedging Obligations,

if and to the extent any of the preceding items (other than letters of credit and Hedging Obligations) would appear as a liability upon a balance sheet of the specified Person prepared in accordance with GAAP. In addition, the term "Indebtedness" includes all Indebtedness of others secured by a Lien on any asset of the specified Person (whether or not such Indebtedness is assumed by the specified Person) and, to the extent not otherwise included, the Guarantee by such Person of any indebtedness of any other Person.

The amount of any Indebtedness outstanding as of any date shall be:

- (1) the accreted value thereof, in the case of any Indebtedness issued with original issue discount; and  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) ^{2}$
- (2) the principal amount thereof, together with any interest thereon that is more than 30 days past due, in the case of any other Indebtedness.

"Indenture" means this Indenture, as amended or supplemented from time to time.  $\ensuremath{\mbox{}}$ 

"Indirect Participant" means a Person who holds a beneficial interest in a Global Note through a Participant.

"Initial Additional Notes" means Additional Notes issued in an offering not registered under the Securities  $\mathsf{Act}.$ 

"Initial Notes" means the Issuer's 11.125% Senior Notes due 2011, issued on the Issue Date (and any Notes issued in respect thereof pursuant to Section 2.06, 2.07, 2.10, 3.06, 3.09, 4.16 or 9.05).

"Institutional Accredited Investor" means an institution that is an "accredited investor" as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act that is not also a QIB.

"Investment Grade Rating" means a rating equal to or higher than Baa3 (or the equivalent) by Moody's and BBB- (or the equivalent) by S&P.

"Investments" means, with respect to any Person, all investments by such Person in other Persons (including Affiliates) in the forms of direct or indirect loans (including guarantees of Indebtedness or other obligations), advances or capital contributions

(excluding commission, travel and similar advances to officers and employees made in the ordinary course of business) and purchases or other acquisitions for consideration of Indebtedness, Equity Interests or other securities, together with all items that are or would be classified as investments on a balance sheet prepared in accordance with GAAP.

"Issue Date" means January 10, 2001.

"Issuers" has the meaning assigned to it in the preamble to

this Indenture.

"Legal Holiday" means a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which banking institutions in The City of New York or at a place of payment are authorized by law, regulation or executive order to remain closed. If a payment date is a Legal Holiday at a place of payment, payment may be made at that place on the next succeeding day that is not a Legal Holiday, and no interest shall accrue on such payment for the intervening period.

"Letter of Transmittal" means the letter of transmittal to be prepared by the Issuers and sent to all Holders of the Initial Notes or any Initial Additional Notes for use by such Holders in connection with any Exchange Offer.

"Leverage Ratio" means, as of any date, the ratio of:

(1) the Consolidated Indebtedness of the Company on such

date to

(2) the aggregate amount of Consolidated EBITDA for the Company for the most recently ended fiscal quarter for which internal financial statements are available multiplied by four (the "Reference Period").

In addition to the foregoing, for purposes of this definition, "Consolidated EBITDA" shall be calculated on a pro forma basis after giving effect to

- (1) the issuance of the Notes;
- (2) the incurrence of the Indebtedness or the issuance of the Disqualified Stock or other Preferred Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary (and the application of the proceeds therefrom) giving rise to the need to make such calculation and any incurrence or issuance (and the application of the proceeds therefrom) or repayment of other Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock or other Preferred Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary, other than the incurrence or repayment of Indebtedness for ordinary working capital purposes, at any time subsequent to the beginning of the Reference Period and on or prior to the date of determination, as if such incurrence (and the application of the proceeds thereof), or the repayment, as the case may be, occurred on the first day of the Reference Period; and

(3) any Dispositions or Asset Acquisitions (including, without limitation, any Asset Acquisition giving rise to the need to make such calculation as a result of such Person or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries (including any person that becomes a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of such Asset Acquisition) incurring, assuming or otherwise becoming liable for or issuing Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock) made on or subsequent to the first day of the Reference Period and on or prior to the date of determination, as if such Disposition or Asset Acquisition (including the incurrence, assumption or liability for any such Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock and also including any Consolidated EBITDA associated with such Asset Acquisition, including any cost savings adjustments in compliance with Regulation S-X promulgated by the Commission) had occurred on the first day of the Reference Period.

"Lien" means, with respect to any asset, any mortgage, lien, pledge, charge, security interest or encumbrance of any kind in respect of such asset, whether or not filed, recorded or otherwise perfected under applicable law, including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any lease in the nature thereof, any option or other agreement to sell or give a security interest in and any filing of or agreement to give any financing statement under the Uniform Commercial Code (or equivalent statutes) of any jurisdiction.

"Management Fees" means the fees payable to Charter Communications, Inc. pursuant to the management agreements between Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Operating, LLC and between Charter Communications, Inc. and Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company and pursuant to the limited liability company agreements of certain Restricted Subsidiaries, as such management or limited liability company agreements exist on the Issue Date (or, if later, on the date any new Restricted Subsidiary is acquired or created), including any amendment or replacement thereof, provided that any such amendment or replacement is not more disadvantageous to the Holders of the Notes in any material respect from such management or limited liability company agreements existing on the Issue Date.

"Manager" means Charter Communications, Inc., in its capacity as manager of the Company under the Company's limited liability company agreement, dated as of February 9, 1999, as amended from time to time, and any successor manager appointed pursuant to such limited liability company agreement.

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.  $\,$ 

"Net Proceeds" means the aggregate cash proceeds received by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of any Asset Sale (including, without limitation, any cash received upon the sale or other disposition of any non-cash consideration received in any Asset Sale), net of the direct costs relating to such Asset Sale, including, without limitation, legal, accounting and investment banking fees, and sales commissions, and any relocation expenses incurred as a result thereof or taxes paid or payable as a result thereof (including amounts distributable in respect of owners', partners' or members' tax liabilities resulting from such sale), in each case after taking into account any available tax credits or deductions and any tax sharing arrangements and amounts required to be applied to the repayment of Indebtedness.

"Non-Recourse Debt" means Indebtedness:

- (1) as to which neither the Company nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (a) provides credit support of any kind (including any undertaking, agreement or instrument that would constitute Indebtedness), (b) is directly or indirectly liable as a guarantor or otherwise, or (c) constitutes the lender;
- (2) no default with respect to which (including any rights that the holders thereof may have to take enforcement action against an Unrestricted Subsidiary) would permit upon notice, lapse of time or both any holder of any other Indebtedness (other than the Notes) of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to declare a default on such other Indebtedness or cause the payment thereof to be accelerated or payable prior to its stated maturity; and
- (3) as to which the lenders have been notified in writing that they will not have any recourse to the Capital Stock or assets of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.
  - "Non-U.S. Person" means a Person who is not a U.S. Person.

"Note" or "Notes" means the Initial Notes, any Additional Notes and the Exchange Notes.

"Obligations" means any principal, interest, penalties, fees, indemnifications, reimbursements, damages and other liabilities payable under the documentation governing any Indebtedness.

"Officer" means, with respect to any Person, the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the President, the Chief Operating Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Controller, the Secretary or any Vice-President of such Person.

"Officers' Certificate" means a certificate signed on behalf of the Company or Charter Capital, as the case may be, by two Officers of the Company or Charter Capital, as the case may be, one of whom must be the principal executive officer, the chief

financial officer or the treasurer of the Company or Charter Capital, as the case may be, that meets the requirements of Section 10.05.

"Opinion of Counsel" means an opinion from legal counsel that meets the requirements of Section 10.05. The counsel may be an employee of or counsel to the Issuers or any Subsidiary of the Issuers.

"Original Notes" means the Initial Notes and any Exchange Notes issued in exchange therefor.  $\,$ 

"Other Notes" means the 10.750% Senior Notes due 2009 of the Issuers in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed the principal amount issued on the Issue Date, and the 13.500% Senior Discount Notes due 2011 of the Issuers in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed the principal amount issued on the Issue Date.

"Parent" means Charter Communications, Inc. and/or Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, as applicable, and any successor Person or any Person succeeding to the direct or indirect ownership of the Company.

"Participant" means, with respect to the Depositary, Euroclear or Clearstream, a Person who has an account with the Depositary, Euroclear or Clearstream, respectively (and, with respect to DTC, shall include Euroclear and Clearstream).

# "Permitted Investments" means:

- (1) any Investment by the Company in a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, or any Investment by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company in the Company;
  - (2) any Investment in Cash Equivalents;
- (a) such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company; or  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Company}}$
- (b) such Person is merged, consolidated or amalgamated with or into, or transfers or conveys substantially all of its assets to, or is liquidated into, the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company;
- (4) any Investment made as a result of the receipt of non-cash consideration from an Asset Sale that was made pursuant to and in compliance with Section 4.11;

- (5) any Investment made out of the net cash proceeds of the issue and sale since March 17, 1999 (other than to a Subsidiary of the Company) of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company to the extent that (a) such net cash proceeds have not been applied to make a Restricted Payment or to effect other transactions pursuant to Section 4.07 or (b) such net cash proceeds have not been used to incur Indebtedness pursuant to clause (10) of Section 4.10;
- (6) Investments in Productive Assets having an aggregate fair market value (measured on the date each such Investment was made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value), when taken together with all other Investments in Productive Assets made by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to this clause (6) since March 17, 1999, not to exceed \$150 million; provided that either the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, after giving effect to such Investments, will own at least 20% of the Voting Stock of any Person in which any such Investment is made;
- (7) other Investments in any Person having an aggregate fair market value (measured on the date each such Investment was made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value), when taken together with all other Investments in any Person made by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to this clause (7) since March 17, 1999, not to exceed \$50 million; and
- (8) Investments in customers and suppliers in the ordinary course of business which either (A) generate accounts receivable or (B) are accepted in settlement of bona fide disputes.

"Permitted Liens" means:

- (1) Liens on the assets of the Company securing Indebtedness and other Obligations under clause (1) of Section 4.10;
  - (2) Liens in favor of the Company;
- (3) Liens on property of a Person existing at the time such Person is merged with or into or consolidated with the Company; provided that such Liens were in existence prior to the contemplation of such merger or consolidation and do not extend to any assets other than those of the Person merged into or consolidated with the Company;
- (4) Liens on property existing at the time of acquisition thereof by the Company; provided that such Liens were in existence prior to the contemplation of such acquisition;

- (5) Liens to secure the performance of statutory obligations, surety or appeal bonds, performance bonds or other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business;
- (6) purchase money mortgages or other purchase money liens (including without limitation any Capital Lease Obligations) incurred by the Company upon any fixed or capital assets acquired after the Issue Date or purchase money mortgages (including without limitation Capital Lease Obligations) on any such assets, whether or not assumed, existing at the time of acquisition of such assets, whether or not assumed, so long as (i) such mortgage or lien does not extend to or cover any of the assets of the Company, except the asset so developed, constructed, or acquired, and directly related assets such as enhancements and modifications thereto, substitutions, replacements, proceeds (including insurance proceeds), products, rents and profits thereof, and (ii) such mortgage or lien secures the obligation to pay the purchase price of such asset, interest thereon and other charges, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, the cost of design, development, construction, acquisition, transportation, installation, improvement, and migration) and is incurred in connection therewith (or the obligation under such Capital Lease Obligation) only;
- (7) Liens existing on the Issue Date (other than in connection with the Credit Facilities);
- (8) Liens for taxes, assessments or governmental charges or claims that are not yet delinquent or that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings promptly instituted and diligently concluded; provided that any reserve or other appropriate provision as shall be required in conformity with GAAP shall have been made therefor;
- (9) statutory and common law Liens of landlords and carriers, warehousemen, mechanics, suppliers, materialmen, repairmen or other similar Liens arising in the ordinary course of business and with respect to amounts not yet delinquent or being contested in good faith by appropriate legal proceedings promptly instituted and diligently conducted and for which a reserve or other appropriate provision, if any, as shall be required in conformity with GAAP shall have been made;
- (10) Liens incurred or deposits made in the ordinary course of business in connection with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other types of social security;
- (11) Liens incurred or deposits made to secure the performance of tenders, bids, leases, statutory or regulatory obligation, bankers' acceptance, surety and appeal bonds, government contracts, performance and return-of-money bonds and other

obligations of a similar nature incurred in the ordinary course of business (exclusive of obligations for the payment of borrowed money);

- (12) easements, rights-of-way, municipal and zoning ordinances and similar charges, encumbrances, title defects or other irregularities that do not materially interfere with the ordinary course of business of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (13) Liens of franchisors or other regulatory bodies arising in the ordinary course of business;
- (14) Liens arising from filing Uniform Commercial Code financing statements regarding leases or other Uniform Commercial Code financing statements for precautionary purposes relating to arrangements not constituting Indebtedness;
- (15) Liens arising from the rendering of a final judgment or order against the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that does not give rise to an Event of Default;
- (16) Liens securing reimbursement obligations with respect to letters of credit that encumber documents and other property relating to such letters of credit and the products and proceeds thereof:
- (17) Liens encumbering customary initial deposits and margin deposits, and other Liens that are within the general parameters customary in the industry and incurred in the ordinary course of business, in each case, securing Indebtedness under Hedging Obligations and forward contracts, options, future contracts, future options or similar agreements or arrangements designed solely to protect the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries from fluctuations in interest rates, currencies or the price of commodities;
- (18) Liens consisting of any interest or title of licensor in the property subject to a license;
- (19) Liens on the Capital Stock of Unrestricted Subsidiaries;
- (20) Liens arising from sales or other transfers of accounts receivable which are past due or otherwise doubtful of collection in the ordinary course of business;
- (21) Liens incurred in the ordinary course of business of the Company with respect to obligations which in the aggregate do not exceed \$50 million at any one time outstanding;

- (22) Liens in favor of the Trustee arising under the provisions in this Indenture and in the indentures relating to the Other Notes, in each case under Section 7.07; and
- (23) Liens in favor of the Trustee for its benefit and the benefit of Holders and the holders of the Other Notes, as their respective interests appear.

"Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness" means any Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries issued in exchange for, or the net proceeds of which are used to extend, refinance, renew, replace, defease or refund, other Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than intercompany Indebtedness); provided that unless permitted otherwise by this Indenture, no Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries may be issued in exchange for, nor may the net proceeds of Indebtedness be used to extend, refinance, renew, replace, defease or refund, Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; provided, further, that:

- (1) the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness does not exceed the principal amount of (or accreted value, if applicable), plus accrued interest and premium, if any, on the Indebtedness so extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded (plus the amount of reasonable expenses incurred in connection therewith);
- (2) such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness has a final maturity date later than the final maturity date of, and has a Weighted Average Life to Maturity equal to or greater than the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of, the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded;
- (3) if the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded is subordinated in right of payment to the Notes, such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness has a final maturity date later than the final maturity date of, and is subordinated in right of payment to, the Notes on terms at least as favorable to the Holders of Notes as those contained in the documentation governing the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded; and
- (4) such Indebtedness is incurred either by the Company or by any of its Restricted Subsidiaries who is the obligor on the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, limited liability company, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, government or agency or political subdivision thereof or any other entity.

"Preferred Stock," as applied to the Capital Stock of any Person, means Capital Stock of any class or classes (however designated) which by its terms is preferred in right of payment of dividends, or as to the distribution of assets upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation or dissolution of such Person, over shares of Capital Stock of any other class of such Person.

"Principal" means Paul G. Allen.

"Private Placement Legend" means the legend set forth in Section 2.06(g)(i)(A) to be placed on all Notes issued under this Indenture except where otherwise permitted by the provisions of this Indenture.

"Productive Assets" means assets (including assets of a referent Person owned directly or indirectly through ownership of Capital Stock) of a kind used or useful in the Cable Related Business.

"QIB" means a "qualified institutional buyer" as defined in Rule 144A.

"Qualified Capital Stock" means any Capital Stock that is not Disqualified Stock.

"Rating Agencies" means Moody's and S&P.

"Registration Rights Agreement" means (a) the Exchange and Registration Rights Agreement dated as of the Issue Date among the Issuers and the initial purchasers named therein with respect to the Initial Notes and (b) any registration rights agreement among the Issuers and the initial purchasers named therein with respect to any Initial Additional Notes.

"Regulation S" means Regulation S promulgated under the

Securities Act.

"Regulation S Global Note" means a global note substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto bearing the Global Note Legend and the Private Placement Legend and deposited with or on behalf of, and registered in the name of, the Depositary or its nominee that will be issued in an initial denomination equal to the outstanding principal amount of the Initial Notes or any Initial Additional Notes, in each case initially sold in reliance on Rule 903 of Regulation S.

"Related Party" means:

- (1) the spouse or an immediate family member, estate or heir of the Principal; or  $\,$
- (2) any trust, corporation, partnership or other entity, the beneficiaries, stockholders, partners, owners or Persons beneficially holding an 80% or more

controlling interest of which consist of the Principal and/or such other Persons referred to in the immediately preceding clause (1).

"Responsible Officer," when used with respect to the Trustee, means any officer within the Corporate Trust Administration of the Trustee (or any successor group of the Trustee) with direct responsibility for the administration of this Indenture and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of his knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Restricted Definitive Note" means a Definitive Note bearing the Private Placement Legend.  $\,$ 

"Restricted Global Note" means a Global Note bearing the Private Placement Legend.  $\,$ 

"Restricted Investment" means an Investment other than a  $\mbox{\sc Permitted Investment.}$ 

"Restricted Subsidiary" of a Person means any Subsidiary of the referent Person that is not an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

"Rule 144" means Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities

Act.

"Rule 144A" means Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities

Act.

"Rule 144A Global Note" means a global note substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto bearing the Global Note Legend and the Private Placement Legend and deposited with or on behalf of, and registered in the name of, the Depositary or its nominee that will be issued in an initial denomination equal to the outstanding principal amount of the Initial Notes or any Initial Additional Notes, in each case initially sold in reliance on Rule 144A.

"Rule 903" means Rule 903 promulgated under the Securities

Act.

"Rule 904" means Rule 904 promulgated under the Securities

Act.

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's Ratings Service, a division of the McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"Shelf Registration Statement" means a "shelf" registration statement providing for the registration and the sale on a continuous or delayed basis of the Initial Notes or any Initial Additional Notes as may be provided in any Registration Rights Agreement.

"Significant Subsidiary" means any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company which is a "Significant Subsidiary" as defined in Rule 1-02(w) of Regulation S-X under the Exchange Act.

"Special Interest" means special or additional interest in respect of the Notes that is payable by the Issuers as liquidated damages upon specified registration defaults pursuant to any Registration Rights Agreement.

"Stated Maturity" means, with respect to any installment of interest or principal on any series of Indebtedness, the date on which such payment of interest or principal was scheduled to be paid in the documentation governing such Indebtedness on the Issue Date, or, if none, the original documentation governing such Indebtedness, and shall not include any contingent obligations to repay, redeem or repurchase any such interest or principal prior to the date originally scheduled for the payment thereof.

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person:

- (1) any corporation, association or other business entity of which at least 50% of the total voting power of shares of Capital Stock entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that Person (or a combination thereof) and, in the case of any such entity of which 50% of the total voting power of shares of Capital Stock is so owned or controlled by such Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of such Person, such Person and its Subsidiaries also have the right to control the management of such entity pursuant to contract or otherwise; and
- (2) any partnership (a) the sole general partner or the managing general partner of which is such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person or (b) the only general partners of which are such Person or of one or more Subsidiaries of such Person (or any combination thereof).

"Tax" shall mean any tax, duty, levy, impost, assessment or other governmental charge (including penalties, interest and any other liabilities related thereto).

"TIA" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (15 U.S.C. ss.ss. 77aaa-77bbbb) as in effect on the date on which this Indenture is qualified under the TIA; provided, however, that in the event the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 is amended after such date, then "TIA" means, to the extent required by such amendment, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 as so amended.

"Trustee" means BNY Midwest Trust Company until a successor replaces BNY Midwest Trust Company in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Indenture and thereafter means the successor serving hereunder.

"Unrestricted Definitive Note" means one or more Definitive Notes that do not bear and are not required to bear the Private Placement Legend.

"Unrestricted Global Note" means a permanent global note substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto that bears the Global Note Legend and that has the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto, and that is deposited with or on behalf of and registered in the name of the Depositary, representing a series of Notes that do not bear the Private Placement Legend.

"Unrestricted Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary of the Company that is designated by the Board of Directors of the Company as an Unrestricted Subsidiary pursuant to a Board Resolution, but only to the extent that such Subsidiary:

- (1) has no Indebtedness other than Non-Recourse Debt;
- (2) is not party to any agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding with the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company unless the terms of any such agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding are no less favorable to the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary than those that might be obtained at the time from Persons who are not Affiliates of the Company unless such terms constitute Investments permitted under Section 4.08;
- (3) is a Person with respect to which neither the Company nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries has any direct or indirect obligation (a) to subscribe for additional Equity Interests or (b) to maintain or preserve such Person's financial condition or to cause such Person to achieve any specified levels of operating results;
- (4) has not guaranteed or otherwise directly or indirectly provided credit support for any Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; and
- (5) has at least one director on its board of directors that is not a director or executive officer of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or has at least one executive officer that is not a director or executive officer of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

"U.S. Person" means a U.S. person as defined in Rule 902(k) under the Securities Act.

"Voting Stock" of any Person as of any date means the Capital Stock of such Person that is at the time entitled to vote in the election of the board of directors of such Person.

"Weighted Average Life to Maturity" means, when applied to any Indebtedness at any date, the number of years obtained by dividing:

(1) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (a) the amount of each then remaining installment, sinking fund, serial maturity or other required payments of principal, including payment at final maturity, in respect thereof, by (b) the number of years (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth) that will elapse between such date and the making of such payment; by

 $\hbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{(2)}} $t$ he then outstanding principal amount of such Indebtedness.}}$ 

"Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary" of any Person means a Restricted Subsidiary of such Person all of the outstanding Capital Stock or other ownership interests of which (other than directors' qualifying shares) shall at the time be owned by such Person and/or by one or more Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiaries of such Person.

Section 1.02. Other Definitions.

Term	Defined in Section
"Affiliate Transaction"	4.13
"Asset Sale Offer"	
"Authentication Order"	
"Change of Control Offer"	
"Change of Control Payment"	4.16
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"Change of Control Payment Date"	
"Covenant Defeasance"	8.03
"DTC"	2.03
"Event of Default"	6.01
"Excess Proceeds"	4.11
"incur"	4.10
"Legal Defeasance"	8.02
"Offer Amount"	3.09
"Offer Period"	3.09
"Paying Agent"	2.03
"Payment Default"	6.01
"Permitted Debt"	4.10
"Preferred Stock Financing"	4.10
"Purchase Date"	3.09
"Registrar"	2.03
"Restricted Payments"	4.07
RESTITUTED PAYMENTS	4.07

Term	Defined in Section
"Subordinated Debt Financing"	4.10
"Subordinated Notes"	4.10
"Subsidiary Guarantee"	4.17
"Suspended Covenants"	4.19

Section 1.03. Incorporation by Reference of Trust Indenture Act.

Whenever this Indenture refers to a provision of the TIA, the provision is incorporated by reference in and made a part of this Indenture.

The following TIA terms used in this Indenture have the following meanings:

"indenture securities" means the Notes;

"indenture security Holder" means a Holder of a Note;

"indenture to be qualified" means this Indenture;

"indenture trustee" or "institutional trustee" means the Trustee; and

"obligor" on the Notes means the Issuers and any successor obligor upon the Notes.

All other terms used in this Indenture that are defined by the TIA, defined by TIA reference to another statute or defined by SEC rule under the TIA have the meanings so assigned to them.

Section 1.04. Rules of Construction.

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) a term has the meaning assigned to it;
- (b) an accounting term not otherwise defined has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with  $\mbox{GAAP};$ 
  - (c) "or" is not exclusive;
- (d) words in the singular include the plural, and in the plural include the singular;
  - (e) provisions apply to successive events and transactions;

- (f) references to sections of or rules under the Securities Act shall be deemed to include substitute, replacement of successor sections or rules adopted by the SEC from time to time;
- (g) references to any statute, law, rule or regulation shall be deemed to refer to the same as from time to time amended and in effect and to any successor statute, law, rule or regulation; and
- (h) references to any contract, agreement or instrument shall mean the same as amended, modified, supplemented or amended and restated from time to time, in each case, in accordance with any applicable restrictions contained in this Indenture.

### ARTICLE 2

#### THE NOTES

#### Section 2.01. Form and Dating.

(a) General. The Notes and the Trustee's certificate of authentication shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto. The Notes may have notations, legends or endorsements required by law, stock exchange rule or usage. Each Note shall be dated the date of its authentication. The Notes shall be in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples thereof.

The terms and provisions contained in the Notes shall constitute, and are hereby expressly made, a part of this Indenture and the Issuers and the Trustee, by their execution and delivery of this Indenture, expressly agree to such terms and provisions and to be bound thereby. However, to the extent any provision of any Note conflicts with the express provisions of this Indenture, the provisions of this Indenture shall govern and be controlling.

(b) Global Notes. Notes issued in global form shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto (including the Global Note Legend thereon and the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto). Notes issued in definitive form shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto (but without the Global Note Legend thereon and without the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto). Each Global Note shall represent such of the outstanding Notes as shall be specified therein and each shall provide that it shall represent the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes from time to time endorsed thereon and that the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as appropriate, to reflect exchanges and redemptions. Any endorsement of a Global Note to reflect the amount of any increase or

decrease in the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby shall be made by the Trustee or the custodian, at the direction of the Trustee, in accordance with instructions given by the Holder thereof as required by Section 2.06.

(c) Euroclear and Clearstream Procedures Applicable. The provisions of the "Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System" and "Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear" and the "General Terms and Conditions of Clearstream" and "Customer Handbook" of Clearstream (or, in each case, equivalent documents setting forth the procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream) shall be applicable to transfers of beneficial interests in the Regulation S Global Notes that are held by Participants through Euroclear or Clearstream.

Section 2.02. Execution and Authentication.

Two Officers shall sign the Notes for each Issuer by manual or facsimile signature.

If an Officer whose signature is on a Note no longer holds that office at the time a Note is authenticated, the Note shall nevertheless be valid

A Note shall not be valid until authenticated by the manual signature (which may be by facsimile) of the Trustee. The signature shall be conclusive evidence that the Note has been authenticated under this Indenture.

At any time and from time to time after the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the Issuers may deliver Notes executed by the Issuers to the Trustee for authentication; and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver (i) Initial Notes for original issue in the aggregate principal amount of \$500,000,000, (ii) Additional Notes from time to time for original issue in aggregate principal amount specified by the Issuers and (iii) Exchange Notes from time to time for issue in exchange for a like principal amount of Initial Notes or Initial Additional Notes, in each case specified in clauses (i) through (iii) above, upon a written order of the Issuers signed by an Officer of each of the Issuers (an "Authentication Order"). Such Authentication Order shall specify the amount of Notes to be authenticated and the date on which the Notes are to be authenticated, whether such notes are to be Initial Notes, Additional Notes or Exchange Notes and whether the Notes are to be issued as one or more Global Notes and such other information as the Issuers may include or the Trustee may reasonably request. The aggregate principal amount of Notes which may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is unlimited.

On the Issue Date, the Issuers will issue \$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Initial Notes. Initial Notes and any Initial Additional Notes offered and sold in reliance on the exemption from registration under the Securities Act provided by Section 4(2) thereunder or Rule 144A shall be issued as one or more Rule 144A Global Notes.

Initial Notes and any Initial Additional Notes offered and sold in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S shall be issued as one or more Regulation S Global Notes.

The Trustee may appoint an authenticating agent acceptable to the Issuers to authenticate Notes. An authenticating agent may authenticate Notes whenever the Trustee may do so. Each reference in this Indenture to authentication by the Trustee includes authentication by such agent. An authenticating agent has the same rights as an Agent to deal with Holders or an Affiliate of the Issuers.

Section 2.03. Registrar and Paying Agent.

The Issuers shall maintain an office or agency where Notes may be presented for registration of transfer or for exchange ("Registrar") and an office or agency where Notes may be presented for payment ("Paying Agent"). The Registrar shall keep a register of the Notes and of their transfer and exchange. The Issuers may appoint one or more co-registrars and one or more additional paying agents. The term "Registrar" includes any co-registrar and the term "Paying Agent" includes any additional paying agent. The Issuers may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Issuers shall notify the Trustee in writing of the name and address of any Agent not a party to this Indenture. If the Issuers fail to appoint or maintain another entity as Registrar or Paying Agent, the Trustee shall act as such. The Issuers or any of their Subsidiaries may act as Paying Agent or Registrar.

The Issuers initially appoint The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") to act as Depositary with respect to the Global Notes.

The Issuers initially appoint the Trustee to act as the Registrar and Paying Agent and to act as Custodian with respect to the Global Notes.

Section 2.04. Paying Agent to Hold Money in Trust.

The Issuers shall require each Paying Agent other than the Trustee to agree in writing that the Paying Agent shall hold in trust for the benefit of Holders or the Trustee all money held by the Paying Agent for the payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest on the Notes, and shall notify the Trustee of any default by the Issuers in making any such payment. While any such default continues, the Trustee may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. The Issuers at any time may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. Upon payment over to the Trustee, the Paying Agent (if other than the Issuers or a Subsidiary) shall have no further liability for the money. If the Issuers or a Subsidiary acts as Paying Agent, it shall segregate and hold in a separate trust fund for the benefit of the Holders all money held by it as Paying Agent. Upon any bankruptcy or reorganization proceedings relating to the Issuers, the Trustee shall serve as Paying Agent for the Notes.

Section 2.05. Holder Lists.

The Trustee shall preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of all Holders and shall otherwise comply with TIA ss. 312(a). If the Trustee is not the Registrar, the Issuers shall furnish to the Trustee at least seven Business Days before each interest payment date and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, a list in such form and as of such date as the Trustee may reasonably require of the names and addresses of the Holders of Notes and the Issuers shall otherwise comply with TIA ss. 312(a).

# Section 2.06. Transfer and Exchange.

- (a) Transfer and Exchange of Global Notes. A Global Note may not be transferred as a whole except by the Depositary to a nominee of the Depositary, by a nominee of the Depositary to the Depositary or to another nominee of the Depositary, or by the Depositary or any such nominee to a successor Depositary or a nominee of such successor Depositary. All Global Notes shall be exchanged by the Company for Definitive Notes if:
  - (i) the Issuers deliver to the Trustee notice from the Depositary that it is unwilling or unable to continue to act as Depositary or that it is no longer a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and, in either case, a successor Depositary is not appointed by the Issuers within 120 days after the date of such notice from the Depositary; or
  - (ii) the Issuers in their sole discretion determine that the Global Notes (in whole but not in part) should be exchanged for Definitive Notes and deliver a written notice to such effect to the Trustee; or
  - (iii) there shall have occurred and be continuing a Default or Event of Default with respect to the Notes.

Upon the occurrence of any of the preceding events in (i), (ii) or (iii) above, Definitive Notes shall be issued in such names as the Depositary shall instruct the Trustee. Global Notes also may be exchanged or replaced, in whole or in part, as provided in Sections 2.07 and 2.10. Every Note authenticated and delivered in exchange for, or in lieu of, a Global Note or any portion thereof, pursuant to this Section 2.06 or Section 2.07 or 2.10, shall be authenticated and delivered in the form of, and shall be, a Global Note. A Global Note may not be exchanged for another Note other than as provided in this Section 2.06(a); however, beneficial interests in a Global Note may be transferred and exchanged as provided in Section 2.06(b), (c) or (f).

(b) Transfer and Exchange of Beneficial Interests in the Global Notes. The transfer and exchange of beneficial interests in the Global Notes shall be effected through

the Depositary, in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture and the Applicable Procedures. Beneficial interests in the Restricted Global Notes shall be subject to restrictions on transfer comparable to those set forth herein to the extent required by the Securities Act. Prior to the expiration of the 40-day distribution compliance period set forth in Regulation S, beneficial interests in any Regulation S Global Note may be held only through Euroclear or Clearstream unless transferred in accordance with Section 2.06(b)(iii)(A). Transfers of beneficial interests in the Global Notes also shall require compliance with either subparagraph (i) or (ii) below, as applicable, as well as one or more of the other following subparagraphs, as applicable:

- (i) Transfer of Beneficial Interests in the Same Global Note. Beneficial interests in any Restricted Global Note may be transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in the same Restricted Global Note in accordance with the transfer restrictions set forth in the Private Placement Legend. Beneficial interests in any Unrestricted Global Note may be transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note. No written orders or instructions shall be required to be delivered to the Registrar to effect the transfers described in this Section 2.06(b)(i).
- (ii) All Other Transfers and Exchanges of Beneficial Interests in Global Notes. In connection with all transfers and exchanges of beneficial interests that are not subject to Section 2.06(b)(i) above, the transferor of such beneficial interest must deliver to the Registrar either:
  - (A)(1) a written order from a Participant or an Indirect Participant given to the Depositary in accordance with the Applicable Procedures directing the Depositary to credit or cause to be credited a beneficial interest in another Global Note in an amount equal to the beneficial interest to be transferred or exchanged; and
  - (A)(2) instructions given in accordance with the Applicable Procedures containing information regarding the Participant account to be credited with such increase; or
  - (B)(1) a written order from a Participant or an Indirect Participant given to the Depositary in accordance with the Applicable Procedures directing the Depositary to cause to be issued a Definitive Note in an amount equal to the beneficial interest to be transferred or exchanged: and
  - (B)(2) instructions given by the Depositary to the Registrar containing information regarding the Person in whose name such Definitive Note shall be registered to effect the transfer or exchange referred to in (1) above.

Upon consummation of an Exchange Offer by the Issuers in accordance with Section 2.06(f), the requirements of this Section 2.06(b)(ii) shall be deemed to have been satisfied upon receipt by the Registrar of the instructions contained in the Letter of Transmittal delivered by the holder of such beneficial interests in the Restricted Global Notes. Upon satisfaction of all of the requirements for transfer or exchange of beneficial interests in Global Notes contained in this Indenture and the Notes or otherwise applicable under the Securities Act, the Trustee shall adjust the principal amount of the relevant Global Note(s) pursuant to Section 2.06(h).

- (iii)Transfer of Beneficial Interests to Another Restricted Global Note. A beneficial interest in any Restricted Global Note may be transferred to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Restricted Global Note if the transfer complies with the requirements of Section 2.06(b)(ii) above and the Registrar receives the following:
  - (A) if the transferee will take delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in the Rule 144A Global Note, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof; and
  - (B) if the transferee will take delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in the Regulation S Global Note, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof.
- (iv) Transfer and Exchange of Beneficial Interests in a Restricted Global Note for Beneficial Interests in an Unrestricted Global Note. A beneficial interest in any Restricted Global Note may be exchanged by any holder thereof for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or transferred to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note if the exchange or transfer complies with the requirements of Section 2.06(b)(ii) above and:
  - (A) such exchange or transfer is effected pursuant to an Exchange Offer in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement and the holder of the beneficial interest to be transferred, in the case of an exchange, or the transferee, in the case of a transfer, certifies in the applicable Letter of Transmittal that it is not (1) a broker-dealer, (2) a Person participating in the distribution of the relevant Exchange Notes or (3) a Person who is an affiliate (as defined in Rule 144) of the Issuers;
  - (B) such transfer is effected pursuant to a Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement;

- (C) such transfer is effected by a broker-dealer pursuant to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement; or
- (D) such exchange or transfer is effected after the expiration of the 40-day distribution compliance period set forth in Regulation S and the Registrar receives the following:
  - (1) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(a) thereof; or
  - (2) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case set forth in this subparagraph (D), if the Registrar so requests or if the Applicable Procedures so require, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Registrar to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

If any such transfer is effected pursuant to subparagraph (B) or (D) above at a time when an Unrestricted Global Note has not yet been issued, the Issuers shall issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with Section 2.02, the Trustee shall authenticate one or more Unrestricted Global Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of beneficial interests transferred pursuant to subparagraph (B) or (D) above.

Beneficial interests in an Unrestricted Global Note cannot be exchanged for, or transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of, a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note.

- (c) Transfer or Exchange of Beneficial Interests for Definitive Notes.
- (i) Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes to Restricted Definitive Notes. If any holder of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Restricted Definitive Note or to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a Restricted Definitive Note, then, upon receipt by the Registrar of the following documentation:

- (A) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Restricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (2)(a) thereof (provided that any such beneficial interest in Regulation S Global Note shall not be so exchangeable until after the expiration of the 40-day distribution compliance period set forth in Regulation S);
- (B) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to a QIB in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;
- (C) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to a Non-U.S. Person in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof;
- (D) if such beneficial interest is being transferred pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(a) thereof;
- (E) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to an Institutional Accredited Investor in reliance on an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than those listed in subparagraphs (B) through (D) above, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications, certificates and Opinion of Counsel required by item (3)(d) thereof, if applicable;
- (F) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to the Issuers or any of their Subsidiaries, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(b) thereof; or
- (G) if such beneficial interest is being transferred pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(c) thereof,

the Trustee shall cause the aggregate principal amount of the applicable Global Note to be reduced accordingly pursuant to Section 2.06(h), and the Issuers shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Person designated in the instructions a Definitive Note in the appropriate principal amount. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note pursuant to this Section 2.06(c) shall be registered in such name or names and in such authorized denomination or denominations as the holder of such beneficial interest

shall instruct the Registrar through instructions from the Depositary and the Participant or Indirect Participant. The Trustee shall deliver such Definitive Notes to the Persons in whose names such Notes are so registered. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note pursuant to this Section 2.06(c)(i) shall bear the Private Placement Legend and shall be subject to all restrictions on transfer contained therein.

- (ii) Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes. A holder of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note may exchange such beneficial interest for an Unrestricted Definitive Note or may transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note only if:
  - (A) such exchange or transfer is effected pursuant to an Exchange Offer in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement and the holder of such beneficial interest, in the case of an exchange, or the transferee, in the case of a transfer, certifies in the applicable Letter of Transmittal that it is not (1) a broker-dealer, (2) a Person participating in the distribution of the relevant Exchange Notes or (3) a Person who is an affiliate (as defined in Rule 144) of the Issuers;
  - (B) such transfer is effected pursuant to a Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement;
  - (C) such transfer is effected by a broker-dealer pursuant to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement; or
  - (D) such exchange or transfer is effected after the expiration of the 40-day distribution compliance period set forth in Regulation S and the Registrar receives the following:
    - (1) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Definitive Note that does not bear the Private Placement Legend, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(b) thereof; or
    - (2) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of a Definitive Note that does not bear the Private Placement Legend, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case set forth in this subparagraph (D), if the Registrar so requests or if the Applicable Procedures so require, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Registrar to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

- (iii)Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes. If any holder of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Definitive Note or to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a Definitive Note, then, upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 2.06(b)(ii), the Trustee shall cause the aggregate principal amount of the applicable Global Note to be reduced accordingly pursuant to Section 2.06(h), and the Issuers shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Person designated in the instructions a Definitive Note in the appropriate principal amount. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest pursuant to this Section 2.06(c)(iii) shall be registered in such name or names and in such authorized denomination or denominations as the holder of such beneficial interest shall instruct the Registrar through instructions from the Depositary and the Participant or Indirect Participant. The Trustee shall deliver such Definitive Notes to the Persons in whose names such Notes are so registered. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest pursuant to this Section 2.06(c)(iii) shall not bear the Private Placement Legend.
- (d) Transfer and Exchange of Definitive Notes for Beneficial Interests in Global Notes.
  - (i) Restricted Definitive Notes to Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes. If any Holder of a Restricted Definitive Note proposes to exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note or to transfer such Restricted Definitive Notes to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note, then, upon receipt by the Registrar of the following documentation:
    - (A) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Note proposes to exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (2)(b) thereof:
    - (B) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to a QIB in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;

- (C) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to a Non-U.S. Person in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof;
- (D) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(a) thereof:
- (E) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to an Institutional Accredited Investor in reliance on an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than those listed in subparagraphs (B) through (D) above, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications, certificates and Opinion of Counsel required by item (3) thereof, if applicable;
- (F) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(b) thereof; or
- (G) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(c) thereof,

the Trustee shall cancel the Restricted Definitive Note, increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount of, in the case of clause (A) above, the appropriate Restricted Global Note, in the case of clause (B) above, the Rule 144A Global Note, in the case of clause (C) above, the Regulation S Global Note.

- (ii) Restricted Definitive Notes to Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global Notes. A Holder of a Restricted Definitive Note may exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or transfer such Restricted Definitive Note to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note only if:
  - (A) such exchange or transfer is effected pursuant to an Exchange Offer in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement and the Holder, in the case of an exchange, or the transferee, in the case of a transfer, certifies in the applicable Letter of Transmittal that it is not (1) a broker-dealer, (2) a Person participating in the distribution of the relevant Exchange Notes or (3) a Person who is an affiliate (as defined in Rule 144) of the Issuers;

- (B) such transfer is effected pursuant to a Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement;
- (C) such transfer is effected by a broker-dealer pursuant to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement; or
- (D) such exchange or transfer is effected after the expiration of the 40-day distribution compliance period set forth in Regulation S and the Registrar receives the following:
  - (1) if the Holder of such Definitive Notes proposes to exchange such Notes for a beneficial interest in the Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(c) thereof; or
  - (2) if the Holder of such Definitive Notes proposes to transfer such Notes to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in the Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case set forth in this subparagraph (D), if the Registrar so requests or if the Applicable Procedures so require, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Registrar to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

Upon satisfaction of the conditions of any of the subparagraphs in this Section 2.06(d)(ii), the Trustee shall cancel the Definitive Notes and increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount of the Unrestricted Global Note.

(iii)Unrestricted Definitive Notes to Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global Notes. A Holder of an Unrestricted Definitive Note may exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or transfer such Definitive Notes to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note at any time. Upon receipt of a request for such an exchange or transfer, the Trustee shall cancel the applicable Unrestricted Definitive Note and increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount of one of the Unrestricted Global Notes.

If any such exchange or transfer from a Definitive Note to a beneficial interest is effected pursuant to subparagraphs (ii)(B), (ii)(D) or (iii) above at a time when an Unrestricted Global Note has not yet been issued, the Issuers shall issue and, upon receipt

of an Authentication Order in accordance with Section 2.02, the Trustee shall authenticate one or more Unrestricted Global Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of Definitive Notes so transferred.

- (e) Transfer and Exchange of Definitive Notes for Definitive Notes. Upon request by a Holder of Definitive Notes and such Holder's compliance with the provisions of this Section 2.06(e), the Registrar shall register the transfer or exchange of Definitive Notes. Prior to such registration of transfer or exchange, the requesting Holder shall present or surrender to the Registrar the Definitive Notes duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instruction of transfer in form satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by such Holder or by its attorney, duly authorized in writing. In addition, the requesting Holder shall provide any additional certifications, documents and information, as applicable, required pursuant to the following provisions of this Section 2.06(e).
  - (i) Restricted Definitive Notes to Restricted Definitive Notes. Any Restricted Definitive Note may be transferred to and registered in the name of Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a Restricted Definitive Note if the Registrar receives the following:
    - (A) if the transfer will be made pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;
    - (B) if the transfer will be made pursuant to Rule 903 or Rule 904, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof; and
    - (C) if the transfer will be made pursuant to any other exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications, certificates and Opinion of Counsel required by item (3) thereof, if applicable.
  - (ii) Restricted Definitive Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes. Any Restricted Definitive Note may be exchanged by the Holder thereof for an Unrestricted Definitive Note or transferred to a Person or Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note if:
    - (A) such exchange or transfer is effected pursuant to an Exchange Offer in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement and the Holder, in the case of an exchange, or the transferee, in the case of a transfer, certifies in the applicable Letter of Transmittal that it is not (1) a broker-dealer, (2) a Person participating in the distribution of the relevant Exchange Notes or (3) a Person who is an affiliate (as defined in Rule 144) of the Issuers;

- (C) any such transfer is effected by a broker-dealer pursuant to an Exchange Offer Registration Statement in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement; or
- (D) such exchange or transfer is effected after the expiration of the 40-day distribution compliance period set forth in Regulation S and the Registrar receives the following:
  - (1) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Notes proposes to exchange such Notes for an Unrestricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(d) thereof; or
  - (2) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Notes proposes to transfer such Notes to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case set forth in this subparagraph (D), if the Registrar so requests, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Issuers to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

(iii)Unrestricted Definitive Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes. A Holder of Unrestricted Definitive Notes may transfer such Notes to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note. Upon receipt of a request to register such a transfer, the Registrar shall register the Unrestricted Definitive Notes pursuant to the instructions from the Holder thereof.

(f) Exchange Offer. Upon the occurrence of an Exchange Offer in accordance with a Registration Rights Agreement, the Issuers shall issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with Section 2.02, the Trustee shall authenticate (i) one or more Unrestricted Global Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the beneficial interests in the Restricted Global Notes tendered for acceptance by Persons that certify in the applicable Letters of Transmittal that (x) they are not broker-dealers, (y) they are not participating in a distribution of the relevant Exchange Notes and (z) they are not affiliates (as defined in Rule 144) of the Issuers, and accepted for exchange in the relevant Exchange Offer and (ii) Definitive Notes in an

aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Restricted Definitive Notes accepted for exchange in the relevant Exchange Offer. Concurrently with the issuance of such Notes, the Trustee shall cause the aggregate principal amount of the applicable Restricted Global Notes to be reduced accordingly, and the Issuers shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Persons designated by the Holders of Definitive Notes so accepted Definitive Notes in the appropriate principal amount.

- (g) Legends. The following legends shall appear on the face of all Global Notes and Definitive Notes issued under this Indenture unless specifically stated otherwise in the applicable provisions of this Indenture.
  - (i) Private Placement Legend.
  - (A) Except as permitted by subparagraph (B) below, each Global Note and each Definitive Note (and all Notes issued in exchange therefor or substitution thereof) shall bear the legend in substantially the following form:

"THE NOTES EVIDENCED HEREBY HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 (THE "SECURITIES ACT") AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT (A)(1) TO A PERSON WHO THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A, (2) IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION COMPLYING WITH RULE 903 OR RULE 904 OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (3) TO AN INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT SUBJECT TO THE CERTIFICATION AND DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS OF THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THE NOTES, (4) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144 THEREUNDER (IF AVAILABLE) OR (5) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND (B) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES."

(B) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Global Note or Definitive Note issued pursuant to subparagraphs (b)(iv), (c)(ii), (c)(iii), (d)(iii), (e)(ii),

(e)(iii) or (f) to this Section 2.06 (and all Notes issued in exchange therefor or substitution thereof) shall not bear the Private Placement Legend.

"THIS GLOBAL NOTE IS HELD BY THE DEPOSITARY (AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THIS NOTE) OR ITS NOMINEE IN CUSTODY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS HEREOF, AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANY PERSON UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES EXCEPT THAT (I) THE TRUSTEE MAY MAKE SUCH NOTATIONS HEREON AS MAY BE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.07 OF THE INDENTURE, (II) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE EXCHANGED IN WHOLE BUT NOT IN PART PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.06(A) OF THE INDENTURE, (III) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE TRUSTEE FOR CANCELLATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.11 OF THE INDENTURE AND (IV) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY WITH THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE ISSUERS."

- (h) Cancellation and/or Adjustment of Global Notes. At such time as all beneficial interests in a particular Global Note have been exchanged for Definitive Notes or a particular Global Note has been redeemed, repurchased or canceled in whole and not in part, each such Global Note shall be returned to or retained and canceled by the Trustee in accordance with Section 2.11. At any time prior to such cancellation, if any beneficial interest in a Global Note is exchanged for or transferred to a Person who will take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Global Note or for Definitive Notes, the principal amount of Notes represented by such Global Note shall be reduced accordingly and an endorsement shall be made on such Global Note by the Trustee or by the Depositary at the direction of the Trustee to reflect such reduction; and if the beneficial interest is being exchanged for or transferred to a Person who will take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Global Note, such other Global Note shall be increased accordingly and an endorsement shall be made on such Global Note by the Trustee or by the Depositary at the direction of the Trustee to reflect such increase.
  - (i) General Provisions Relating to Transfers and Exchanges.
  - (i) To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Issuers shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate Global Notes and Definitive Notes upon the Issuers' order or at the Registrar's request.

- (ii) No service charge shall be made to a holder of a beneficial interest in a Global Note or to a Holder of a Definitive Note for any registration of transfer or exchange, but the Issuers may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax or similar governmental charge payable in connection therewith (other than any such transfer taxes or similar governmental charge payable upon exchange or transfer pursuant to Sections 2.10, 3.06, 3.09, 4.11. 4.16 and 9.05).
- (iii)The Registrar shall not be required to register the transfer of or exchange any Note selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part.
- (iv) All Global Notes and Definitive Notes issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Global Notes or Definitive Notes shall be the valid obligations of the Issuers, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as the Global Notes or Definitive Notes surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.
- (v) The Issuers shall not be required (A) to issue, to register the transfer of or to exchange any Notes during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of any selection of Notes for redemption under Section 3.02 and ending at the close of business on the day of selection, (B) to register the transfer of or to exchange any Note so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part or (C) to register the transfer of or to exchange a Note between a record date and the next succeeding Interest Payment Date.
- (vi) Prior to due presentment for the registration of a transfer of any Note, the Trustee, any Agent and the Issuers may deem and treat the Person in whose name any Note is registered as the absolute owner of such Note for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and interest on such Notes and for all other purposes, and none of the Trustee, any Agent or the Issuers shall be affected by notice to the contrary.
- (vii)The Trustee shall authenticate Global Notes and Definitive Notes in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.02.
- (viii) All certifications, certificates and Opinions of Counsel required to be submitted to the Registrar pursuant to this Section 2.06 to effect a registration of transfer or exchange may be submitted by facsimile.

## Section 2.07. Replacement Notes.

If any mutilated Note is surrendered to the Trustee or the Issuers and the Trustee receives evidence to its satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Note, the  $\$ 

Issuers shall issue and the Trustee, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, shall authenticate a replacement Note if the Trustee's requirements are met. If required by the Trustee or the Issuers, an indemnity bond must be supplied by the Holder that is sufficient in the judgment of the Trustee and the Issuers to protect the Issuers, the Trustee, any Agent and any authenticating agent from any loss that any of them may suffer if a Note is replaced. The Issuers may charge for their expenses in replacing a Note.

Every replacement Note is an additional legally binding obligation of the Issuers and shall be entitled to all of the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with all other Notes duly issued bereunder.

Section 2.08. Outstanding Notes.

The Notes outstanding at any time are all the Notes authenticated by the Trustee except for those canceled by it, those delivered to it for cancellation, those reductions in the interest in a Global Note effected by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture, and those described in this Section as not outstanding. Except as set forth in Section 2.09, a Note does not cease to be outstanding because either of the Issuers or an Affiliate of the Issuers holds the Note; however, Notes held by an Issuer or a Subsidiary of an Issuer shall not be deemed to be outstanding for purposes of Section 3.07(b).

If a Note is replaced pursuant to Section 2.07, it ceases to be outstanding unless the Trustee receives proof satisfactory to it that the replaced Note is held by a bona fide purchaser.

If the principal amount of any Note is considered paid under Section 4.01, it ceases to be outstanding and interest on it ceases to accrue.

If the Paying Agent (other than an Issuer, a Subsidiary or an Affiliate of any thereof) holds, on a redemption date or maturity date, money sufficient to pay Notes payable on that date, then on and after that date such Notes shall be deemed to be no longer outstanding and shall cease to accrue interest.

Section 2.09. Treasury Notes.

In determining whether the Holders of the required principal amount of Notes have concurred in any direction, waiver or consent, Notes owned by an Issuer, or by any Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with an Issuer, shall be considered as though not outstanding, except that for the purposes of determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying on any such direction, waiver or consent, only Notes that a Responsible Officer of the Trustee knows are so owned shall be so disregarded.

Section 2.10. Temporary Notes.

Until certificates representing Notes are ready for delivery, the Issuers may prepare and the Trustee, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, shall authenticate temporary Notes. Temporary Notes shall be substantially in the form of certificated Notes but may have variations that the Issuers considers appropriate for temporary Notes and as shall be reasonably acceptable to the Trustee. Without unreasonable delay, the Issuers shall prepare and the Trustee shall authenticate definitive Notes in exchange for temporary Notes.

 $\mbox{\sc Holders}$  of temporary Notes shall be entitled to all of the benefits of this Indenture.

#### Section 2.11. Cancellation.

The Issuers at any time may deliver Notes to the Trustee for cancellation. The Registrar and Paying Agent shall forward to the Trustee any Notes surrendered to them for registration of transfer, exchange or payment. The Trustee and no one else shall cancel all Notes surrendered for registration of transfer, exchange, payment, replacement or cancellation and shall dispose of such canceled Notes in its customary manner. The Issuers may not issue new Notes to replace Notes that they have paid or that have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation.

# Section 2.12. Defaulted Interest.

If the Issuers default in a payment of interest on the Notes, they shall pay the defaulted interest in any lawful manner plus, to the extent lawful, interest payable on the defaulted interest, to the Persons who are Holders on a subsequent special record date, in each case at the rate provided in the Notes and in Section 4.01. The Issuers shall notify the Trustee in writing of the amount of defaulted interest proposed to be paid on each Note and the date of the proposed payment. The Issuers shall fix or cause to be fixed each such special record date and payment date; provided that no such special record date shall be less than 10 days prior to the related payment date for such defaulted interest. At least 15 days before the special record date, the Issuers (or, upon the written request of the Issuers, the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Issuers) shall mail or cause to be mailed to Holders a notice that states the special record date, the related payment date and the amount of such interest to be paid.

#### ARTICLE 3

#### REDEMPTION AND PREPAYMENT

Section 3.01. Notices to Trustee.

If the Issuers elect to redeem Notes pursuant to the optional redemption provisions of Section 3.07, it shall furnish to the Trustee, at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before a redemption date, an Officers' Certificate setting forth (i) the clause of this Indenture pursuant to which the redemption shall occur, (ii) the redemption date, (iii) the principal amount of Notes to be redeemed and (iv) the redemption price.

Section 3.02. Selection of Notes to Be Redeemed.

If less than all of the Notes are to be redeemed or purchased in an offer to purchase at any time, the Trustee shall select the Notes to be redeemed or purchased among the Holders of the Notes in compliance with the requirements of the principal national securities exchange, if any, on which the Notes are listed or, if the Notes are not so listed, on a pro rata basis, by lot or in accordance with any other method the Trustee considers fair and appropriate. In the event of partial redemption by lot, the particular Notes to be redeemed shall be selected, unless otherwise provided herein, not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the redemption date by the Trustee from the outstanding Notes not previously called for redemption.

The Trustee shall promptly notify the Issuers in writing of the Notes selected for redemption and, in the case of any Note selected for partial redemption, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. Notes and portions of Notes selected shall be in amounts of \$1,000 or whole multiples of \$1,000; except that if all of the Notes of a Holder are to be redeemed, the entire outstanding amount of Notes held by such Holder, even if not a multiple of \$1,000, shall be redeemed. Except as provided in the preceding sentence, provisions of this Indenture that apply to Notes called for redemption also apply to portions of Notes called for redemption.

Section 3.03. Notice of Redemption.

Subject to the provisions of Section 3.09, at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before a redemption date, the Issuers shall mail or cause to be mailed, by first class mail, a notice of redemption to each Holder whose Notes are to be redeemed at its registered address.

The notice shall identify the Notes to be redeemed and shall state:

(a) the redemption date;

- (b) the redemption price;
- (c) if any Note is being redeemed in part, the portion of the principal amount of such Note to be redeemed and that, after the redemption date upon surrender of such Note, a new Note or Notes in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion shall be issued upon cancellation of the original Note;
  - (d) the name and address of the Paying Agent;
- (e) that Notes called for redemption must be surrendered to the Paying Agent to collect the redemption price;  $\,$
- (f) that, unless the Issuers default in making such redemption payment, interest on Notes called for redemption ceases to accrue on and after the redemption date;
- (g) the paragraph of the Notes and/or Section of this Indenture pursuant to which the Notes called for redemption are being redeemed; and
- (h) that no representation is made as to the correctness or accuracy of the CUSIP number, if any, listed in such notice or printed on the Notes.

At the Issuers' request, the Trustee shall give the notice of redemption in the Issuers' name and at their expense; provided, however, that each of the Issuers shall have delivered to the Trustee, at least 45 days prior to the redemption date, an Officers' Certificate requesting that the Trustee give such notice and setting forth the information to be stated in such notice as provided in the preceding paragraph.

Section 3.04. Effect of Notice of Redemption.

Once notice of redemption is mailed in accordance with Section 3.03, Notes called for redemption become irrevocably due and payable on the redemption date at the redemption price. A notice of redemption may not be conditional.

Section 3.05. Deposit of Redemption Price.

At or prior to 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the redemption date, the Issuers shall deposit with the Trustee or with the Paying Agent money sufficient to pay the redemption price of and accrued interest on all Notes to be redeemed on that date. The Trustee or the Paying Agent shall promptly return to the Issuers any money deposited with the Trustee or the Paying Agent by the Issuers in excess of the amounts necessary to pay the redemption price of, and accrued interest on, all Notes to be redeemed.

If the Issuers comply with the provisions of the preceding paragraph, on and after the redemption date, interest shall cease to accrue on the Notes or the portions of Notes  $\,$ 

called for redemption. If a Note is redeemed on or after an interest record date but on or prior to the related interest payment date, then any accrued and unpaid interest shall be paid to the Person in whose name such Note was registered at the close of business on such record date. If any Note called for redemption shall not be so paid upon surrender for redemption because of the failure of the Issuers to comply with the preceding paragraph, interest shall be paid on the unpaid principal, from the redemption date until such principal is paid, and to the extent lawful on any interest not paid on such unpaid principal, in each case at the rate provided in the Notes and in Section 4.01.

#### Section 3.06. Notes Redeemed in Part.

Upon surrender of a Note that is redeemed in part, the Issuers shall issue and, upon the Issuers' written request, the Trustee shall authenticate for the Holder at the expense of the Issuers a new Note equal in principal amount to the unredeemed portion of the Note surrendered.

## Section 3.07. Optional Redemption.

(a) Except as set forth in clause (b) of this Section 3.07, the Issuers shall not have the option to redeem the Notes pursuant to this Section 3.07 prior to January 15, 2006. Thereafter, the Issuers shall have the option to redeem the Notes, in whole or in part, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice, at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) set forth below plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to the applicable redemption date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on January 15 of the years indicated below:

Year	Percentage
2006	105.563%
2007	103.708%
2008	101.854%
2009 and thereafter	100.000%

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of clause (a) of this Section 3.07, at any time prior to January 15, 2004, the Issuers may, on any one or more occasions, redeem up to 35% of the original aggregate principal amount of the Notes (including the principal amount of any Additional Notes) issued under this Indenture on a pro rata basis (or nearly as pro rata as practicable) at a redemption price of 111.125% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, with the net cash proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings; provided that

- (1) at least 65% of the original aggregate principal amount of Notes (including the principal amount of any Additional Notes) issued under this Indenture remains outstanding immediately after the occurrence of such redemption (excluding Notes held by the Company and its Subsidiaries); and
- (2) the redemption must occur within 60 days of the date of the closing of such Equity Offering.
- (c) Any redemption pursuant to this Section 3.07 shall be made pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.01 through 3.06.

Section 3.08. Mandatory Redemption.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 4.11 or Section 4.16 below, the Issuers shall not be required to make mandatory redemption payments with respect to the Notes.

Section 3.09. Offer to Purchase by Application of Excess Proceeds.

In the event that the Issuers shall be required to commence an offer to all Holders to purchase Notes pursuant to Section 4.11 (an "Asset Sale Offer"), they shall follow the procedures specified below.

The Asset Sale Offer shall remain open for a period of 20 Business Days following its commencement and no longer, except to the extent that a longer period is required by applicable law (the "Offer Period"). No later than five Business Days after the termination of the Offer Period (the "Purchase Date"), the Issuers shall purchase the principal amount of Notes required to be purchased pursuant to Section 4.11 (the "Offer Amount") or, if less than the Offer Amount has been tendered, all Notes tendered in response to the Asset Sale Offer. Payment for any Notes so purchased shall be made in the same manner as interest payments are made. Unless the Issuers default in making such payment, any Note accepted for payment pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer shall cease to accrue interest after the Purchase Date.

If the Purchase Date is on or after an interest record date and on or before the related interest payment date, any accrued and unpaid interest shall be paid to the Person in whose name a Note is registered at the close of business on such record date, and no Special Interest shall be payable to Holders who tender Notes pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer.

Upon the commencement of an Asset Sale Offer the Issuers shall send, by first class mail, a notice to the Trustee and each of the Holders, with a copy to the Trustee. The notice shall contain all instructions and materials necessary to enable such Holders to tender Notes pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer. The Asset Sale Offer shall be made to all Holders. The notice, which shall govern the terms of the Asset Sale Offer, shall state:

- (a) that the Asset Sale Offer is being made pursuant to this Section 3.09 and Section 4.11 and the length of time the Asset Sale Offer shall remain open;
  - (b) the Offer Amount, the purchase price and the Purchase Date;
- (c) that any Note not tendered or accepted for payment shall continue to accrue interest;
- (d) that, unless the Issuers default in making such payment, any Note accepted for payment pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer shall cease to accrue interest after the Purchase Date;
- (e) that Holders electing to have a Note purchased pursuant to an Asset Sale Offer or may elect to have Notes purchased in integral multiples of \$1,000 only;
- (f) that Holders electing to have a Note purchased pursuant to any Asset Sale Offer shall be required to surrender the Note, with the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" on the reverse of the Note completed, or transfer by book-entry transfer, to the Issuers, a depositary, if appointed by the Issuers, or a Paying Agent at the address specified in the notice at least three days before the Purchase Date;
- (g) that Holders shall be entitled to withdraw their election if the Issuers, the depositary or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, receives, not later than the expiration of the Offer Period, a telegram, telex, facsimile transmission or letter setting forth the name of the Holder, the principal amount of the Note the Holder delivered for purchase and a statement that such Holder is withdrawing his election to have such Note purchased;
- (h) that, if the aggregate principal amount of Notes surrendered by Holders exceeds the Offer Amount, the Issuers shall select the Notes to be purchased on a pro rata basis (with such adjustments as may be deemed appropriate by the Issuers so that only Notes in denominations of \$1,000, or integral multiples thereof, shall be purchased); and
- (i) that Holders whose Notes were purchased only in part shall be issued new Notes equal in principal amount to the unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered (or transferred by book-entry transfer).

On or before the Purchase Date, the Issuers shall, to the extent lawful, accept for payment, on a pro rata basis to the extent necessary, the Offer Amount of Notes or portions thereof tendered pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer or if less than the Offer Amount has been tendered, all Notes tendered, and shall deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that such Notes or portions thereof were accepted for payment by the Issuers in accordance with the terms of this Section 3.09. The Issuers, the Depositary or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, shall promptly (but in any case not

later than five days after the Purchase Date) mail or deliver to each tendering Holder an amount equal to the purchase price of the Notes tendered by such Holder and accepted by the Issuers for purchase, and the Issuers shall promptly issue a new Note, and the Trustee, upon written request from the Issuers shall authenticate and mail or deliver such new Note to such Holder, in a principal amount equal to any unpurchased portion of the Note surrendered. Any Note not so accepted shall be promptly mailed or delivered by the Issuers to the Holder thereof. The Issuers shall publicly announce the results of the Asset Sale Offer on the Purchase Date.

Other than as specifically provided in this Section 3.09, any purchase pursuant to this Section 3.09 shall be made pursuant to the provisions of Sections 3.01 through 3.06.

## ARTICLE 4

## COVENANTS

Section 4.01. Payment of Notes.

The Issuers shall pay or cause to be paid the principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes on the dates and in the manner provided in the Notes. Principal, premium, if any, and interest shall be considered paid on the date due if the Paying Agent, if other than the Issuers or a Subsidiary thereof, holds as of 10:00 a.m. New York City time on the due date money deposited by the Issuers in immediately available funds and designated for and sufficient to pay all principal, premium, if any, and interest then due. The Issuers shall pay all Special Interest, if any, in the same manner on the dates and in the amounts set forth in any Registration Rights Agreement.

The Issuers shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal at the rate equal to 1% per annum in excess of the then applicable interest rate on the Notes to the extent lawful; they shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue installments of interest (without regard to any applicable grace period) at the same rate to the extent lawful.

Section 4.02. Maintenance of Office or Agency.

The Issuers shall maintain in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, an office or agency (which may be an office of the Trustee or an affiliate of the Trustee, Registrar or co-registrar) where Notes may be surrendered for redemption, repurchase, registration of transfer or for exchange and where notices and demands to or upon the Issuers in respect of the Notes and this Indenture may be served. The Issuers shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the location, and any change in the location, of

such office or agency. If at any time the Issuers shall fail to maintain any such required office or agency or shall fail to furnish the Trustee with the address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee.

The Issuers may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies where the Notes may be presented or surrendered for any or all such purposes and may from time to time rescind such designations; provided, however, that no such designation or rescission shall in any manner relieve the Issuers of their obligation to maintain an office or agency in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York for such purposes. The Issuers shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of any such designation or rescission and of any change in the location of any such other office or agency.

The Issuers hereby designate The Bank of New York, an affiliate of the Trustee, at 101 Barclay Street, New York, New York 10286, as one such office or agency of the Issuers in accordance with Section 2.03.

Section 4.03. Reports.

Whether or not required by the Commission, so long as any Notes are outstanding, the Issuers shall furnish to the Holders of Notes, within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and regulations:

- (1) all quarterly and annual financial information that would be required to be contained in a filing with the Commission on Forms 10-Q and 10-K if the Issuers were required to file such Forms, including a "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" section and, with respect to the annual information only, a report on the annual financial statements by the Company's certified independent accountants; and
- (2) all current reports that would be required to be filed with the Commission on Form 8-K if the Issuers were required to file such reports.

If the Issuers have designated any of their Subsidiaries as Unrestricted Subsidiaries, then the quarterly and annual financial information required by the preceding paragraph shall include a reasonably detailed presentation, either on the face of the financial statements or in the footnotes thereto, and in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, of the financial condition and results of operations of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries separate from the financial condition and results of operations of the Unrestricted Subsidiaries of the Company.

In addition, whether or not required by the Commission, the Issuers shall file a copy of all of the information and reports referred to in clauses (1) and (2) above with the Commission for public availability within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and regulations, unless the Commission will not accept such a filing, and make such information available to securities analysts and prospective investors upon request.

## Section 4.04. Compliance Certificate.

- (a) The Company shall deliver to the Trustee, within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year, an Officers' Certificate stating that a review of the activities of the Company and its Subsidiaries during the preceding fiscal year have been made under the supervision of the signing Officers with a view to determining whether the Company has kept, observed, performed and fulfilled its obligations under this Indenture, and further stating, as to each such Officer signing such certificate, that to the best of his or her knowledge the Company has kept, observed, performed and fulfilled each and every covenant contained in this Indenture and is not in default in the performance or observance of any of the terms, provisions and conditions of this Indenture (or, if a Default or Event of Default shall have occurred, describing all such Defaults or Events of Default of which he or she may have knowledge and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto) and that to the best of his or her knowledge no event has occurred and remains in existence by reason of which payments on account of the principal of or interest, if any, on the Notes is prohibited or if such event has occurred, a description of the event and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.
- (b) So long as not contrary to the then current recommendations of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the year-end financial statements delivered pursuant to Section 4.03 above shall be accompanied by a written statement of the Company's independent public accountants (each of whom shall be a firm of established national reputation) that in making the examination necessary for certification of such financial statements, nothing has come to their attention that would lead them to believe that the Company has violated any provisions of Article 4 or Article 5 or, if any such violation has occurred, specifying the nature and period of existence thereof, it being understood that such accountants shall not be liable directly or indirectly to any Person for any failure to obtain knowledge of any such violation. In the event that, after the Company has used its reasonable best efforts to obtain the written statement of the Company's independent public accountants required by the provisions of this paragraph, such statement cannot be obtained, the Company shall deliver, in satisfaction of its obligations under this Section 4.04, an Officers' Certificate (A) certifying that it has used its reasonable best efforts to obtain such required statement but was unable to do so and (B) attaching the written statement of the Company's accountants that the Company received in lieu thereof.

(c) The Company shall, so long as any of the Notes are outstanding, deliver to the Trustee, forthwith upon any Officer becoming aware of any Default or Event of Default, an Officers' Certificate specifying such Default or Event of Default and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

Section 4.05. Taxes.

The Company shall pay, and shall cause each of its Subsidiaries to pay, prior to delinquency, all material taxes, assessments, and governmental levies except such as are contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings or where the failure to effect such payment is not adverse in any material respect to the Holders of the Notes.

Section 4.06. Stay, Extension and Usury Laws.

Each of the Issuers covenants (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it shall not at any time insist upon, plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay, extension or usury law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, that may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and each of the Issuers (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such law, and covenants that it shall not, by resort to any such law, hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Trustee, but shall suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law has been enacted.

Section 4.07. Restricted Payments.

- (a) declare or pay any dividend or make any other payment or distribution on account of the Company's or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries' Equity Interests (including, without limitation, any payment in connection with any merger or consolidation involving the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries) or to the direct or indirect holders of the Company's or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries' Equity Interests in their capacity as such (other than dividends or distributions payable (x) solely in Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company or (y), in the case of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company);
- (b) purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire or retire for value (including, without limitation, in connection with any merger or consolidation involving the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries) any Equity Interests of the Company or any direct or indirect parent of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company (other than,

in the case of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, any such Equity Interests owned by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company); or

- (c) make any payment on or with respect to, or purchase, redeem, defease or otherwise acquire or retire for value, any Indebtedness that is subordinated to the Notes, except a payment of interest or principal at the Stated Maturity thereof.
- (all such payments and other actions set forth in clauses (a) through (c) above being collectively referred to as "Restricted Payments"), unless, at the time of and after giving effect to such Restricted Payment:
  - (1) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would occur as a consequence thereof; and
  - (2) the Company would, at the time of such Restricted Payment and after giving pro forma effect thereto as if such Restricted Payment had been made at the beginning of the applicable quarter period, have been permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Leverage Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of Section 4.10; and
  - (3) such Restricted Payment, together with the aggregate amount of all other Restricted Payments made by the Company and each of its Restricted Subsidiaries after March 17, 1999 (excluding Restricted Payments permitted by clauses (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8) of the next succeeding paragraph), shall not exceed, at the date of determination, the sum of:
    - (a) an amount equal to 100% of the Consolidated EBITDA of the Company since March 17, 1999 to the end of the Company's most recently ended full fiscal quarter for which internal financial statements are available, taken as a single accounting period, less the product of 1.2 times the Consolidated Interest Expense of the Company since March 17, 1999 to the end of the Company's most recently ended full fiscal quarter for which internal financial statements are available, taken as a single accounting period, plus
    - (b) an amount equal to 100% of Capital Stock Sale Proceeds less any such Capital Stock Sale Proceeds used in connection with (i) an Investment made pursuant to clause (5) of the definition of "Permitted Investments" or (ii) the incurrence of Indebtedness pursuant to clause (10) of Section 4.10, plus
      - (c) \$100 million.

- (1) the payment of any dividend within 60 days after the date of declaration thereof, if at said date of declaration such payment would have complied with the provisions of this Indenture;
- (2) the redemption, repurchase, retirement, defeasance or other acquisition of any subordinated Indebtedness of the Company in exchange for, or out of the net proceeds of, the substantially concurrent sale (other than to a Subsidiary of the Company) of Equity Interests of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock); provided that the amount of any such net cash proceeds that are utilized for any such redemption, repurchase, retirement, defeasance or other acquisition shall be excluded from clause (3) (b) of the preceding paragraph;
- (3) the defeasance, redemption, repurchase or other acquisition of subordinated Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries with the net cash proceeds from an incurrence of Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness;
- (4) regardless of whether a Default then exists, the payment of any dividend or distribution to the extent necessary to permit direct or indirect beneficial owners of shares of Capital Stock of the Company to pay federal, state or local income tax liabilities that would arise solely from income of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, as the case may be, for the relevant taxable period and attributable to them solely as a result of the Company (and any intermediate entity through which the holder owns such shares) or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries being a limited liability company, partnership or similar entity for federal income tax purposes;
- (5) regardless of whether a Default then exists, the payment of any dividend by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to the holders of its common Equity Interests on a pro rata basis;
- (6) the payment of any dividend on the Helicon Preferred Stock or the redemption, repurchase, retirement or other acquisition of the Helicon Preferred Stock in an amount not in excess of its aggregate liquidation value;
- (7) the repurchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value, or the payment of any dividend or distribution to the extent necessary to permit the repurchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value, of any Equity Interests of the Company or a Parent held by any member of the Company's or such Parent's management pursuant to any management equity subscription agreement or membership or stock option agreement in effect as of the Issue Date; provided that the aggregate price paid for all such repurchased, redeemed, acquired or retired Equity Interests shall not exceed \$10 million in any fiscal year of the Company; and

(8) payment of fees in connection with any acquisition, merger or similar transaction in an amount that does not exceed an amount equal to 1.25% of the transaction value of such acquisition, merger or similar transaction.

The amount of all Restricted Payments (other than cash) shall be the fair market value on the date of the Restricted Payment of the asset(s) or securities proposed to be transferred or issued by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to the Restricted Payment. The fair market value of any assets or securities that are required to be valued by this covenant shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the Company, whose resolution with respect thereto shall be delivered to the Trustee. Such Board of Directors' determination must be based upon an opinion or appraisal issued by an accounting, appraisal or investment banking firm of national standing if the fair market value exceeds \$100 million. Not later than the date of making any Restricted Payment, the Company shall deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that such Restricted Payment is permitted and setting forth the basis upon which the calculations required by this Section 4.07 were computed, together with a copy of any fairness opinion or appraisal required by this Indenture.

## Section 4.08. Investments.

- (1) make any Restricted Investment; or
- (2) allow any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to become an Unrestricted Subsidiary,  $\,$

unless, in each case:

- (1) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would occur as a consequence thereof; and
- (2)the Company would, at the time of, and after giving effect to, such Restricted Investment or such designation of a Restricted Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, have been permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Leverage Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of Section 4.10.

Any designation of a Subsidiary of the Company as an Unrestricted Subsidiary shall be evidenced to the Trustee by filing with the Trustee a certified copy of the Board Resolution of the Company giving effect to such designation and an Officers' Certificate certifying that such designation complied with the preceding conditions and was permitted by this Section 4.08. If, at any time, any Unrestricted Subsidiary would fail to

meet the requirements as an Unrestricted Subsidiary described in the definition of "Unrestricted Subsidiary," it shall thereafter cease to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary for purposes of this Indenture and any Indebtedness of such Subsidiary shall be deemed to be incurred by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company as of such date and, if such Indebtedness is not permitted to be incurred as of such date under Section 4.10, the Company shall be in default. The Board of Directors of the Company may at any time designate any Unrestricted Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary; provided that such designation shall be deemed to be an incurrence of Indebtedness by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company of any outstanding Indebtedness of such Unrestricted Subsidiary and such designation shall only be permitted if (1) such Indebtedness is permitted under Section 4.10 calculated on a pro forma basis as if such designation had occurred at the beginning of the Reference Period; and (2) no Default or Event of Default would be in existence following such designation.

Section 4.09. Dividend and Other Payment Restrictions Affecting Subsidiaries.

The Company shall not, directly or indirectly, create or permit to exist or become effective any encumbrance or restriction on the ability of any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to:

- (1) pay dividends or make any other distributions on its Capital Stock to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, or with respect to any other interest or participation in, or measured by, its profits, or pay any Indebtedness owed to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (2) make loans or advances to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; or  $% \left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{ 1\right\}$
- (3) transfer any of its properties or assets to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

However, the preceding restrictions shall not apply to encumbrances or restrictions existing under or by reason of:

- (1) Existing Indebtedness as in effect on the Issue Date (including, without limitation, the Credit Facilities) and any amendments, modifications, restatements, renewals, increases, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings thereof, provided that such amendments, modifications, restatements, renewals, increases, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings are no more restrictive, taken as a whole, with respect to such dividend and other payment restrictions than those contained in such Existing Indebtedness, as in effect on the Issue Date;
  - (2) this Indenture, the Notes and the Other Notes;

- (3) applicable law;
- (4) any instrument governing Indebtedness or Capital Stock of a Person acquired by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries as in effect at the time of such acquisition (except to the extent such Indebtedness was incurred in connection with or in contemplation of such acquisition), which encumbrance or restriction is not applicable to any Person, or the properties or assets of any Person, other than the Person, or the property or assets of the Person, so acquired; provided that, in the case of Indebtedness, such Indebtedness was permitted by the terms of this Indenture to be incurred;
- (5) customary non-assignment provisions in leases entered into in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practices;
- (6) purchase money obligations for property acquired in the ordinary course of business that impose restrictions on the property so acquired of the nature described in clause (3) of the preceding paragraph;
- (7) any agreement for the sale or other disposition of a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that restricts distributions by such Restricted Subsidiary pending its sale or other disposition;
- (8) Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness; provided that the restrictions contained in the agreements governing such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness are no more restrictive, taken as a whole, than those contained in the agreements governing the Indebtedness being refinanced;
- (9) Liens securing Indebtedness otherwise permitted to be incurred under Section 4.14 that limit the right of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to dispose of the assets subject to such Lien;
- (10) provisions with respect to the disposition or distribution of assets or property in joint venture agreements and other similar agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business;
- (11) restrictions on cash or other deposits or net worth imposed by customers under contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business;
- (12) restrictions contained in the terms of Indebtedness permitted to be incurred under Section 4.10; provided that such restrictions are no more restrictive than the terms contained in the Credit Facilities as in effect on the Issue Date; and
- (13) restrictions that are not materially more restrictive than customary provisions in comparable financings and the management of the Company determines

that such restrictions will not materially impair the Company's ability to make payments as required under the Notes.

Section 4.10. Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock.

The Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create, incur, issue, assume, guarantee or otherwise become directly or indirectly liable, contingently or otherwise, with respect to (collectively, "incur") any Indebtedness (including Acquired Debt) and the Company shall not issue any Disqualified Stock and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to issue any shares of Preferred Stock unless the Leverage Ratio would have been not greater than 8.75 to 1.0 determined on a pro forma basis (including a pro forma application of the net proceeds therefrom) as if the additional Indebtedness had been incurred, or the Disqualified Stock had been issued, as the case may be, at the beginning of the most recently ended fiscal quarter.

So long as no Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would be caused thereby, the first paragraph of this covenant shall not prohibit the incurrence of any of the following items of Indebtedness (collectively, "Permitted Debt"):

- (1) the incurrence by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness under the Credit Facilities; provided that the aggregate principal amount of all Indebtedness of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries outstanding under all Credit Facilities after giving effect to such incurrence does not exceed an amount equal to \$3.5 billion less the aggregate amount of all Net Proceeds of Asset Sales applied by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in the case of an Asset Sale since March 17, 1999 to repay Indebtedness under a Credit Facility pursuant to Section 4.11;
- (2) the incurrence by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries of Existing Indebtedness (other than the Credit Facilities);
- (3) the incurrence on the Issue Date by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness represented by the Notes (other than any Additional Notes) and the Other Notes;
- (4) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness represented by Capital Lease Obligations, mortgage financings or purchase money obligations, in each case, incurred for the purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price or cost of construction or improvement (including, without limitation, the cost of design, development, construction, acquisition, transportation, installation, improvement, and migration) of Productive Assets of the

Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$75 million at any time outstanding;

- (5) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness in exchange for, or the net proceeds of which are used to refund, refinance or replace, in whole or in part, Indebtedness (other than intercompany Indebtedness) that was permitted by this Indenture to be incurred under the first paragraph of this covenant or clauses (2) or (3) of this paragraph;
- (6) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of intercompany Indebtedness between or among the Company and any of its Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiaries; provided that:
  - (a) if the Company is the obligor on such Indebtedness, such Indebtedness must be expressly subordinated to the prior payment in full in cash of all Obligations with respect to the Notes; and
  - (b) (i) any subsequent issuance or transfer of Equity Interests that results in any such Indebtedness being held by a Person other than the Company or a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary thereof and (ii) any sale or other transfer of any such Indebtedness to a Person that is not either the Company or a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary thereof, shall be deemed, in each case, to constitute an incurrence of such Indebtedness by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that was not permitted by this clause (6);
- (7) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Hedging Obligations that are incurred for the purpose of fixing or hedging interest rate risk with respect to any floating rate Indebtedness that is permitted by the terms of this Indenture to be outstanding;
- (8) the guarantee by the Company of Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that was permitted to be incurred by another provision of this Section 4.10;
- (9) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of additional Indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not to exceed \$300 million;
- (10) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of additional Indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not to exceed 200% of the net cash proceeds received by the Company from the sale of its Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) after March 17, 1999 to the extent such net cash proceeds have not been applied to make Restricted Payments or to

(11) the accretion or amortization of original issue discount and the write up of Indebtedness in accordance with purchase accounting.

For purposes of determining compliance with this Section 4.10, in the event that an item of proposed Indebtedness meets the criteria of more than one of the categories of Permitted Debt described in clauses (1) through (11) above, or is entitled to be incurred pursuant to the first paragraph of this covenant, the Company shall be permitted to classify and from time to time to reclassify such item of Indebtedness in any manner that complies with this covenant. For avoidance of doubt, Indebtedness incurred pursuant to a single agreement, instrument, program, facility or line of credit may be classified as Indebtedness arising in part under one of the clauses listed above, and in part under any one or more of the clauses listed above, to the extent that such Indebtedness satisfies the criteria for such clauses.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company consummate a Subordinated Debt Financing or a Preferred Stock Financing. A "Subordinated Debt Financing" or a "Preferred Stock Financing", as the case may be, with respect to any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company shall mean a public offering or private placement (whether pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act or otherwise) of Subordinated Notes or Preferred Stock (whether or not such Preferred Stock constitutes Disqualified Stock), as the case may be, of such Restricted Subsidiary to one or more purchasers (other than to one or more Affiliates of the Company). "Subordinated Notes" with respect to any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company shall mean Indebtedness of such Restricted Subsidiary that is contractually subordinated in right of payment to any other Indebtedness of such Restricted Subsidiary (including, without limitation, Indebtedness under the Credit Facilities). The foregoing limitation shall not apply to (i) any Indebtedness or Preferred Stock of any Person existing at the time such Person is merged with or into or became a Subsidiary of the Company; provided that such Indebtedness or Preferred Stock was not incurred or issued in connection with, or in contemplation of, such Person merging with or into, or becoming a Subsidiary of, the Company and (ii) any Indebtedness or Preferred Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary issued in connection with, and as part of the consideration for, an acquisition, whether by stock purchase, asset sale, merger or otherwise, in each case involving such Restricted Subsidiary, which Indebtedness or Preferred Stock is issued to the seller or sellers of such stock or assets; provided that such Restricted Subsidiary is not obligated to register such Indebtedness or Preferred Stock under the Securities Act or obligated to provide information pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act.

- (1) the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, as the case may be, receives consideration at the time of such Asset Sale at least equal to the fair market value of the assets or Equity Interests issued or sold or otherwise disposed of;
- (2) such fair market value is determined by the Company's Board of Directors and evidenced by a resolution of such Board of Directors set forth in an Officers' Certificate delivered to the Trustee; and
- (3) at least 75% of the consideration therefor received by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary is in the form of cash, Cash Equivalents or readily marketable securities.

- (a) any liabilities (as shown on the Company's or such Restricted Subsidiary's most recent balance sheet) of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company (other than contingent liabilities and liabilities that are by their terms subordinated to the Notes) that are assumed by the transferee of any such assets pursuant to a customary novation agreement that releases the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary from further liability;
- (b) any securities, notes or other obligations received by the Company or any such Restricted Subsidiary from such transferee that are converted by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary into cash, Cash Equivalents or readily marketable securities within 60 days after receipt thereof (to the extent of the cash, Cash Equivalents or readily marketable securities received in that conversion); and
  - (c) Productive Assets.

Within 365 days after the receipt of any Net Proceeds from an Asset Sale, the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, as the case may be, may apply such Net Proceeds at its option:

(1) to repay debt under the Credit Facilities or any other Indebtedness of the Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company (other than Indebtedness represented by a guarantee of a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company); or

(2) to invest in Productive Assets; provided that any Net Proceeds which the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, as the case may be, has committed to invest in Productive Assets within 365 days of the applicable Asset Sale may be invested in Productive Assets within two years of such Asset Sale.

The amount of any Net Proceeds received by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company from Asset Sales that are not applied or invested as provided in the preceding paragraph shall constitute "Excess Proceeds." When the aggregate amount of Excess Proceeds exceeds \$25 million, the Issuers shall make an Asset Sale Offer to all Holders of Notes and all holders of other Indebtedness that is pari passu with the Notes containing provisions requiring offers to purchase or redeem with the proceeds of sales of assets to purchase the maximum principal amount of Notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness that may be purchased out of the Excess Proceeds (which amount includes the entire amount of the Net Proceeds). The offer price in any Asset Sale Offer shall be payable in cash and equal to 100% of principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase. If any Excess Proceeds remain after consummation of an Asset Sale Offer, the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company may use such Excess Proceeds for any purpose not otherwise prohibited by this Indenture. If the aggregate principal amount of Notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness tendered into such Asset Sale Offer exceeds the amount of Excess Proceeds, the Trustee shall select the Notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness to be purchased on a pro rata basis. Upon completion of each Asset Sale Offer, the amount of Excess Proceeds shall be reset at zero.

In the event that the Issuers shall be required to commence an offer to Holders to purchase Notes pursuant to this Section 4.11, they shall follow the procedures specified in Section 3.09.

Section 4.12. Sale and Leaseback Transactions.

The Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, enter into any sale and leaseback transaction; provided that the Company may enter into a sale and leaseback transaction if:

- (1) the Company could have (a) incurred Indebtedness in an amount equal to the Attributable Debt relating to such sale and leaseback transaction under the Leverage Ratio test in the first paragraph of Section 4.10 and (b) incurred a Lien to secure such Indebtedness pursuant to Section 4.14; and
- (2) the transfer of assets in that sale and leaseback transaction is permitted by, and the Company applies the proceeds of such transaction in compliance with, Section 4.11.

The foregoing restrictions shall not apply to a sale and leaseback transaction if the lease is for a period, including renewal rights, of not in excess of three years.

## Section 4.13. Transactions with Affiliates.

The Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, make any payment to, or sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of any of its properties or assets to, or purchase any property or assets from, or enter into or make or amend any transaction, contract, agreement, understanding, loan, advance or guarantee with, or for the benefit of, any Affiliate (each, an "Affiliate Transaction"), unless:

- (1) such Affiliate Transaction is on terms that are no less favorable to the Company or the relevant Restricted Subsidiary than those that would have been obtained in a comparable transaction by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary with an unrelated Person; and
  - (2) the Company delivers to the Trustee:
  - (a) with respect to any Affiliate Transaction or series of related Affiliate Transactions involving aggregate consideration in excess of \$15 million, a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Company set forth in an Officers' Certificate certifying that such Affiliate Transaction complies with this Section 4.13 and that such Affiliate Transaction has been approved by a majority of the members of such Board of Directors; and
  - (b) with respect to any Affiliate Transaction or series of related Affiliate Transactions involving aggregate consideration in excess of \$50 million, an opinion as to the fairness to the Holders of such Affiliate Transaction from a financial point of view issued by an accounting, appraisal or investment banking firm of national standing.

The following items shall not be deemed to be Affiliate Transactions and, therefore, shall not be subject to the provisions of the prior paragraph:

- (1) any existing employment agreement entered into by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and any employment agreement entered into by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business and consistent with the past practice of the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary;
- (2) transactions between or among the Company and/or its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (3) payment of reasonable directors fees to Persons who are not otherwise Affiliates of the Company and customary indemnification and insurance

arrangements in favor of directors, regardless of affiliation with the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;

- (4) payment of management fees pursuant to management agreements either (A) existing on the Issue Date or (B) entered into after the Issue Date, to the extent that such management agreements provide for percentage fees no higher than the percentage fees existing under the management agreements existing on the Issue Date;
- (5) Restricted Payments that are permitted by Section 4.07 and Restricted Investments that are permitted by Section 4.08; and
  - (6) Permitted Investments.

Section 4.14. Liens.

The Company shall not, directly or indirectly, create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien of any kind securing Indebtedness, Attributable Debt or trade payables on any asset now owned or hereafter acquired, except Permitted Liens.

Section 4.15. Existence.

Subject to Article 5, the Company shall do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect (i) its limited liability company existence, and the corporate, partnership or other existence of each of its Subsidiaries, in accordance with the respective organizational documents (as the same may be amended from time to time) of the Company or any such Subsidiary and (ii) the rights (charter and statutory), licenses and franchises of the Company and its Subsidiaries; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to preserve any such right, license or franchise, or the corporate, partnership or other existence of any of its Subsidiaries (other than Charter Capital), if the Board of Directors of the Company shall determine that the preservation thereof is no longer desirable in the conduct of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, and that the loss thereof is not adverse in any material respect to the Holders of the Notes.

Section 4.16. Repurchase at the Option of Holders upon a Change of Control.

If a Change of Control occurs, each Holder of Notes shall have the right to require the Issuers to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$1,000 or an integral multiple thereof) of that Holder's Notes pursuant to a Change of Control Offer. In the Change of Control Offer, the Issuers shall offer (a "Change of Control Offer") a payment (the "Change of Control Payment") in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes repurchased plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to the date of purchase.

Within ten days following any Change of Control, the Issuers shall mail a notice to each Holder (with a copy to the Trustee) describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control and stating:

- (a) the purchase price and the purchase date, which shall not exceed30 Business Days from the date such notice is mailed (the "Change of Control Payment Date");
  - (b) that any Note not tendered shall continue to accrue interest;
- (c) that, unless the Issuers default in the payment of the Change of Control Payment, all Notes accepted for payment pursuant to the Change of Control Offer shall cease to accrue interest after the Change of Control Payment Date;
- (d) that Holders electing to have any Notes purchased pursuant to a Change of Control Offer shall be required to surrender the Notes, with the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" on the reverse of the Notes completed, to the Paying Agent at the address specified in the notice prior to the close of business on the third Business Day preceding the Change of Control Payment Date;
- (e) that Holders shall be entitled to withdraw their election if the Paying Agent receives, not later than the close of business on the second Business Day preceding the Change of Control Payment Date, a telegram, telex, facsimile transmission or letter setting forth the name of the Holder, the principal amount of Notes delivered for purchase, and a statement that such Holder is withdrawing his election to have the Notes purchased; and
- (f) that Holders whose Notes are being purchased only in part shall be issued new Notes equal in principal amount to the unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered, which unpurchased portion must be equal to \$1,000 in principal amount or an integral multiple thereof.

The Issuers shall comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act (or any successor rules) and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the Notes as a result of a Change of Control.

On the Change of Control Payment Date, the Issuers shall, to the extent lawful:

(a) accept for payment all Notes or portions thereof properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer;

- (b) deposit with the Paying Agent an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of all Notes or portions thereof so tendered; and
- (c) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Notes so accepted together with an Officers' Certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Notes or portions thereof being purchased by the

The Paying Agent shall promptly pay to each Holder of Notes so tendered the Change of Control Payment for such Notes, and the Trustee shall promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book entry) to each Holder a new Note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered, if any; provided that each such new Note shall be in a principal amount of \$1,000 or an integral multiple thereof. The Company shall publicly announce the results of the Change of Control Offer on or as soon as practicable after the Change of Control Payment Date.

The provisions described above that require the Issuers to make a Change of Control Offer following a Change of Control shall be applicable regardless of whether or not any other provisions in this Indenture are applicable. Except as described above with respect to a Change of Control, this Indenture does not contain provisions that permit the Holders of the Notes to require that the Issuers repurchase or redeem the Notes in the event of a takeover, recapitalization or similar transaction.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 4.16, the Issuers shall not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon a Change of Control if a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in this Indenture applicable to a Change of Control Offer made by the Issuers and purchases all Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn under such Change of Control Offer.

Section 4.17. Limitations on Issuances of Guarantees of Indebtedness.

The Company shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, directly or indirectly, to Guarantee or pledge any assets to secure the payment of any other Indebtedness of the Company, except in respect of the Credit Facilities (the "Guaranteed Indebtedness") unless (i) such Restricted Subsidiary simultaneously executes and delivers a supplemental indenture providing for the Guarantee (a "Subsidiary Guarantee") of the payment of the Notes by such Restricted Subsidiary and (ii) until one year after all the Notes have been paid in full in cash, such Restricted Subsidiary waives and will not in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any rights of reimbursement, indemnity or subrogation or any other rights against the Company or any other Restricted Subsidiary of the Company as a result of any payment by such Restricted Subsidiary under its Subsidiary Guarantee; provided that this paragraph shall not be applicable to any Guarantee or any Restricted Subsidiary that existed at the time such

Person became a Restricted Subsidiary and was not incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such Person becoming a Restricted Subsidiary. If the Guaranteed Indebtedness is subordinated to the Notes, then the Guarantee of such Guaranteed Indebtedness shall be subordinated to the Subsidiary Guarantee at least to the extent that the Guaranteed Indebtedness is subordinated to the Notes.

Section 4.18. Payments for Consent.

The Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, pay or cause to be paid any consideration to or for the benefit of any Holder of Notes for or as an inducement to any consent, waiver or amendment of any of the terms or provisions of this Indenture or the Notes unless such consideration is offered to be paid and is paid to all Holders of the Notes that consent, waive or agree to amend in the time frame set forth in the solicitation documents relating to such consent, waiver or agreement.

Section 4.19. Application of Fall-Away Covenants.

During any period of time that (a) the Notes have Investment Grade Ratings from both Rating Agencies and (b) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall not be subject to the provisions of Sections 4.07, 4.08, 4.09, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12, 4.13 and clause (4) of the first paragraph of Section 5.01 (collectively, the "Suspended Covenants"). In the event that the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries are not subject to the Suspended Covenants for any period of time as a result of the preceding sentence and, subsequently, one or both of the Rating Agencies withdraws its ratings or downgrades the ratings assigned to the Notes below the required Investment Grade Ratings or a Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing, then the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall thereafter again be subject to the Suspended Covenants and compliance with the Suspended Covenants with respect to the Restricted Payments made after the time of such withdrawal, downgrade, Default or Event of Default will be calculated in accordance with the terms of Section 4.07 as though such covenant had been in effect during the entire period of time from the Issue Date.

## ARTICLE 5

## **SUCCESSORS**

Section 5.01. Merger, Consolidation, or Sale of Assets.

Neither of the Issuers may, directly or indirectly: (1) consolidate or merge with or into another Person (whether or not such Issuer is the surviving corporation); or (2) sell,

assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its properties or assets, in one or more related transactions, to another Person; unless:

- (1) either: (a) such Issuer is the surviving corporation; or (b) the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than such Issuer) or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition shall have been made is a Person organized or existing under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia (provided that if the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger with either Issuer is a limited liability company or a Person other than a corporation, a corporate co-issuer shall also be an obligor with respect to the Notes);
- (2) the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than the Company) or the Person to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition shall have been made assumes all the obligations of the Company under the Notes and this Indenture pursuant to agreements reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee;
- (3) immediately after such transaction no Default or Event of Default exists; and  $% \left( 1\right) =\left\{ 1\right\} =$
- (4) the Company or the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than the Company) will, on the date of such transaction after giving pro forma effect thereto and any related financing transactions as if the same had occurred at the beginning of the applicable four-quarter period, either (a) be permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Leverage Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of Section 4.10 or (b) have a Leverage Ratio immediately after giving effect to such consolidation or merger no greater than the Leverage Ratio immediately prior to such consolidation or merger.

In addition, the Company may not, directly or indirectly, lease all or substantially all of its properties or assets, in one or more related transactions, to any other Person. This Section 5.01 shall not apply to a sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of assets between or among the Company and any of its Wholly Owned Subsidiaries.

Section 5.02. Successor Corporation Substituted.

Upon any consolidation or merger, or any sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of either Issuer in accordance with Section 5.01, the successor Person formed by such consolidation or into which either Issuer is merged or to which such transfer is made shall succeed to and (except in the case of a lease) be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, such Issuer under this Indenture with the same effect as if such successor Person had

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been named therein as such Issuer, and (except in the case of a lease) such Issuer shall be released from the obligations under the Notes and this Indenture, except with respect to any obligations that arise from, or are related to, such transaction.

## ARTICLE 6

## DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

Section 6.01. Events of Default.

An "Event of Default" occurs if:

- (a) the Issuers default in the payment when due of interest on the Notes and such default continues for a period of 30 days;
- (b) the Issuers default in payment when due of the principal of or premium, if any, on the Notes;  $\,$
- (c) the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries fails to comply with any of the provisions of Sections 4.16 or 5.01;
- (d) the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries fails to comply with any of their other covenants or agreements in this Indenture for 30 days after written notice thereof has been given to the Company by the Trustee or to the Company and the Trustee by Holders of at least 25% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding;
- (e) the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries defaults under any mortgage, indenture or instrument under which there may be issued or by which there may be secured or evidenced any Indebtedness for money borrowed (or the payment of which is guaranteed by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries) whether such Indebtedness or guarantee now exists or is created after the Issue Date, if that default:
  - (1) is caused by a failure to pay at final stated maturity the principal amount on such Indebtedness prior to the expiration of the grace period provided in such Indebtedness on the date of such default (a "Payment Default"); or
  - (2) results in the acceleration of such Indebtedness prior to its express maturity,  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1$

and, in each case, the principal amount of any such Indebtedness, together with the principal amount of any other such Indebtedness under which there has been a

Payment Default or the maturity of which has been so accelerated, aggregates \$100 million or more:

- (f) the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries fails to pay final judgments which are non-appealable aggregating in excess of \$100 million (net of applicable insurance which has not been denied in writing by the insurer), which judgments are not paid, discharged or stayed for a period of 60 days;
- (g) the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries pursuant to or within the meaning of Bankruptcy Law:
  - (i) commences a voluntary case,
  - (ii) consents to the entry of an order for relief against it in an involuntary case,  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left($
  - (iii) consents to the appointment of a custodian of it or for all or substantially all of its property, or
    - (iv) makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or
- (h) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any  $\mbox{\tt Bankruptcy}\ \mbox{\tt Law}\ \mbox{\tt that:}$ 
  - (i) is for relief against the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries in an involuntary case;
  - (ii) appoints a custodian of the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries or for all or substantially all of the property of the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries; or
  - (iii) orders the liquidation of the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries;

and the order or decree remains unstayed and in effect for 60 consecutive days.

Section 6.02. Acceleration.

In the case of an Event of Default arising from clause (g) or (h) of Section 6.01 with respect to the Company, all outstanding Notes shall become due and payable immediately without further action or notice. If any other Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee by notice to the Issuers or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes by notice to the Issuers and the Trustee may declare all the Notes to be due and payable immediately. The Holders of a majority in

aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding by written notice to the Trustee may on behalf of all of the Holders rescind an acceleration and its consequences if the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree and if all existing Events of Default (except nonpayment of principal, interest or premium that has become due solely because of the acceleration) have been cured or waived.

Section 6.03. Other Remedies.

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may pursue any available remedy to collect the payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes or to enforce the performance of any provision of the Notes or this Indenture.

The Trustee may maintain a proceeding even if it does not possess any of the Notes or does not produce any of them in the proceeding. A delay or omission by the Trustee or any Holder of a Note in exercising any right or remedy accruing upon an Event of Default shall not impair the right or remedy or constitute a waiver of or acquiescence in the Event of Default. All remedies are cumulative to the extent permitted by law.

Section 6.04. Waiver of Existing Defaults.

Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes by notice to the Trustee may on behalf of the Holders of all of the Notes waive an existing Default or Event of Default and its consequences hereunder, except a continuing Default or Event of Default in the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, the Notes (including in connection with an offer to purchase) (provided, however, that the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may rescind an acceleration and its consequences, including any related payment default that resulted from such acceleration). Upon any such waiver, such Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

Section 6.05. Control by Majority.

Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for exercising any remedy available to the Trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on it. However, the Trustee may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or this Indenture, that the Trustee determines may be prejudicial to the rights of other Holders of Notes or that may involve the Trustee in personal liability. The Trustee may take any other action which it deems proper that is not inconsistent with any such directive.

Section 6.06. Limitation on Suits.

A Holder of a Note may pursue a remedy with respect to this Indenture or the Notes only if:

- (a) the Holder of a Note gives to the Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default;
- (b) the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes make a written request to the Trustee to pursue the remedy;
- (c) such Holder of a Note or Holders of Notes offer and, if requested, provide to the Trustee indemnity satisfactory to the Trustee against any loss, liability or expense;
- (d) the Trustee does not comply with the request within 60 days after receipt of the request and the offer and, if requested, the provision of indemnity; and
- (e) during such 60-day period the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes do not give the Trustee a direction inconsistent with the request.

A Holder of a Note may not use this Indenture to prejudice the rights of another Holder of a Note or to obtain a preference or priority over another Holder of a Note.

Section 6.07. Rights of Holders of Notes to Receive Payment.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the right of any Holder of a Note to receive payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Note, on or after the respective due dates expressed in the Note (including in connection with an offer to purchase), or to bring suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such respective dates, shall not be impaired or affected without the consent of such Holder.

Section 6.08. Collection Suit by Trustee.

If an Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(a) or (b) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee is authorized to recover judgment in its own name and as trustee of an express trust against the Issuers for the whole amount of principal of, premium, if any, and interest remaining unpaid on the Notes and interest on overdue principal and, to the extent lawful, interest and such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel.

Section 6.09. Trustee May File Proofs of Claim.

The Trustee is authorized to file such proofs of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel) and the Holders of the Notes allowed in any judicial proceedings relative to the Issuers (or any other obligor upon the Notes), their creditors or their property and shall be entitled and empowered to collect, receive and distribute any money or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and any custodian in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make such payments to the Trustee, and in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due to it for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.07. To the extent that the payment of any such compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.07 out of the estate in any such proceeding, shall be denied for any reason, payment of the estate in any such proceeding, shall be defiled for any reason, payment of the same shall be secured by a Lien on, and shall be paid out of, any and all distributions, dividends, money, securities and other properties that the Holders may be entitled to receive in such proceeding whether in liquidation or under any plan of reorganization or arrangement or otherwise. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Notes or the rights of any Holder, or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Holder in any such proceeding.

Section 6.10. Priorities.

If the Trustee collects any money pursuant to this Article, it shall pay out the money in the following order:

First: to the Trustee, its agents and attorneys for amounts due under Section 7.07, including payment of all compensation, expense and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Trustee and the costs and expenses of collection;

Second: to Holders of Notes for amounts due and unpaid on the Notes for principal, premium, if any, and interest, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on the Notes for principal, premium, if any and interest, respectively; and

Third: to the Issuers or to such party as a court of competent jurisdiction shall direct.

The Trustee may fix a record date and payment date for any payment to Holders of Notes pursuant to this Section 6.10.

Section 6.11. Undertaking for Costs.

In any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken or omitted by it as a Trustee, a court in its discretion may require the filing by any party litigant in the suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of the suit, and the court in its discretion may assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, against any party litigant in the suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by the party litigant. This Section does not apply to a suit by the Trustee, a suit by a Holder of a Note pursuant to Section 6.07, or a suit by Holders of more than 10% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes.

## ARTICLE 7

#### TRUSTEE

Section 7.01. Duties of Trustee.

- (a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture, and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.
  - (b) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default:
  - (i) the duties of the Trustee shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Indenture and the Trustee need perform only those duties that are specifically set forth in this Indenture and no others, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee; and
  - (ii) in the absence of bad faith on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions required to be furnished to the Trustee hereunder and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture. However, the Trustee shall examine the certificates and opinions to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of any mathematical calculations or other facts stated therein).

- (c) The Trustee may not be relieved from liabilities for its own gross negligent action, its own gross negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

  - (ii) the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, unless it is proved that the Trustee was grossly negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and
  - (iii) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in accordance with a direction received by it pursuant to Section 6.05.
- (d) Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Trustee is subject to paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this Section 7.01.
- (e) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or incur any liability. The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights and powers under this Indenture at the request of any Holders, unless such Holder shall have offered to the Trustee security and indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability, claim, damage or expense.
- (f) The Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Trustee may agree in writing with the Issuers. Money held in trust by the Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.
- (g) The Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture or other paper or documents.

Section 7.02. Rights of Trustee.

- (a) The Trustee may conclusively rely upon any document (whether in its original or facsimile form) believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper Person. The Trustee need not investigate any fact or matter stated in the document.
- (b) Before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officers' Certificate or an Opinion of Counsel or both. The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on such Officers' Certificate or Opinion of Counsel. The Trustee may consult with counsel of its own selection and the written advice or opinion of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and

complete authorization and protection from liability in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.

- (c) The Trustee may act through its attorneys and agents and shall not be responsible for the misconduct or negligence of any agent appointed with due care.
- (d) The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith that it believes to be authorized or within the rights or powers conferred upon it by this Indenture.
- (e) Unless otherwise specifically provided in this Indenture, any demand, request, direction or notice from either of the Issuers shall be sufficient if signed by an Officer of such Issuer.
- (f) The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities that might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.
- (g) The Trustee shall not be charged with knowledge of any Default or Event of Default unless either (i) a Responsible Officer of the Trustee shall have actual knowledge of such Default or Event of Default or (ii) written notice of such Default or Event of Default shall have been given to and received by a Responsible Officer of the Trustee by the Issuers or any Holder.

## Section 7.03. Individual Rights of Trustee.

The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and may otherwise deal with the Issuers or any Affiliate of the Issuers with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. However, in the event that the Trustee acquires any conflicting interest it must eliminate such conflict within 90 days, apply to the SEC for permission to continue as trustee or resign. Any Agent may do the same with like rights and duties. The Trustee is also subject to Sections 7.10 and 7.11.

## Section 7.04. Trustee's Disclaimer.

The Trustee shall not be responsible for and makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Notes, it shall not be accountable for the Issuers' use of the proceeds from the Notes or any money paid to the Issuers or upon the Issuers' direction under any provision of this Indenture, it shall not be responsible for the use or application of any money received by any Paying Agent other than the Trustee, and it shall not be responsible for any statement or recital herein or any statement in the

Notes or any other document in connection with the sale of the Notes or pursuant to this Indenture other than its certificate of authentication.

Section 7.05. Notice of Defaults.

If a Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing and if it is known to a Responsible Officer of the Trustee, the Trustee shall mail to Holders of Notes a notice of the Default or Event of Default within 90 days after the Trustee acquires knowledge thereof. Except in the case of a Default or Event of Default in payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Note, the Trustee may withhold the notice if and so long as a committee of its Responsible Officers in good faith determines that withholding the notice is in the interests of the Holders of the Notes.

Section 7.06. Reports by Trustee to Holders of the Notes.

Within 60 days after each May 15 beginning with the May 15 following the date of this Indenture, and for so long as Notes remain outstanding, the Trustee shall mail to the Holders of the Notes a brief report dated as of such reporting date that complies with TIA ss. 313(a) (but if no event described in TIA ss. 313(a) has occurred within the twelve months preceding the reporting date, no report need be transmitted). The Trustee also shall comply with TIA ss. 313(b)(2). The Trustee shall also transmit by mail all reports as required by TIA ss. 313(c).

A copy of each report at the time of its mailing to the Holders of Notes shall be mailed to the Company and filed with the SEC and each stock exchange on which the Notes are listed in accordance with TIA ss. 313(d). The Issuers shall promptly notify the Trustee when the Notes are listed on any stock exchange.

Section 7.07. Compensation and Indemnity.

The Issuers shall pay to the Trustee from time to time reasonable compensation for its acceptance of this Indenture and services hereunder. The Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Issuers shall reimburse the Trustee promptly upon request for all reasonable disbursements, advances and expenses incurred or made by it in addition to the compensation for its services. Such expenses shall include the reasonable compensation, disbursements and expenses of the Trustee's agents and counsel.

The Issuers shall, jointly and severally, indemnify the Trustee against any and all losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses (including reasonable legal fees and expenses) incurred by it arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of its duties under this Indenture, including the costs and expenses of enforcing this Indenture against the Issuers (including this Section 7.07) and defending itself against any claim (whether asserted by the Issuers or any Holder or any other

person) or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder, except to the extent any such loss, liability or expense may be attributable to its gross negligence or willful misconduct. The Trustee shall notify the Issuers promptly of any claim for which it may seek indemnity. Failure by the Trustee to so notify the Issuers shall not relieve the Issuers of their obligations hereunder. The Issuers shall defend the claim and the Trustee shall cooperate in the defense. The Trustee may have separate counsel and the Issuers shall pay the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel. The Issuers need not pay for any settlement made without their consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

The obligations of the Issuers this Section 7.07 shall survive resignation or removal of the Trustee and the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

To secure the Issuers' payment obligations in this Section, the Trustee shall have a Lien prior to the Notes on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee, except that held in trust to pay principal and interest on particular Notes. Such Lien shall survive the resignation or removal of the Trustee and the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services after an Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(g) or (h) occurs, the expenses and the compensation for the services (including the fees and expenses of its agents and counsel) are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any Bankruptcy Law.

The Trustee shall comply with the provisions of TIA ss. 313(b)(2) to the extent applicable.

Section 7.08. Replacement of Trustee.

A resignation or removal of the Trustee and appointment of a successor Trustee shall become effective only upon the successor Trustee's acceptance of appointment as provided in this Section.

The Trustee may resign in writing at any time and be discharged from the trust hereby created by so notifying the Issuers. The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may remove the Trustee by so notifying the Trustee and the Issuers in writing. The Issuers may remove the Trustee if:

- (a) the Trustee fails to comply with Section 7.10;
- (b) the Trustee is adjudged a bankrupt or an insolvent or an order for relief is entered with respect to the Trustee under any Bankruptcy Law;
- (c) a custodian or public officer takes charge of the Trustee or its property; or

(d) the Trustee becomes incapable of acting.

If the Trustee resigns or is removed or if a vacancy exists in the office of Trustee for any reason, the Issuers shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee. Within one year after the successor Trustee takes office, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may appoint a successor Trustee to replace the successor Trustee appointed by the Issuers.

If a successor Trustee does not take office within 60 days after the retiring Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Trustee, the Issuers, or the Holders of at least 10% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may petition at the expense of the Company any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

If the Trustee, after written request by any Holder who has been a Holder for at least six months, fails to comply with Section 7.10, such Holder may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee.

A successor Trustee shall deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Trustee and to the Issuers. Thereupon, the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective, and the successor Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the Trustee under this Indenture. The successor Trustee shall mail a notice of its succession to Holders. The retiring Trustee shall promptly transfer all property held by it as Trustee to the successor Trustee; provided all sums owing to the Trustee hereunder have been paid and subject to the Lien provided for in Section 7.07. Notwithstanding replacement of the Trustee pursuant to this Section 7.08, the Issuers' obligations under Section 7.07 shall continue for the benefit of the retiring Trustee.

Section 7.09. Successor Trustee by Merger, etc.

If the Trustee consolidates, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all of its corporate trust business to, another corporation, the successor corporation without any further act shall be the successor Trustee.

Section 7.10. Eligibility; Disqualification.

There shall at all times be a Trustee hereunder that is a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state thereof that is authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trustee power, that is subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authorities and that has a combined capital and surplus of at least \$100 million as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition.

This Indenture shall always have a Trustee who satisfies the requirements of TIA ss. 310(a)(1), (2) and (5). The Trustee is subject to TIA ss. 310(b).

Section 7.11. Preferential Collection of Claims Against the Issuers.

The Trustee is subject to TIA ss. 311(a), excluding any creditor relationship listed in TIA ss. 311(b). A Trustee who has resigned or been removed shall be subject to TIA ss. 311(a) to the extent indicated therein.

#### ARTICLE 8

### LEGAL DEFEASANCE AND COVENANT DEFEASANCE

Section 8.01. Option to Effect Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

The Issuers may, at the option of their respective Boards of Directors evidenced by a resolution set forth in an Officers' Certificate of each of the Issuers, at any time, elect to have either Section 8.02 or 8.03 be applied to all outstanding Notes upon compliance with the conditions set forth below in this Article 8.

Section 8.02. Legal Defeasance and Discharge.

Upon the Issuers' exercise under Section 8.01 of the option applicable to this Section 8.02, the Issuers shall, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04, be deemed to have been discharged from their obligations with respect to all outstanding Notes on the date the conditions set forth below are satisfied (hereinafter, "Legal Defeasance"). For this purpose, Legal Defeasance means that the Issuers shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire Indebtedness represented by the outstanding Notes, which shall thereafter be deemed to be "outstanding" only for the purposes of Section 8.05 and the other Sections of this Indenture referred to in (a) and (b) below, and to have satisfied all their other obligations under such Notes and this Indenture (and the Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Issuers, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), except for the following provisions which shall survive until otherwise terminated or discharged hereunder:

- (a) the rights of Holders of outstanding Notes to receive payments in respect of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on such Notes when such payments are due from the trust referred to below;
- (b) the Issuers' obligations with respect to the Notes concerning issuing temporary Notes, registration of Notes, mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes and the  $\,$

maintenance of an office or agency for payment and money for security payments held in trust;

- (c) the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the Trustee and the Issuers' obligations in connection therewith; and
  - (d) the Legal Defeasance provisions of this Indenture;

Subject to compliance with this Article 8, the Issuers may exercise their option under this Section 8.02 notwithstanding the prior exercise of their option under Section 8.03.

Section 8.03. Covenant Defeasance.

Upon the Issuers' exercise under Section 8.01 of the option applicable to this Section 8.03, the Issuers shall, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04, be released from their obligations under the covenants contained in Article 5 and Sections 4.03, 4.07, 4.08, 4.09, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12, 4.13, 4.14, 4.16, 4.17 and 4.19 with respect to the outstanding Notes on and after the date the conditions set forth in Section 8.04 are satisfied (hereinafter, "Covenant Defeasance"), and the Notes shall thereafter be deemed not "outstanding" for the purposes of any direction, waiver, consent or declaration or act of Holders (and the consequences of any thereof) in connection with such covenants, but shall continue to be deemed "outstanding" for all other purposes hereunder (it being understood that such Notes shall not be deemed outstanding for accounting purposes). For this purpose, Covenant Defeasance means that, with respect to the outstanding Notes, the Issuers may omit to comply with and shall have no liability in respect of any term, condition or limitation set forth in any such covenant, whether directly or indirectly, by reason of any reference elsewhere herein to any such covenant or by reason of any reference in any such covenant to any other provision herein or in any other document and such omission to comply shall not constitute a Default or an Event of Default under Section 6.01, but, except as specified above, the remainder of this Indenture and such Notes shall be unaffected thereby. In addition, upon the Issuers' exercise under Section 8.01 of the option applicable to this Section 8.03, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04, Sections 6.01(c) through 6.01(f) shall not constitute Events of Default.

Section 8.04. Conditions to Legal or Covenant Defeasance.

The following shall be the conditions to the application of either Section 8.02 or 8.03 to the outstanding Notes:

In order to exercise either Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance:

- (1) the Company must irrevocably deposit with the Trustee, in trust, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes, cash in U.S. dollars, non-callable Government Securities, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants, to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the outstanding Notes on the stated maturity or on the applicable redemption date, as the case may be, and the Company must specify whether the Notes are being defeased to maturity or to a particular redemption date;
- (2) in the case of Legal Defeasance, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel reasonably acceptable to the Trustee confirming that (a) the Company has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling or (b) since the Issue Date, there has been a change in the applicable federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such opinion of counsel shall confirm that, the Holders of the outstanding Notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Legal Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Legal Defeasance had not occurred:
- (3) in the case of Covenant Defeasance, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel reasonably acceptable to the Trustee confirming that the Holders of the outstanding Notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Covenant Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Covenant Defeasance had not occurred:
- (4) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing either: (a) on the date of such deposit (other than a Default or Event of Default resulting from the borrowing of funds to be applied to such deposit); or (b) or insofar as Events of Default from bankruptcy or insolvency events are concerned, at any time in the period ending on the 91st day after the date of deposit:
- (5) such Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under any material agreement or instrument (other than this Indenture) to which the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries is bound;
- (6) the Company must have delivered to the Trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that after the 91st day assuming no intervening bankruptcy, that no Holder is an insider of either of the Issuers following the deposit and that such deposit would not be deemed by a court of competent jurisdiction a transfer for the benefit of either Issuer in its capacity as such, the trust funds will not be subject to the effect of any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally;

- (7) the Company must deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that the deposit was not made by the Company with the intent of preferring the Holders of Notes over the other creditors of the Company with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding creditors of the Company or others; and
- (8) the Company must deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an opinion of counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent relating to the Legal Defeasance or the Covenant Defeasance have been complied with.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the opinion of counsel required by clause (2) above with respect to a Legal Defeasance need not be delivered if all Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation (i) have become due and payable or (ii) will become due and payable on the maturity date within one year, by their terms or under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Issuers.

Section 8.05. Deposited Money and Government Securities to Be Held in Trust; Other Miscellaneous Provisions.

Subject to Section 8.06, all money and non-callable Government Securities (including the proceeds thereof) deposited with the Trustee (or other qualifying trustee, collectively for purposes of this Section 8.05, the "Trustee") pursuant to Section 8.04 in respect of the outstanding Notes shall be held in trust and applied by the Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of such Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Issuers acting as Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Holders of such Notes of all sums due and to become due thereon in respect of principal, premium, if any, and interest, but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

The Issuers shall pay and indemnify the Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against the cash or non-callable Government Securities deposited pursuant to Section 8.04 or the principal and interest received in respect thereof other than any such tax, fee or other charge which by law is for the account of the Holders of the outstanding Notes.

Anything in this Article 8 to the contrary notwithstanding, the Trustee shall deliver or pay to the Issuers from time to time upon the request of the Issuers any money or non-callable Government Securities held by it as provided in Section 8.04 which, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee (which may be the opinion delivered under Section 8.04(a)), are in excess of the amount thereof that would then be required to be deposited to effect an equivalent Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

Section 8.06. Repayment to Issuers.

Any money deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent, or then held by the Issuers, in trust for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Note and remaining unclaimed for two years after such principal, and premium, if any, or interest has become due and payable shall be paid to the Issuers on their request or (if then held by the Issuers) shall be discharged from such trust; and the Holder of such Note shall thereafter look only to the Issuers for payment thereof, and all liability of the Trustee or such Paying Agent with respect to such trust money, and all liability of the Issuers as trustee thereof, shall thereupon cease; provided, however, that the Trustee or such Paying Agent, before being required to make any such repayment, may at the expense of the Issuers cause to be published once, in the New York Times and The Wall Street Journal (national edition), notice that such money remains unclaimed and that, after a date specified therein, which shall not be less than 30 days from the date of such notification or publication, any unclaimed balance of such money then remaining shall be repaid to the Issuers.

Section 8.07. Reinstatement.

If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any United States dollars or non-callable Government Securities in accordance with Section 8.02 or 8.03, as the case may be, by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, then the Issuers' obligations under this Indenture and the Notes, shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to Section 8.02 or 8.03 until such time as the Trustee or Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money in accordance with Section 8.02 or 8.03, as the case may be; provided, however, that, if the Issuers make any payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Note following the reinstatement of their obligations, the Issuers shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Notes to receive such payment from the money held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

## ARTICLE 9

### AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT AND WAIVER

Section 9.01. Without Consent of Holders of Notes.

Notwithstanding Section 9.02 of this Indenture, the Issuers and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture or the Notes without the consent of any Holder of a Note:

(a) to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency;

- (b) to provide for uncertificated Notes in addition to or in place of certificated Notes;
  - (c) to provide for or confirm the issuance of Additional Notes;
- (d) to provide for the assumption of either Issuer's obligations to Holders of Notes in the case of a merger or consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of the assets of such Issuer pursuant to Article 5;
- (e) to make any change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the Holders of Notes or that does not adversely affect the legal rights under this Indenture of any Holder; or
- (f) to comply with requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of this Indenture under the TIA or otherwise as necessary to comply with applicable law.

Upon the request of the Issuers accompanied by a resolution of their respective Boards of Directors authorizing the execution of any such amended or supplemental Indenture, and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in Section 7.02, the Trustee shall join with the Issuers in the execution of any amended or supplemental Indenture authorized or permitted by the terms of this Indenture and to make any further appropriate agreements and stipulations that may be therein contained, but the Trustee shall not be obligated to enter into such amended or supplemental Indenture that affects its own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise.

Section 9.02. With Consent of Holders of Notes.

Except as provided below in this Section 9.02, this Indenture (including Sections 4.11 and 4.16) or the Notes may be amended or supplemented with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding (including, without limitation, consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or a tender offer or exchange offer for, Notes) and, subject to Sections 6.04 and 6.07, any existing Default or compliance with any provision of this Indenture or the Notes may be waived with the consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding (including, without limitation, consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or a tender offer or exchange offer for, Notes). Section 2.08 shall determine which Notes are considered to be "outstanding" for purposes of this Section 9.02.

Upon the request of the Issuers accompanied by a resolution of their respective Boards of Directors authorizing the execution of any such amended or supplemental Indenture, and upon the filing with the Trustee of evidence satisfactory to the Trustee of the consent of the Holders of Notes as aforesaid, and upon receipt by the Trustee of the

documents described in Section 7.02, the Trustee shall join with the Issuers in the execution of such amended or supplemental Indenture unless such amended or supplemental Indenture directly affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise, in which case the Trustee may in its discretion, but shall not be obligated to, enter into such amended or supplemental Indenture.

It shall not be necessary for the consent of the Holders of Notes under this Section 9.02 to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment or waiver, but it shall be sufficient if such consent approves the substance thereof.

After an amendment, supplement or waiver under this Section 9.02 becomes effective, the Company shall mail to the Holders of Notes affected thereby a notice briefly describing the amendment, supplement or waiver. Any failure of the Company to mail such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such amended or supplemental Indenture or waiver. Subject to Sections 6.04 and 6.07, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding may waive compliance in a particular instance by the Issuers with any provision of this Indenture or the Notes. However, without the consent of each Holder affected, an amendment, supplement or waiver under this Section 9.02 may not (with respect to any Notes held by a non-consenting Holder):

- (a) reduce the principal amount of Notes whose Holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;
- (b) reduce the principal of or change the fixed maturity of any Note or alter the payment provisions with respect to the redemption of the Notes (other than provisions relating to Sections 4.11 and 4.16);
- (c) reduce the rate of or extend the time for payment of interest on any  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Note}};$
- (d) waive a Default or Event of Default in the payment of principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on the Notes (except a rescission of acceleration of the Notes by the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from such acceleration);
  - (e) make any Note payable in money other than that stated in the Notes;
- (f) make any change in the provisions of this Indenture relating to waivers of past Defaults or the rights of Holders of Notes to receive payments of principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on the Notes;
- (g) waive a redemption payment with respect to any Note (other than a payment required by Sections 4.11 and 4.16); or

(h) make any change in this Section 9.02.

Section 9.03. Compliance with Trust Indenture Act.

Every amendment or supplement to this Indenture or the Notes shall be set forth in a amended or supplemental Indenture that complies with the TIA as then in effect.

Section 9.04. Revocation and Effect of Consents.

Until an amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective, a consent to it by a Holder of a Note is a continuing consent by the Holder of a Note and every subsequent Holder of a Note or portion of a Note that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Note, even if notation of the consent is not made on any Note. However, any such Holder of a Note or subsequent Holder of a Note may revoke the consent as to its Note if the Trustee receives written notice of revocation before the date the waiver, supplement or amendment becomes effective. An amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective in accordance with its terms and thereafter binds every Holder.

Section 9.05. Notation on or Exchange of Notes.

The Trustee may place an appropriate notation about an amendment, supplement or waiver on any Note thereafter authenticated. The Issuers in exchange for all Notes may issue and the Trustee shall, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, authenticate new Notes that reflect the amendment, supplement or waiver.

Failure to make the appropriate notation or issue a new Note shall not affect the validity and effect of such amendment, supplement or waiver.

Section 9.06. Trustee to Sign Amendments, etc.

The Trustee shall sign any amended or supplemental Indenture authorized pursuant to this Article 9 if the amendment or supplement does not adversely affect the rights, duties, liabilities or immunities of the Trustee. The Issuers may not sign an amendment or supplemental Indenture until their respective Boards of Directors approve it. In executing any amended or supplemental indenture, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive and (subject to Section 7.01) shall be fully protected in relying upon, in addition to the documents required by Section 10.04, an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, in each case from each of the Issuers, stating that the execution of such amended or supplemental indenture is authorized or permitted by this Indenture.

ARTICLE 10

### MISCELLANEOUS

Section 10.01. Trust Indenture Act Controls.

If any provision of this Indenture limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by TIA ss. 318(c), the imposed duties shall control.

Section 10.02. Notices.

Any notice or communication by the Issuers or the Trustee to the others is duly given if in writing and delivered in Person or mailed by first class mail (registered or certified, return receipt requested), telex, telecopier or overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery, to the others' address:

### If to the Issuers:

Charter Communications Holdings, LLC Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation c/o Charter Communications, Inc. 12444 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 100 St. Louis, Missouri 63131 Telecopier No.: (314) 965-8793 Attention: Secretary

## With a copy to:

Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP 399 Park Avenue 31st Floor New York, New York 10022 Telecopier No.: (212) 319-4090 Attention: Leigh P. Ryan, Esq.

Irell & Manella 1800 Avenue of the Stars Suite 900 Los Angeles, California 90067 Telecopier No.: (310) 556-5393 Attention: Meredith Jackson, Esq.

## If to the Trustee:

BNY Midwest Trust Company 2 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1020 Chicago, Illinois 60602 Telecopier No.: (312) 827-8542 Attention: Corporate Trust Department

The Issuers or the Trustee, by notice to the others may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

All notices and communications (other than those sent to Holders) shall be deemed to have been duly given: at the time delivered by hand, if personally delivered; five Business Days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, if mailed; when answered back, if telexed; when receipt acknowledged, if telecopied; and the next Business Day after timely delivery to the courier, if sent by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery.

Any notice or communication to a Holder shall be mailed by first class mail, certified or registered, return receipt requested, or by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery to its address shown on the register kept by the Registrar. Any notice or communication shall also be so mailed to any Person described in TIA ss. 313(c), to the extent required by the TIA. Failure to mail a notice or communication to a Holder or any defect in it shall not affect its sufficiency with respect to other Holders.

If a notice or communication is mailed in the manner provided above within the time prescribed, it is duly given, whether or not the addressee receives it.

If the Issuers mail a notice or communication to Holders, it shall mail a copy to the Trustee and each Agent at the same time.

Section 10.03. Communication by Holders of Notes with Other Holders of Notes.

Holders may communicate pursuant to TIA ss. 312(b) with other Holders with respect to their rights under this Indenture or the Notes. The Issuers, the Trustee, the Registrar and anyone else shall have the protection of TIA ss. 312(c).

Section 10.04. Certificate and Opinion as to Conditions Precedent.

Upon any request or application by the Issuers to the Trustee to take any action under this Indenture, the Issuers shall furnish to the Trustee:

- (a) an Officers' Certificate in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee (which shall include the statements set forth in Section 10.05) stating that, in the opinion of the signers, all conditions precedent and covenants, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been satisfied; and
- (b) an Opinion of Counsel in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee (which shall include the statements set forth in Section 10.05) stating that, in the opinion of such counsel, all such conditions precedent and covenants have been satisfied.

Section 10.05. Statements Required in Certificate or Opinion.

Each certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture (other than a certificate provided pursuant to TIA ss. 314(a)(4)) shall comply with the provisions of TIA ss. 314(e) and shall include:

- (a) a statement that the Person making such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition;
- (b) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;
- (c) a statement that, in the opinion of such Person, he or she has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been satisfied: and
- (d) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of such Person, such condition or covenant has been satisfied.

Section 10.06. Rules by Trustee and Agents.

The Trustee may make reasonable rules for action by or at a meeting of Holders. The Registrar or Paying Agent may make reasonable rules and set reasonable requirements for its functions.

Section 10.07. No Personal Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees, Members and Stockholders.

No director, officer, employee, incorporator, member or stockholder of the Issuers, as such, shall have any liability for any obligations of the Issuers under the Notes, this Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder of Notes by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes.

Section 10.08. Governing Law.

THE INTERNAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THIS INDENTURE AND THE NOTES AND ANY SUBSIDIARY GUARANTEE WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO THE APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAWS TO THE EXTENT THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION WOULD BE REQUIRED THEREBY. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO AGREES TO SUBMIT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS

OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE OR THE NOTES OR ANY SUBSIDIARY GUARANTEE.

Section 10.09. No Adverse Interpretation of Other Agreements.

This Indenture may not be used to interpret any other indenture, loan or debt agreement of the Issuers or their Subsidiaries or of any other Person. Any such indenture, loan or debt agreement may not be used to interpret this Indenture.

Section 10.10. Successors.

All agreements of the Issuers in this Indenture and the Notes, as the case may be, shall bind their respective successors. All agreements of the Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successors.

Section 10.11. Severability.

In case any provision in this Indenture or the Notes, as the case may be, shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 10.12. Counterpart Originals.

The parties may sign any number of copies of this Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement.

Section 10.13. Table of Contents, Headings, etc.

The Table of Contents, Cross-Reference Table and Headings of the Articles and Sections of this Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part of this Indenture and shall in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions.

#### ARTICLE 11

## SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

Section 11.01. Satisfaction and Discharge of Indenture.

This Indenture shall cease to be of further effect (except as to any surviving rights of registration of transfer or exchange of Notes herein expressly provided for), and the

Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Issuers, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, when

## (1) either

- (A) all Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than (i) Notes which have been destroyed, lost or stolen and which have been replaced or paid as provided in Section 2.07 and (ii) Notes for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Issuers and thereafter repaid to the Issuers or discharged from such trust,) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or
- (B) all such Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1$ 
  - (i) have become due and payable, or
  - (ii) will become due and payable at their Stated Maturity within one year, or  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left$
  - (iii) are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Issuers.

and the Issuers, in the case of (i), (ii) or (iii) above, have deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust for the purpose an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on such Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, for principal (and premium, if any) and interest to the date of such deposit (in the case of Notes which have become due and payable) or to the maturity or redemption thereof, as the case may be;

- (2) the Issuers have paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable hereunder by the Issuers; and  $\,$
- (3) each of the Issuers have delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture have been complied with.

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture pursuant to this Article 11, the obligations of the Issuers to the Trustee under Section 7.07, and, if money shall have been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to subclause (B) of clause (1) of this Section, the obligations of the Trustee under Section 11.02 shall survive.

Section 11.02. Application of Trust Money.

All money deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 11.01 shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent as the Trustee may determine, to the Persons entitled thereto, of the principal (and premium, if any) and interest for whose payment such money has been deposited with the Trustee.

[Signatures on following page]

SIGNATURES

Dated as of January 10, 2001

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC, as an Issuer

By: /s/ Steven A. Schumm

Name: Steven A. Schumm Title: Executive Vice President

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS CAPITAL CORPORATION, as an Issuer

By: /s/ Steven A. Schumm

Name: Steven A. Schumm Title: Executive Vice President

BNY MIDWEST TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee

By: /s/ M. Callahan

Name: M. Callahan Title: Assistant Vice President

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BNY MIDWEST TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee

By:\_\_\_\_\_\_Authorized Signatory

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### 11.125% Senior Notes due 2011

"THIS GLOBAL NOTE IS HELD BY THE DEPOSITARY (AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THIS NOTE) OR ITS NOMINEE IN CUSTODY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS HEREOF, AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANY PERSON UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES EXCEPT THAT (I) THE TRUSTEE MAY MAKE SUCH NOTATIONS HEREON AS MAY BE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.07 OF THE INDENTURE, (II) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE EXCHANGED IN WHOLE BUT NOT IN PART PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.06(a) OF THE INDENTURE, (III) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE TRUSTEE FOR CANCELLATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.11 OF THE INDENTURE AND (IV) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY WITH THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE ISSUERS."(1)

"THE NOTES EVIDENCED HEREBY HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 (THE "SECURITIES ACT") AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT (A) (1) TO A PERSON WHO THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A, (2) IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION COMPLYING WITH RULE 903 OR RULE 904 OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (3) TO AN INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT SUBJECT TO THE CERTIFICATION AND DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS OF THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THE NOTES, (4) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144 THEREUNDER (IF AVAILABLE) OR (5) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND (B) IN

(1) This paragraph should be included only if the Note is issued in global form.

ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES."(2)

Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture referred to below unless otherwise indicated.

- 1. INTEREST. Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Charter Capital" and, together with the Company, the "Issuers"), promise to pay interest on the principal amount of this Note at the rate of 11.125% per annum from January 10, 2001 until maturity. The interest rate on the Notes is subject to increase pursuant to the provisions of the Registration Rights Agreement. The Issuers will pay interest semi-annually in arrears on January 15 and July 15 of each year (each an "Interest Payment Date"), or if any such day is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day. Interest on the Notes will accrue from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from the date of issuance; provided that if there is no existing Default in the payment of interest, and if this Note is authenticated between a record date referred to on the face and the next succeeding Interest Payment Date; interest shall accrue from such next succeeding Interest Payment Date; provided, further, that the first Interest Payment Date shall be July 15, 2001. The Issuers shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal and premium, if any, from time to time on demand at a rate that is 1% per annum in excess of the rate then in effect; they shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue installments of interest (without regard to any applicable grace periods) from time to time on demand at the same rate to the extent lawful. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.
- 2. METHOD OF PAYMENT. The Issuers shall pay interest on the Notes (except defaulted interest) to the Persons who are registered Holders of Notes at the close of business on the January 1 or July 1 next preceding the Interest Payment Date, even if such Notes are canceled after such record date and on or before such Interest Payment Date, except as provided in Section 2.12 of the Indenture with respect to defaulted interest. The Notes will be payable as to principal, premium, if any, and interest at the office or agency of the Issuers maintained for such purpose within or without the City and State of New York, or, at the option of the Issuers, payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the Holders at their addresses set forth in the register of Holders, and
- (2) This paragraph should be removed upon the exchange of Notes for Exchange Notes in an Exchange Offer or upon the registration of the Notes pursuant to the terms of a Registration Rights Agreement.

provided that payment by wire transfer of immediately available funds will be required with respect to principal of and interest and premium on all Global Notes and all other Notes the Holders of which shall have provided wire transfer instructions to the Issuers or the Paying Agent. Such payment shall be in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts.

- 3. PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR. Initially, BNY Midwest Trust Company, the Trustee under the Indenture, will act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Issuers may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act in any such capacity.
- 4. INDENTURE. The Issuers issued the Notes under an Indenture dated as of January 10, 2001 (the "Indenture") between the Issuers and the Trustee. The terms of the Notes include those stated in the Indenture and those made part of the Indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (15 U.S. Code ss.ss. 77aaa-77bbbb). The Notes are subject to all such terms, and Holders are referred to the Indenture and such Act for a statement of such terms. To the extent any provision of this Note conflicts with the express provisions of the Indenture, the provisions of the Indenture shall govern and be controlling.

### 5. OPTIONAL REDEMPTION.

(a) Except as set forth in clause (b) of this Paragraph 5, the Issuers shall not have the option to redeem the Notes prior to January 15, 2006. Thereafter, the Issuers shall have the option to redeem the Notes, in whole or in part, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice, at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) set forth below plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to the applicable redemption date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on January 15 of the years indicated below:

Year	Percentage
2006	105.563%
2007	103.708%
2008	101.854%
2009 and thereafter	100.000%

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of clause (a) of this Paragraph 5, at any time prior to January 15, 2004, the Issuers may on any one or more occasions redeem up to 35% of the original aggregate principal amount of the Notes (including the principal amount of any Additional Notes) issued under the Indenture on a pro rata basis (or as nearly pro rata as practicable), at a redemption price of 111.125% of the principal amount

thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, with the net cash proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings; provided that

- (1) at least 65% of the original aggregate principal amount of Notes (including the principal amount of any Additional Notes) issued under the Indenture remains outstanding immediately after the occurrence of such redemption (excluding Notes held by the Company and its Subsidiaries); and
- (2) the redemption must occur within 60 days of the date of the closing of such Equity Offering.

### 6. MANDATORY REDEMPTION.

Except as otherwise provided in Paragraph 7 below, the Issuers shall not be required to make mandatory redemption payments with respect to the Notes.  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)$ 

### 7. REPURCHASE AT OPTION OF HOLDER.

- (a) If there is a Change of Control, the Issuers shall make an offer (a "Change of Control Offer") to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$1,000 or an integral multiple thereof) of each Holder's Notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to the date of purchase (the "Change of Control Payment"). Within 10 days following any Change of Control, the Issuers shall mail a notice to each Holder describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control and offering to repurchase Notes on the Change of Control Payment Date specified in such notice, pursuant to the procedures required by the Indenture and described in such notice.
- (b) If the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary consummates any Asset Sale, when the aggregate amount of Excess Proceeds exceeds \$25.0 million, the Issuers shall commence an offer (an "Asset Sale Offer") pursuant to Section 4.11 of the Indenture to all Holders of Notes and all holders of other Indebtedness that is pari passu with the Notes containing provisions requiring offers to purchase or redeem with the proceeds of sales of assets to purchase the maximum principal amount of Notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness that may be purchased out of the Excess Proceeds (which amount includes the entire amount of the Net Proceeds). The offer price in any Asset Sale Offer will be payable in cash and equal to 100% of principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase. If any Excess Proceeds remain after consummation of an Asset Sale Offer, the Company may use such Excess Proceeds for any purpose not otherwise prohibited by the Indenture. If the aggregate principal amount of Notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness tendered into such Asset Sale Offer exceeds the amount of Excess Proceeds, the Trustee shall select the Notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness to be purchased on a pro rata basis. Upon completion of each

Asset Sale Offer, the amount of Excess Proceeds shall be reset at zero. Holders of Notes that are the subject of an offer to purchase will receive an Asset Sale Offer from the Company prior to any related purchase date and may elect to have such Notes purchased by completing the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" on the reverse of the Notes.

- 8. NOTICE OF REDEMPTION. Notice of redemption will be mailed by first class mail at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each Holder whose Notes are to be redeemed at its registered address. Notices of redemption may not be conditional. No Notes of \$1,000 or less may be redeemed in part. Notes in denominations larger than \$1,000 may be redeemed in part but only in whole multiples of \$1,000, unless all of the Notes held by a Holder are to be redeemed. On and after the redemption date interest ceases to accrue on Notes or portions thereof called for redemption.
- 9. DENOMINATIONS, TRANSFER, EXCHANGE. The Notes are in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000. The transfer of Notes may be registered and Notes may be exchanged as provided in the Indenture. The Registrar and the Trustee may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and the Issuers may require a Holder to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Issuers need not exchange or register the transfer of any Note or portion of a Note selected for redemption, except for the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part. Also, the Issuers need not exchange or register the transfer of any Notes for a period of 15 days before a selection of Notes to be redeemed or during the period between a record date and the corresponding Interest Payment Date.
- 10. PERSONS DEEMED OWNERS. The registered Holder of a Note may be treated as its owner for all purposes.
- 11. AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT AND WAIVER. Subject to certain exceptions, the Indenture or the Notes may be amended or supplemented with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding (including, without limitation, consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, Notes), and any existing default or compliance with any provision of the Indenture or the Notes may be waived with the consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding (including, without limitation, consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, Notes). Without the consent of any Holder of a Note, the Issuers and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture or the Notes to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency, to provide for uncertificated Notes in addition to or in place of certificated Notes, to provide for the assumption of an Issuers' obligations to Holders of Notes in the case of a merger or consolidation or sale of

all or substantially all of the assets of either Issuer to make any change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the Holders of Notes or that does not adversely affect the legal rights under the Indenture of any such Holder, or to comply with the requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of the Indenture under the TIA or otherwise as necessary to comply with applicable law.

12. DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES. Each of the following is an Event of Default: (i) default for 30 days in the payment when due of interest on the Notes, (ii) default in payment when due of the principal of or premium, if any, on the Notes, (iii) failure by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to comply with Sections 4.16 and 5.01 of the Indenture, (iv) failure by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries for 30 days after written notice thereof has been given to the Company by the Trustee or to the Company and the Trustee by the Holders of at least 25% of the principal amount of the Notes outstanding to comply with any of their other covenants or agreements in the Indenture, (v) default under any mortgage, indenture or instrument under which there may be issued or by which there may be secured or evidenced any Indebtedness for money borrowed by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (or the payment of which is guaranteed by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries), whether such Indebtedness or guarantee now exists or is created after the date of the Indenture, if that default: (a) is caused by a failure to pay at final stated maturity the principal amount of such Indebtedness prior to the expiration of the grace period provided in such Indebtedness on the date of such default (a "Payment Default"); or (b) results in the acceleration of such Indebtedness prior to its express maturity, and, in each case, the principal amount of any such Indebtedness, together with the principal amount of any other such Indebtedness under which there has been a Payment Default or the maturity of which has been so accelerated, aggregates \$100 million or more, (vi) failure by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to pay final judgments which are non-appealable aggregating in excess of \$100 million (net of applicable insurance which has not been denied in writing by the insurer), which judgments are not paid, discharged or stayed for a period of 60 days or (vii) certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency with respect to the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries. In the case of an Event of Default arising from certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency with respect to the Company, all outstanding Notes will become due and payable without further action or notice. If any other Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee by notice to the Issuers or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes by notice to the Issuers and the Trustee may declare all the Notes to be due and payable. Holders may not enforce the Indenture or the Notes except as provided in the Indenture. Subject to certain limitations, Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may direct the Trustee in its exercise of any trust or power. The Trustee may withhold from Holders of the Notes notice of any continuing Default or Event of Default (except a Default or Event of Default relating to the payment of principal or interest) if it determines that withholding notice is in their interest. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the

Notes then outstanding by notice to the Trustee may on behalf of the Holders of all of the Notes waive any existing Default or Event of Default and its consequences under the Indenture except a continuing Default or Event of Default in the payment of interest on, or the principal of, the Notes. The Company is required to deliver to the Trustee annually a statement regarding compliance with the Indenture. Upon becoming aware of any Default or Event of Default, the Company is required to deliver to the Trustee a statement specifying such Default or Event of Default.

- 13. TRUSTEE DEALINGS WITH ISSUERS. The Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may make loans to, accept deposits from, and perform services for the Issuers or their Affiliates, and may otherwise deal with the Issuers or their Affiliates, as if it were not the Trustee.
- 14. NO RECOURSE AGAINST OTHERS. A director, officer, employee, incorporator, member or stockholder of either of the Issuers, as such, shall not have any liability for any obligations of the Issuers under the Notes or the Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issuance of the Notes.
- 15. GOVERNING LAW. THE INTERNAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THIS NOTE AND THE INDENTURE WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO THE APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAWS TO THE EXTENT THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION WOULD BE REQUIRED THEREBY. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO AND THE HOLDERS AGREE TO SUBMIT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS NOTE.
- 16. AUTHENTICATION. This Note shall not be valid until authenticated by the manual signature of the Trustee or an authenticating agent.
- 17. ABBREVIATIONS. Customary abbreviations may be used in the name of a Holder or an assignee, such as: TEN COM (= tenants in common), TEN ENT (= tenants by the entireties), JT TEN (= joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common), CUST (= Custodian), and U/G/M/A (= Uniform Gifts to Minors Act).
- 18. ADDITIONAL RIGHTS OF HOLDERS OF RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTES AND RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTES. In addition to the rights provided to Holders of Notes under the Indenture, Holders of Restricted Global Notes and Restricted Definitive Notes shall have all the rights set forth in any Registration Rights Agreement.

19. CUSIP NUMBERS. Pursuant to a recommendation promulgated by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures, the Issuers have caused CUSIP numbers to be printed on the Notes and the Trustee may use CUSIP numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of redemption and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers placed thereon.

The Company will furnish to any Holder upon written request and without charge a copy of the Indenture and/or the Registration Rights Agreement. Requests may be made to:

Charter Communications Holdings, LLC Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation c/o Charter Communications, Inc. 12444 Powerscourt Drive Suite 100 St. Louis, Missouri 63131 Attention: Secretary Telecopier No.: (314) 965-0555

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## ASSIGNMENT FORM

To assign this Note, fill in the form below:
(I) or (we) assign and transfer this Note to:(Insert assignee's legal name)
(Insert assignee's soc. sec. or tax I.D. no.)
(Print or type assignee's name, address and zip code)
and irrevocably appoint to transfer this Note on the books of the Issuers. The agent may substitute another to act for him.
Date:
Your Signature:(Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)
Signature Guarantee*:

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

# OPTION OF HOLDER TO ELECT PURCHASE

	If yo	u wan	it to	elect	to	have	this	Note	purch	nased	by	the	Issue	rs	pursuant
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If you want to elect to have only part of the Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 4.11 or Section 4.16 of the Indenture, state the amount you elect to have purchased:  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2$ 

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Your Signatu	ıre: (Sign	exactly	as	your	name	appears	on	the	face	of	this	Note)
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# SCHEDULE OF EXCHANGES OF INTERESTS IN THE GLOBAL NOTE\*

The following exchanges of a part of this Global Note for an interest in another Global Note or for a Definitive Note, or exchanges of a part of another Global Note or Definitive Note for an interest in this Global Note, have been made:

Date of Exchange	Amount of decrease in Principal Amount of this Global Note	Amount of increase in Principal Amount of this Global Note	Principal Amount of this Global Note following such decrease (or increase)	Signature of authorized officer of Trustee or Note Custodian

### FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER

Charter Communications Holdings, LLC Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation c/o Charter Communications, Inc. 12444 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 100 St. Louis, Missouri 63131

BNY Midwest Trust Company 2 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1020 Chicago, Illinois 60602 Telecopier No.: (312) 827-8542

Attention: Corporate Trust Department

Re: 11.125% Senior Notes due 2011

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the Note[s] or interest in such Note[s] specified in Annex A hereto, in the principal amount of \$ \_\_\_\_ in such Note[s] or interests (the "Transfer"), to \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Transferee"), as further specified in Annex A hereto. In connection with the Transfer, the Transferor hereby certifies that:

### [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

1. / / Check if Transferee will take delivery of a beneficial interest in the Rule 144A Global Note or a Definitive Note Pursuant to Rule 144A. The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144A under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and, accordingly, the Transferor hereby further certifies that the beneficial interest or Definitive Note is being transferred to a Person that the Transferor reasonably believed and believes is purchasing the beneficial interest or Definitive Note for its own account, or for one or more accounts with respect to which such Person exercises sole investment discretion, and such Person and each such account is a "qualified institutional buyer" within the meaning of Rule 144A, in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A and such Transfer is in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture,

the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Rule 144A Global Note and/or the Definitive Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

- 2. / / Check if Transferee will take delivery of a beneficial interest in the Regulation S Global Note or a Definitive Note pursuant to Regulation S. The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act and, accordingly, the Transferor hereby further certifies that (i) the Transfer is not being made to a person in the United States and (x) at the time the buy order was originated, the Transferee was outside the United States or such Transferor and any Person acting on its behalf reasonably believed and believes that the Transferee was outside the United States or (y) the transaction was executed in, on or through the facilities of a designated offshore securities market and neither such Transferor nor any Person acting on its behalf knows that the transaction was prearranged with a buyer in the United States, (ii) no directed selling efforts have been made in contravention of the requirements of Rule 903(b) or Rule 904(b) of Regulation S under the Securities Act and (iii) the transaction is not part of a plan or scheme to evade the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will be subject to the restrictions on Transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Regulation S Global Note and/or the Definitive Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act. If the Transfer of the beneficial interest occurs prior to the expiration of the 40-day distribution compliance period set forth in Regulation S, the transferred beneficial interest will be held immediately thereafter through Euroclear or Clearstream.
- 3. // Check and complete if Transferee will take delivery of a beneficial interest in a Definitive Note pursuant to any provision of the Securities Act other than Rule 144A or Regulation S. The Transfer is being effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to beneficial interests in Restricted Global Notes and Restricted Definitive Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States, and accordingly the Transferor hereby further certifies that (check one):
- (a) / / such Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act; or
- (b) / / such Transfer is being effected to the Company or a subsidiary thereof; or
- (c) / / such Transfer is being effected pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act and in compliance with the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act; or

- (d) // such Transfer is being effected to an Institutional Accredited Investor and pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than Rule 144A, Rule 144 or Rule 904, and the Transferor hereby further certifies that it has not engaged in any general solicitation within the meaning of Regulation D under the Securities Act and the Transfer complies with the transfer restrictions applicable to beneficial interests in a Restricted Global Note or Restricted Definitive Notes and the requirements of the exemption claimed, which certification is supported by (1) a certificate executed by the Transferee in the form of Exhibit D to the Indenture and (2) an Opinion of Counsel provided by the Transferor or the Transferee (a copy of which the Transferor has attached to this certification), to the effect that such Transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Act.
- $4.\ /\$ Check if Transferee will take delivery of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or of an Unrestricted Definitive Note.
- (a) // Check if Transfer is pursuant to Rule 144. (i) The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act and in compliance with the transfer restrictions contained in the Indenture and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States and (ii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will no longer be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Notes, on Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture.
- (b) // Check if Transfer is Pursuant to Regulation S. (i) The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act and in compliance with the transfer restrictions contained in the Indenture and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States and (ii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will no longer be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Notes, on Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture.
- (c) // Check if Transfer is Pursuant to Other Exemption. (i) The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in compliance with an exemption from the registration  ${\sf T}$

requirements of the Securities Act other than Rule 144, Rule 903 or Rule 904 and in compliance with the transfer restrictions contained in the Indenture and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any State of the United States and (ii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will not be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Notes or Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture. Definitive Notes and in the Indenture.

This certificate and the statements contained herein are made for your benefit and the benefit of the Issuers.

[Insert Name of Transferor	
By	
Name:	
Title:	
Dated:	

# ANNEX A TO CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER

1.	The T	ransferor owns and proposes to transfer the following:
		[CHECK ONE OF (a) OR (b)]
		(a) / / a beneficial interest in the:
		(i) / / Rule 144A Global Note (CUSIP), or
		(ii) / / Regulation S Global Note (CUSIP $\_\_$ ), or
		(b) / / a Restricted Definitive Note.
2.	After	the Transfer the Transferee will hold:
		[CHECK ONE]
		(a) / / a beneficial interest in the:
		(i) / / Rule 144A Global Note (CUSIP), or
		(ii) / / Regulation S Global Note (CUSIP), or
		(iii) / / Unrestricted Global Note (CUSIP); or
		(b) / / a Restricted Definitive Note; or
		(c) / / an Unrestricted Definitive Note,
		in accordance with the terms of the Indenture.

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### FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF EXCHANGE

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BNY Midwest Trust Company 2 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1020 Chicago, Illinois 60602 Telecopier No.: (312) 827-8542 Attention: Corporate Trust Department

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Re: 11.125% Senior Notes due 2011

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the Note[s] or interest in such Note[s] specified herein, in the principal amount of  $\$  in such Note[s] or interests (the "Exchange"). In connection with the Exchange, the Owner hereby certifies that:

- 1. Exchange of Restricted Definitive Notes or Beneficial Interests in a Restricted Global Note for Unrestricted Definitive Notes or Beneficial Interests in an Unrestricted Global Note
- (a) // Check if Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note to beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note in an equal principal amount, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the beneficial interest is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Global Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the beneficial interest in an Unrestricted

Global Note is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States. If the Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Note to beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note, the Owner further certifies that it is either (x) a non-U.S. Person to whom Notes would be transferred in accordance with Regulation S or (y) a U.S. person who purchased Notes in a transaction that did not require registration under the Securities Act.

- (b) // Check if Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note to Unrestricted Definitive Note. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note for an Unrestricted Definitive Note, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the Definitive Note is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Restricted Global Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the Definitive Note is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.
- (c) // Check if Exchange is from Restricted Definitive Note to beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note. In connection with the Owner's Exchange of a Restricted Definitive Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the beneficial interest is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to Restricted Definitive Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the beneficial interest is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States. If the Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Note to an Unrestricted Definitive Note, the Owner further certifies that it is either (x) a non-U.S. Person to whom Notes could be transferred in accordance with Regulation S or (y) a U.S. Person who purchased Notes in a transaction that did not require registration under the Securities
- (d) // Check if Exchange is from Restricted Definitive Note to Unrestricted Definitive Note. In connection with the Owner's Exchange of a Restricted Definitive Note for an Unrestricted Definitive Note, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the Unrestricted Definitive Note is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to Restricted Definitive Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the Unrestricted Definitive Note is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.

- 2. Exchange of Restricted Definitive Notes or Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes for Restricted Definitive Notes or Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes
- (a) // Check if Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note to Restricted Definitive Note. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note for a Restricted Definitive Note with an equal principal amount, the Owner hereby certifies that the Restricted Definitive Note is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer. If the Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Note to a Restricted Definitive Note, the Owner further certifies that it is either (x) a non-U.S. Person to whom Notes could be transferred in accordance with Regulation S or (y) a U.S. Person who purchased Notes in a transaction that did not require registration under the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Exchange in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the Restricted Definitive Note issued will continue to be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Definitive Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.
- (b) Check if Exchange is from Restricted Definitive Note to beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's Restricted Definitive Note for a beneficial interest in the [CHECK ONE] o Rule 144A Global Note or o Regulation S Global Note with an equal principal amount, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the beneficial interest is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer and (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Restricted Global Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, and in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States. Upon consummation of the proposed Exchange in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the beneficial interest issued will be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the relevant Restricted Global Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

This certificate and the statements contained herein are made for your benefit and the benefit of the Issuers.

[Insert Name of Transferor]

Name: Title:

Dated:\_\_\_\_

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## FORM OF CERTIFICATE FROM ACQUIRING INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR

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In connection with our proposed purchase of \$\_\_\_\_ aggregate principal amount of:

- (a) / / a beneficial interest in a Global Note, or
- (b) / / a Definitive Note,

we confirm that:

- 1. We understand that any subsequent transfer of the Notes or any interest therein is subject to certain restrictions and conditions set forth in the Indenture and the undersigned agrees to be bound by, and not to resell, pledge or otherwise transfer the Notes or any interest therein except in compliance with, such restrictions and conditions and the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act").
- 2. We understand that the offer and sale of the Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act, and that the Notes and any interest therein may not be offered or sold except as permitted in the following sentence. We agree, on our own behalf and on behalf of any accounts for which we are acting as hereinafter stated, that if we should sell the Notes or any interest therein, we will do so only (A) to the Company or any

subsidiary thereof, (B) in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act to a "qualified institutional buyer" (as defined therein), (C) to an institutional "accredited investor" (as defined below) that, prior to such transfer, furnishes (or has furnished on its behalf by a U.S. broker-dealer) to you and to the Company a signed letter substantially in the form of this letter and an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Company to the effect that such transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act, (D) outside the United States in accordance with Rule 904 of Regulation S under the Securities Act, (E) pursuant to the provisions of Rule 144(k) under the Securities Act or (F) pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, and we further agree to provide to any person purchasing the Definitive Note or beneficial interest in a Global Note from us in a transaction meeting the requirements of clauses (A) through (E) of this paragraph a notice advising such purchaser that resales thereof are restricted as stated herein.

- 3. We understand that, on any proposed resale of the Notes or beneficial interest therein, we will be required to furnish to you and the Issuers such certifications, legal opinions and other information as you and the Issuers may reasonably require to confirm that the proposed sale complies with the foregoing restrictions. We further understand that the Notes purchased by us will bear a legend to the foregoing effect.
- 4. We are an institutional "accredited investor" (as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) of Regulation D under the Securities Act) and have such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters as to be capable of evaluating the merits and risks of our investment in the Notes, and we and any accounts for which we are acting are each able to bear the economic risk of our or its investment.
- 5. We are acquiring the Notes or beneficial interest therein purchased by us for our own account or for one or more accounts (each of which is an institutional "accredited investor") as to each of which we exercise sole investment discretion.

You and the Issuers are entitled to rely upon this letter and are irrevocably authorized to produce this letter or a copy to any interested party in any administrative or legal proceedings or official inquiry with respect to the matters covered hereby.

[Insert Name of Transferor]

Name: Title:

Dated:\_

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CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC

and

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS CAPITAL CORPORATION,

as Issuers

and

BNY MIDWEST TRUST COMPANY,

as Trustee

INDENTURE

Dated as of January 10, 2001

11.125% Senior Notes due 2011

Trust Indenture Act Section	Indenture Section
310(a)(1)	7.10
(a)(2)	7.10
(a)(3)	N.A.
(a) (4)	N.A.
(a)(5)	7.10
(b)	7.10
(c)	N.A.
311(a)	7.11
(b)	7.11
(c)	N.A.
312(a)	2.05
(b)	10.03
(c)	10.03
313(a)	7.06
(b)(1)	10.03
(b)(2)	7.07; 10.03
(c)	7.06; 10.02
(d)	7.06
314(a)	4.03; 10.02
(b)	10.02
(c)(1)	10.04
(c)(2)	10.04
(c)(3)	N.A.
(d)	N.A.
(e)	10.05
(f)	N.A.
315(a)	7.01
(b)	7.05; 10.02
(c)	7.03, 10.02
(d)	7.01
(e)	6.11
316(a) (last sentence)	2.09
(a)(1)(A)	6.05
(a)(1)(B)	6.04
(a)(2)	N.A.
(a)(2)(b)	N.A. 6.07
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(C)	2.12
317(a)(1)	6.08
(a)(2)	6.09

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Trust Indenture Act Section	Indenture Section
(b)	2.04
318(a)	10.01
(b)	N.A.
(c)	10.01

N.A. means Not Applicable.

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INDENTURE dated as of January 10, 2001 among Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (as further defined below, the "Company"), Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation, a Delaware corporation (as further defined below, "Charter Capital" and together with the Company, the "Issuers"), and BNY Midwest Trust Company, as trustee (the "Trustee").

The Issuers and the Trustee agree as follows for the benefit of each other and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the 13.500% Senior Discount Notes due 2011 (the "Notes"):

## ARTICLE 1

# DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

Section 1.01. Definitions.

"Accreted Value" is defined to mean, for any specified date, the amount calculated pursuant to (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) for each \$1,000\$ of principal amount at maturity of the Notes:

(i) if the specified date occurs on one or more of the following dates (excluding the Issue Date, each a "Semi-Annual Accrual Date"), the Accreted Value will equal the amount set forth below for such Semi-Annual Accrual Date:

Semi-Annual Accrual Date	Accreted Value
Issue Date	ФE10 44
issue Date	\$519.44
July 15, 2001	555.51
January 15, 2002	593.00
July 15, 2002	633.03
January 15, 2003	675.76
July 15, 2003	721.37
January 15, 2004	770.07
July 15, 2004	822.05
January 15, 2005	877.53
July 15, 2005	936.77
January 15, 2006	\$1000.00

(ii) if the specified date occurs before the first Semi-Annual Accrual Date, the Accreted Value will equal the sum of (a) \$519.44 and (b) an amount equal to the product of (1) the Accreted Value for the first Semi-Annual Accrual Date less \$519.44 multiplied by (2) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days from the Issue Date of the

Notes to the specified date, using a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months, and the denominator of which is the number of days elapsed from the Issue Date to the first Semi-Annual Accrual Date, using a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months:

- (iii) if the specified date occurs between two Semi-Annual Accrual Dates, the Accreted Value will equal the sum of (a) the Accreted Value for the Semi-Annual Accrual Date immediately preceding such specified date and (b) an amount equal to the product of (1) the Accreted Value for the immediately following Semi-Annual Accrual Date less the Accreted Value for the immediately preceding Semi-Annual Accrual Date multiplied by (2) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days from the immediately preceding Semi-Annual Accrual Date to the specified date, using a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months, and the denominator of which is 180; or
- (iv) if the specified date occurs after the last Semi-Annual Accrual Date, the Accreted Value will equal \$1,000.

"Acquired Debt" means, with respect to any specified Person:

- (1) Indebtedness of any other Person existing at the time such other Person is merged with or into or became a Subsidiary of such specified Person, whether or not such Indebtedness is incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such other Person merging with or into, or becoming a Subsidiary of, such specified Person; and
- (2) Indebtedness secured by a Lien encumbering any asset acquired by such specified Person.

"Affiliate" of any specified Person means any other Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person. For purposes of this definition, "control," as used with respect to any Person, shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by agreement or otherwise; provided that beneficial ownership of 10% or more of the Voting Stock of a Person shall be deemed to be control. For purposes of this definition, the terms "controlling, "controlled by" and "under common control with" shall have correlative meanings.

"Agent" means any Registrar or Paying Agent.

"Applicable Procedures" means, with respect to any transfer or transaction involving a Global Note or beneficial interest therein, the rules and procedures of the Depositary, Euroclear and Clearstream, in each case to the extent applicable to such transaction and as in effect from time to time.

"Asset Acquisition" means (a) an Investment by the Company or any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries in any other Person pursuant to which such Person shall become a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or shall be merged with or into the Company or any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries, or (b) the acquisition by the Company or any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries of the assets of any Person which constitute all or substantially all of the assets of such Person, any division or line of business of such Person or any other properties or assets of such Person other than in the ordinary course of business.

## "Asset Sale" means:

- (1) the sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition of any assets or rights, other than sales of inventory in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practices; provided that the sale, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, shall be governed by Section 4.16 and/or Section 5.01 and not by the provisions of Section 4.11; and
- (2) the issuance of Equity Interests by any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries or the sale of Equity Interests in any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries.

- (1) any single transaction or series of related transactions that: (a) involves assets having a fair market value of less than \$100 million; or (b) results in net proceeds to the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries of less than \$100 million:
- (2) a transfer of assets between or among the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (3) an issuance of Equity Interests by a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to the Company or to another Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of the Company;
- (4) a Restricted Payment that is permitted by Section 4.07 and a Restricted Investment that is permitted by Section 4.08; and
- (5) the incurrence of Permitted Liens and the disposition of assets related to such Permitted Liens by the secured party pursuant to a foreclosure.

"Attributable Debt" in respect of a sale and leaseback transaction means, at the time of determination, the present value of the obligation of the lessee for net rental

payments during the remaining term of the lease included in such sale and leaseback transaction including any period for which such lease has been extended or may, at the option of the lessee, be extended. Such present value shall be calculated using a discount rate equal to the rate of interest implicit in such transaction, determined in accordance with GAAP.

"Bankruptcy Law" means Title 11, U.S. Code or any similar Federal or state law of any jurisdiction relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, winding up, liquidation, reorganization or relief of debtors.

"Beneficial Owner" has the meaning assigned to such term 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)(3)ownership of any particular "person" (as such term is used in section is(u)(s), 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.

"Board of Directors" means the Manager or the Board of Directors of the Company or the Board of Directors of Charter Capital, as the case may be, or any authorized committee of the Board of Directors of the Company or Charter Capital, as the case may be.

"Board Resolution" means a copy of a resolution certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company or Charter Capital, as the case may be, to have been duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company or Charter Capital, as the case may be, and to be in full force and effect on the date of such certification and delivered to the Trustee.

"Business Day" means any day other than a Legal Holiday.

"Cable Related Business" means the business of owning cable television systems and businesses ancillary, complementary and related thereto.

"Capital Lease Obligation" means, at the time any determination thereof is to be made, the amount of the liability in respect of a capital lease that would at that time be required to be capitalized on a balance sheet in accordance with GAAP.

"Capital Stock" means:

- (1) in the case of a corporation, corporate stock;
- $\,$  (2) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock;

- (3) in the case of a partnership or limited liability company, partnership or membership interests (whether general or limited); and
- (4) any other interest (other than any debt obligation) or participation that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing Person.

"Capital Stock Sale Proceeds" means the aggregate net cash proceeds (including the fair market value of the non-cash proceeds, as determined by an independent appraisal firm) received by the Company since March 17, 1999 (x) as a contribution to the common equity capital or from the issue or sale of Equity Interests of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock) or (y) from the issue or sale of convertible or exchangeable Disqualified Stock or convertible or exchangeable debt securities of the Company that have been converted into or exchanged for such Equity Interests (other than Equity Interests (or Disqualified Stock or debt securities) sold to a Subsidiary of the Company).

"Cash Equivalents" means:

- (1) United States dollars;
- (2) securities issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the United States government or any agency or instrumentality thereof (provided that the full faith and credit of the United States is pledged in support thereof) having maturities of not more than twelve months from the date of acquisition;
- (3) certificates of deposit and eurodollar time deposits with maturities of twelve months or less from the date of acquisition, bankers' acceptances with maturities not exceeding six months and overnight bank deposits, in each case, with any domestic commercial bank having combined capital and surplus in excess of \$500 million and a Thompson Bank Watch Rating at the time of acquisition of "B" or better;
- (4) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than seven days for underlying securities of the types described in clauses (2) and (3) above entered into with any financial institution meeting the qualifications specified in clause (3) above;
- (5) commercial paper having a rating of at least "P-1" from Moody's or at least "A-1" from S&P and in each case maturing within twelve months after the date of acquisition;
- (6) corporate debt obligations maturing within twelve months after the date of acquisition thereof, rated at the time of acquisition at least "Aaa" or "P-1" by Moody's or "AAA" or "A-1" by  $S_{\rm e}$ ;

- (7) auction-rate preferred stocks of any corporation maturing not later than 45 days after the date of acquisition thereof, rated at the time of acquisition at least "Aaa" by Moody's or "AAA" by S&P;
- (8) securities issued by any state, commonwealth or territory of the United States, or by any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof, maturing not later than six months after the date of acquisition thereof, rated at the time of acquisition at least "A" by Moody's or S&P; and
- (9) money market or mutual funds at least 90% of the assets of which constitute Cash Equivalents of the kinds described in clauses (1) through (8) of this definition.

"Change of Control" means the occurrence of any of the following:

- (1) the sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or of a Parent and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to any "person" (as such term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) other than the Principal or a Related Party of the Principal;
- (2) the adoption of a plan relating to the liquidation or dissolution of the Company or a Parent;
- (3) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any "person" (as defined above), other than the Principal and Related Parties, becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 35% of the Voting Stock of the Company or a Parent, measured by voting power rather than the number of shares, unless the Principal or a Related Party Beneficially Owns, directly or indirectly, a greater percentage of Voting Stock of the Company or such Parent, as the case may be, measured by voting power rather than the number of shares, than such person;
- (4) after the Issue Date, the first day on which a majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the Company or the board of directors of a Parent are not Continuing Directors; or
- (5) the Company or a Parent consolidates with, or merges with or into, any Person, or any Person consolidates with, or merges with or into, the Company or a Parent, in any such event pursuant to a transaction in which any of the outstanding Voting Stock of the Company or such Parent is converted into or exchanged for cash, securities or other property, other than any such transaction where the Voting Stock of the Company or such Parent outstanding immediately prior to such transaction is converted into or exchanged for Voting Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the surviving or

transferee Person constituting a majority of the outstanding shares of such Voting Stock of such surviving or transferee Person immediately after giving effect to such issuance.

"Charter Capital" means Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and any successor in interest thereto.

"Clearstream" means Clearstream Banking, societe anonyme (formerly Cedelbank).

"Commission" or "SEC" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Company" means Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and any successor in interest thereto.

"Consolidated EBITDA" means with respect to any Person, for any period, the net income of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period plus, to the extent such amount was deducted in calculating such net income:

- (1) Consolidated Interest Expense;
- (2) income taxes;
- (3) depreciation expense;
- (4) amortization expense;
- (5) all other non-cash items, extraordinary items, nonrecurring and unusual items and the cumulative effects of changes in accounting principles reducing such net income, less all non-cash items, extraordinary items, nonrecurring and unusual items and cumulative effects of changes in accounting principles increasing such net income, all as determined on a consolidated basis for such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries in conformity with GAAP;
- (6) amounts actually paid during such period pursuant to a deferred compensation plan; and  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right)$ 
  - (7) for purposes of Section 4.10 only, Management Fees;

provided that Consolidated EBITDA shall not include:

(x) the net income (or net loss) of any Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary ("Other Person"), except (i) with respect to net income, to the extent of the amount of dividends or other distributions actually paid to such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries by such Other Person during such period and (ii) with respect to

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  net losses, to the extent of the amount of investments made by such Person or
  any Restricted Subsidiary of such Person in such Other Person during such
  period;
- (y) solely for the purposes of calculating the amount of Restricted Payments that may be made pursuant to clause (3) of Section 4.07 (and in such case, except to the extent includable pursuant to clause (x) above) the net income (or net loss) of any Other Person accrued prior to the date it becomes a Restricted Subsidiary or is merged into or consolidated with such Person or any Restricted Subsidiaries or all or substantially all of the property and assets of such Other Person are acquired by such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; and
- (z) the net income of any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to the extent that the declaration or payment of dividends or similar distributions by such Restricted Subsidiary of such net income is not at the time permitted by the operation of the terms of such Restricted Subsidiary's charter or any agreement, instrument, judgment, decree, order, statute, rule or governmental regulation applicable to such Restricted Subsidiary (other than any agreement or instrument evidencing Indebtedness or Preferred Stock (i) outstanding on the Issue Date, or (ii) incurred or issued thereafter in compliance with Section 4.10, provided that (a) the terms of any such agreement or instrument restricting the declaration and payment of dividends or similar distributions apply only in the event of a default with respect to a financial covenant or a covenant relating to payment (beyond any applicable period of grace) contained in such agreement or instrument, (b) such terms are determined by such Person to be customary in comparable financings and (c) such restrictions are determined by the Company not to materially affect the Issuers' ability to make principal or interest payments on the Notes when due).

- (1) the total amount of outstanding Indebtedness of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries, plus  $\,$
- (2) the total amount of Indebtedness of any other Person that has been Guaranteed by the referent Person or one or more of its Restricted Subsidiaries, plus  ${\sf P}$
- (3) the aggregate liquidation value of all Disqualified Stock of such Person and all Preferred Stock of Restricted Subsidiaries of such Person, in each case, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

"Consolidated Interest Expense" means, with respect to any Person for any period, without duplication, the sum of:

(1) the consolidated interest expense of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, whether paid or accrued (including, without limitation,

amortization or original issue discount, non-cash interest payments, the interest component of any deferred payment obligations, the interest component of all payments associated with Capital Lease Obligations, commissions, discounts and other fees and charges incurred in respect of letter of credit or bankers' acceptance financings, and net payments (if any) pursuant to Hedging Obligations); and

- (2) the consolidated interest expense of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries that was capitalized during such period; and
- (3) any interest expense on Indebtedness of another Person that is guaranteed by such Person or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries or secured by a Lien on assets of such Person or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries (whether or not such Guarantee or Lien is called upon);

excluding, however, any amount of such interest of any Restricted Subsidiary of the referent Person if the net income of such Restricted Subsidiary is excluded in the calculation of Consolidated EBITDA pursuant to clause (z) of the definition thereof (but only in the same proportion as the net income of such Restricted Subsidiary is excluded from the calculation of Consolidated EBITDA pursuant to clause (z) of the definition thereof), in each case, on a consolidated basis and in accordance with GAAP.

"Continuing Directors" means, as of any date of determination, any member of the Board of Directors of the Company or the board of directors of a Parent who:

- (1) was a member of such board of directors on the Issue Date; or
- (2) was nominated for election or elected to such board of directors with the approval of a majority of the Continuing Directors who were members of such board of directors at the time of such nomination or election or whose election or appointment was previously so approved.

"Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee" shall be at the address of the Trustee specified in Section 10.02 or such other address as to which the Trustee may give notice to the Issuers.

"Credit Facilities" means, with respect to the Company and/or its Restricted Subsidiaries, one or more debt facilities or commercial paper facilities, in each case with banks or other institutional lenders providing for revolving credit loans, term loans, receivables financing (including through the sale of receivables to such lenders or to special purpose entities formed to borrow from such lenders against such receivables) or letters of credit, in each case, as amended, restated, modified, renewed, refunded, replaced or refinanced in whole or in part from time to time.

"Default" means any event that is, or with the passage of time or the giving of notice or both would be, an Event of Default.

"Definitive Note" means a certificated Note registered in the name of the Holder thereof and issued in accordance with Section 2.06, substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto, except that such Note shall not bear the Global Note Legend and shall not have the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto.

"Depositary" means, with respect to the Global Notes, the Person specified in Section 2.03 as the Depositary with respect to the Notes, and any and all successors thereto appointed as depositary hereunder and having become such pursuant to the applicable provision of this Indenture.

"Disposition" means, with respect to any Person, any merger, consolidation or other business combination involving such Person (whether or not such Person is the surviving Person) or the sale, assignment, or transfer, lease conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of such Person's assets or Capital Stock.

"Disqualified Stock" means any Capital Stock that, by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible, or for which it is exchangeable, in each case at the option of the holder thereof), or upon the happening of any event, matures or is mandatorily redeemable, pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or redeemable at the option of the holder thereof, in whole or in part, on or prior to the date that is 91 days after the date on which the Notes mature. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, any Capital Stock that would constitute Disqualified Stock solely because the holders thereof have the right to require the Company to repurchase such Capital Stock upon the occurrence of a change of control or an asset sale shall not constitute Disqualified Stock if the terms of such Capital Stock provide that the Company may not repurchase or redeem any such Capital Stock pursuant to such provisions unless such repurchase or redemption complies with Section 4.07.

"Equity Interests" means Capital Stock and all warrants, options or other rights to acquire Capital Stock (but excluding any debt security that is convertible into, or exchangeable for, Capital Stock).

"Equity Offering" means any private or underwritten public offering of Qualified Capital Stock of the Company or a Parent of which the gross proceeds (x) to the Company or (y) received by the Company as a capital contribution from such Parent, as the case may be, are at least \$25 million.

"Euroclear" means Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Brussels office, as operator of the Euroclear system.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"Exchange Notes" means the Notes issued in the Exchange Offer pursuant to Section 2.06(f).

"Exchange Offer" has the meaning set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement.

"Exchange Offer Registration Statement" has the meaning set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement.

"Existing Indebtedness" means Indebtedness of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in existence on the Issue Date, until such amounts are repaid.

"Full Accretion Date" means January 15, 2006, the first date on which the Accreted Value of the Notes has accreted to an amount equal to the principal amount at maturity of the Notes.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or in such other statements by such other entity as have been approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession, which are in effect on the Issue Date.

"Global Note Legend" means the legend set forth in Section 2.06(g)(ii), which is required to be placed on all Global Notes issued under this Indenture.

"Global Notes" means, individually and collectively, each of the Restricted Global Notes and the Unrestricted Global Notes.

"Government Securities" means direct obligations of, or obligations guaranteed by, the United States of America, and the payment for which the United States pledges its full faith and credit.

"Guarantee" or "guarantee" means a guarantee other than by endorsement of negotiable instruments for collection in the ordinary course of business, direct or indirect, in any manner including, without limitation, by way of a pledge of assets or through letters of credit or reimbursement agreements in respect thereof, of all or any part of any Indebtedness, measured as the lesser of the aggregate outstanding amount of the Indebtedness so guaranteed and the face amount of the guarantee.

(1) interest rate swap agreements, interest rate cap agreements and interest rate collar agreements;

- (2) interest rate option agreements, foreign currency exchange agreements, foreign currency swap agreements; and
- (3) other agreements or arrangements designed to protect such Person against fluctuations in interest and currency exchange rates.

"Helicon Preferred Stock" means the preferred limited liability company interest of Charter-Helicon LLC with an aggregate liquidation value of \$25 million outstanding on the Issue Date.

"Holder" means a holder of the Notes.

- in respect of borrowed money;
- (2) evidenced by bonds, notes, debentures or similar instruments or letters of credit (or reimbursement agreements in respect thereof);
  - (3) in respect of banker's acceptances;
  - (4) representing Capital Lease Obligations;
- (5) in respect of the balance deferred and unpaid of the purchase price of any property, except any such balance that constitutes an accrued expense or trade payable; or
  - (6) representing the notional amount of any Hedging Obligations,

if and to the extent any of the preceding items (other than letters of credit and Hedging Obligations) would appear as a liability upon a balance sheet of the specified Person prepared in accordance with GAAP. In addition, the term "Indebtedness" includes all Indebtedness of others secured by a Lien on any asset of the specified Person (whether or not such Indebtedness is assumed by the specified Person) and, to the extent not otherwise included, the Guarantee by such Person of any indebtedness of any other Person.

The amount of any Indebtedness outstanding as of any date shall be:

- (1) the accreted value thereof, in the case of any Indebtedness issued with original issue discount; and
- (2) the principal amount thereof, together with any interest thereon that is more than 30 days past due, in the case of any other Indebtedness.

"Indenture" means this Indenture, as amended or supplemented from time to time.

"Indirect Participant" means a Person who holds a beneficial interest in a Global Note through a Participant.

"Institutional Accredited Investor" means an institution that is an "accredited investor" as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act that is not also a QIB.

"Investment Grade Rating" means a rating equal to or higher than Baa3 (or the equivalent) by Moody's and BBB- (or the equivalent) by S&P.

"Investments" means, with respect to any Person, all investments by such Person in other Persons (including Affiliates) in the forms of direct or indirect loans (including guarantees of Indebtedness or other obligations), advances or capital contributions (excluding commission, travel and similar advances to officers and employees made in the ordinary course of business) and purchases or other acquisitions for consideration of Indebtedness, Equity Interests or other securities, together with all items that are or would be classified as investments on a balance sheet prepared in accordance with GAAP.

"Issue Date" means January 10, 2001.

"Issuers" has the meaning assigned to it in the preamble to this  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Indenture}}\xspace.$ 

"Legal Holiday" means a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which banking institutions in The City of New York or at a place of payment are authorized by law, regulation or executive order to remain closed. If a payment date is a Legal Holiday at a place of payment, payment may be made at that place on the next succeeding day that is not a Legal Holiday, and no interest shall accrue on such payment for the intervening period.

"Letter of Transmittal" means the letter of transmittal to be prepared by the Issuers and sent to all Holders of the Notes for use by such Holders in connection with the Exchange Offer.

"Leverage Ratio" means, as of any date, the ratio of:

- (1) the Consolidated Indebtedness of the Company on such date to
- (2) the aggregate amount of Consolidated EBITDA for the Company for the most recently ended fiscal quarter for which internal financial statements are available multiplied by four (the "Reference Period").

In addition to the foregoing, for purposes of this definition, "Consolidated EBITDA" shall be calculated on a pro forma basis after giving effect to:

- (1) the issuance of the Notes;
- (2) the incurrence of the Indebtedness or the issuance of the Disqualified Stock or other Preferred Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary (and the application of the proceeds therefrom) giving rise to the need to make such calculation and any incurrence or issuance (and the application of the proceeds therefrom) or repayment of other Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock or other Preferred Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary, other than the incurrence or repayment of Indebtedness for ordinary working capital purposes, at any time subsequent to the beginning of the Reference Period and on or prior to the date of determination, as if such incurrence (and the application of the proceeds thereof), or the repayment, as the case may be, occurred on the first day of the Reference Period; and
- (3) any Dispositions or Asset Acquisitions (including, without limitation, any Asset Acquisition giving rise to the need to make such calculation as a result of such Person or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries (including any person that becomes a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of such Asset Acquisition) incurring, assuming or otherwise becoming liable for or issuing Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock) made on or subsequent to the first day of the Reference Period and on or prior to the date of determination, as if such Disposition or Asset Acquisition (including the incurrence, assumption or liability for any such Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock and also including any Consolidated EBITDA associated with such Asset Acquisition, including any cost savings adjustments in compliance with Regulation S-X promulgated by the Commission) had occurred on the first day of the Reference Period.

"Lien" means, with respect to any asset, any mortgage, lien, pledge, charge, security interest or encumbrance of any kind in respect of such asset, whether or not filed, recorded or otherwise perfected under applicable law, including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any lease in the nature thereof, any option or other agreement to sell or give a security interest in and any filing of or agreement to give any financing statement under the Uniform Commercial Code (or equivalent statutes) of any jurisdiction.

"Management Fees" means the fees payable to Charter Communications, Inc. pursuant to the management agreements between Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Operating, LLC and between Charter Communications, Inc. and Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company and pursuant to the limited liability company agreements of certain Restricted Subsidiaries, as such management or limited liability company agreements exist on the Issue Date (or, if later, on the date any new Restricted Subsidiary is acquired or created), including any amendment or replacement thereof,

provided that any such amendment or replacement is not more disadvantageous to the Holders of the Notes in any material respect from such management or limited liability company agreements existing on the Issue Date.

"Manager" means Charter Communications, Inc., in its capacity as manager of the Company under the Company's limited liability company agreement, dated as of February 9, 1999, as amended from time to time, and any successor manager appointed pursuant to such limited liability company agreement.

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.  $\,$ 

"Net Proceeds" means the aggregate cash proceeds received by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of any Asset Sale (including, without limitation, any cash received upon the sale or other disposition of any non-cash consideration received in any Asset Sale), net of the direct costs relating to such Asset Sale, including, without limitation, legal, accounting and investment banking fees, and sales commissions, and any relocation expenses incurred as a result thereof or taxes paid or payable as a result thereof (including amounts distributable in respect of owners', partners' or members' tax liabilities resulting from such sale), in each case after taking into account any available tax credits or deductions and any tax sharing arrangements and amounts required to be applied to the repayment of Indebtedness.

# "Non-Recourse Debt" means Indebtedness:

- (1) as to which neither the Company nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (a) provides credit support of any kind (including any undertaking, agreement or instrument that would constitute Indebtedness), (b) is directly or indirectly liable as a guarantor or otherwise, or (c) constitutes the lender;
- (2) no default with respect to which (including any rights that the holders thereof may have to take enforcement action against an Unrestricted Subsidiary) would permit upon notice, lapse of time or both any holder of any other Indebtedness (other than the Notes) of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to declare a default on such other Indebtedness or cause the payment thereof to be accelerated or payable prior to its stated maturity; and
- (3) as to which the lenders have been notified in writing that they will not have any recourse to the Capital Stock or assets of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

"Non-U.S. Person" means a Person who is not a U.S. Person.

"Note" or "Notes" has the meaning assigned to it in the preamble to this Indenture.

"Obligations" means any principal, interest, penalties, fees, indemnifications, reimbursements, damages and other liabilities payable under the documentation governing any Indebtedness.

"Officer" means, with respect to any Person, the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the President, the Chief Operating Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Controller, the Secretary or any Vice-President of such Person.

"Officers' Certificate" means a certificate signed on behalf of the Company or Charter Capital, as the case may be, by two Officers of the Company or Charter Capital, as the case may be, one of whom must be the principal executive officer, the chief financial officer or the treasurer of the Company or Charter Capital, as the case may be, that meets the requirements of Section 10.05.

"Opinion of Counsel" means an opinion from legal counsel that meets the requirements of Section 10.05. The counsel may be an employee of or counsel to the Issuers or any Subsidiary of the Issuers.

"Other Notes" means the 10.750% Senior Notes due 2009 of the Issuers in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed the principal amount issued on the Issue Date, and the 11.125% Senior Notes due 2011 of the Issuers in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed the principal amount issued on the Issue Date.

"Parent" means Charter Communications, Inc. and/or Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, as applicable, and any successor Person or any Person succeeding to the direct or indirect ownership of the Company.

"Participant" means, with respect to the Depositary, Euroclear or Clearstream, a Person who has an account with the Depositary, Euroclear or Clearstream, respectively (and, with respect to DTC, shall include Euroclear and Clearstream).

"Permitted Investments" means:

- (1) any Investment by the Company in a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, or any Investment by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company in the Company;
  - (2) any Investment in Cash Equivalents;
- (3) any Investment by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company in a Person, if as a result of such Investment:

(a) such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary of the

Company; or

- (b) such Person is merged, consolidated or amalgamated with or into, or transfers or conveys substantially all of its assets to, or is liquidated into, the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company;
- (4) any Investment made as a result of the receipt of non-cash consideration from an Asset Sale that was made pursuant to and in compliance with Section 4.11;
- (5) any Investment made out of the net cash proceeds of the issue and sale since March 17, 1999 (other than to a Subsidiary of the Company) of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company to the extent that (a) such net cash proceeds have not been applied to make a Restricted Payment or to effect other transactions pursuant to Section 4.07 or (b) such net cash proceeds have not been used to incur Indebtedness pursuant to clause (10) of Section 4.10:
- (6) Investments in Productive Assets having an aggregate fair market value (measured on the date each such Investment was made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value), when taken together with all other Investments in Productive Assets made by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to this clause (6) since March 17, 1999, not to exceed \$150 million; provided that either the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, after giving effect to such Investments, will own at least 20% of the Voting Stock of any Person in which any such Investment is made;
- (7) other Investments in any Person having an aggregate fair market value (measured on the date each such Investment was made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value), when taken together with all other Investments in any Person made by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to this clause (7) since March 17, 1999, not to exceed \$50 million; and
- (8) Investments in customers and suppliers in the ordinary course of business which either (A) generate accounts receivable or (B) are accepted in settlement of bona fide disputes.

"Permitted Liens" means:

- (1) Liens on the assets of the Company securing Indebtedness and other Obligations under clause (1) of Section 4.10;
  - (2) Liens in favor of the Company;
- (3) Liens on property of a Person existing at the time such Person is merged with or into or consolidated with the Company; provided that such Liens were in  ${\sf N}$

existence prior to the contemplation of such merger or consolidation and do not extend to any assets other than those of the Person merged into or consolidated with the Company;

- (4) Liens on property existing at the time of acquisition thereof by the Company; provided that such Liens were in existence prior to the contemplation of such acquisition;
- $\,$  (5) Liens to secure the performance of statutory obligations, surety or appeal bonds, performance bonds or other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business;
- (6) purchase money mortgages or other purchase money liens (including without limitation any Capital Lease Obligations) incurred by the Company upon any fixed or capital assets acquired after the Issue Date or purchase money mortgages (including without limitation Capital Lease Obligations) on any such assets, whether or not assumed, existing at the time of acquisition of such assets, whether or not assumed, so long as (i) such mortgage or lien does not extend to or cover any of the assets of the Company, except the asset so developed, constructed, or acquired, and directly related assets such as enhancements and modifications thereto, substitutions, replacements, proceeds (including insurance proceeds), products, rents and profits thereof, and (ii) such mortgage or lien secures the obligation to pay the purchase price of such asset, interest thereon and other charges, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, the cost of design, development, construction, acquisition, transportation, installation, improvement, and migration) and is incurred in connection therewith (or the obligation under such Capital Lease Obligation) only;
- (7) Liens existing on the Issue Date (other than in connection with the Credit Facilities);
- (8) Liens for taxes, assessments or governmental charges or claims that are not yet delinquent or that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings promptly instituted and diligently concluded; provided that any reserve or other appropriate provision as shall be required in conformity with GAAP shall have been made therefor;
- (9) statutory and common law Liens of landlords and carriers, warehousemen, mechanics, suppliers, materialmen, repairmen or other similar Liens arising in the ordinary course of business and with respect to amounts not yet delinquent or being contested in good faith by appropriate legal proceedings promptly instituted and diligently conducted and for which a reserve or other appropriate provision, if any, as shall be required in conformity with GAAP shall have been made;

- (10) Liens incurred or deposits made in the ordinary course of business in connection with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other types of social security;
- (11) Liens incurred or deposits made to secure the performance of tenders, bids, leases, statutory or regulatory obligation, bankers' acceptance, surety and appeal bonds, government contracts, performance and return-of-money bonds and other obligations of a similar nature incurred in the ordinary course of business (exclusive of obligations for the payment of borrowed money);
- (12) easements, rights-of-way, municipal and zoning ordinances and similar charges, encumbrances, title defects or other irregularities that do not materially interfere with the ordinary course of business of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (13) Liens of franchisors or other regulatory bodies arising in the ordinary course of business;
- (14) Liens arising from filing Uniform Commercial Code financing statements regarding leases or other Uniform Commercial Code financing statements for precautionary purposes relating to arrangements not constituting Indebtedness;
- (15) Liens arising from the rendering of a final judgment or order against the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that does not give rise to an Event of Default;
- (16) Liens securing reimbursement obligations with respect to letters of credit that encumber documents and other property relating to such letters of credit and the products and proceeds thereof;
- (17) Liens encumbering customary initial deposits and margin deposits, and other Liens that are within the general parameters customary in the industry and incurred in the ordinary course of business, in each case, securing Indebtedness under Hedging Obligations and forward contracts, options, future contracts, future options or similar agreements or arrangements designed solely to protect the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries from fluctuations in interest rates, currencies or the price of commodities;
- (18) Liens consisting of any interest or title of licensor in the property subject to a license;  $\,$ 
  - (19) Liens on the Capital Stock of Unrestricted Subsidiaries;
- (20) Liens arising from sales or other transfers of accounts receivable which are past due or otherwise doubtful of collection in the ordinary course of business;

- (21) Liens incurred in the ordinary course of business of the Company with respect to obligations which in the aggregate do not exceed \$50 million at any one time outstanding;
- (22) Liens in favor of the Trustee arising under the provisions in this Indenture and in the indentures relating to the Other Notes, in each case under Section 7.07; and
- (23) Liens in favor of the Trustee for its benefit and the benefit of Holders and the holders of the Other Notes, as their respective interests appear.

"Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness" means any Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries issued in exchange for, or the net proceeds of which are used to extend, refinance, renew, replace, defease or refund, other Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than intercompany Indebtedness); provided that unless permitted otherwise by this Indenture, no Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, may be issued in exchange for, nor may the net proceeds of Indebtedness be used to extend, refinance, renew, replace, defease or refund, Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; provided, further, that:

- (1) the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness does not exceed the principal amount of (or accreted value, if applicable), plus accrued interest and premium, if any, on the Indebtedness so extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded (plus the amount of reasonable expenses incurred in connection therewith);
- (2) such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness has a final maturity date later than the final maturity date of, and has a Weighted Average Life to Maturity equal to or greater than the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of, the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded;
- (3) if the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded is subordinated in right of payment to the Notes, such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness has a final maturity date later than the final maturity date of, and is subordinated in right of payment to, the Notes on terms at least as favorable to the Holders of Notes as those contained in the documentation governing the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded; and
- (4) such Indebtedness is incurred either by the Company or by any of its Restricted Subsidiaries who is the obligor on the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded.

"Preferred Stock," as applied to the Capital Stock of any Person, means Capital Stock of any class or classes (however designated) which by its terms is preferred in right

of payment of dividends, or as to the distribution of assets upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation or dissolution of such Person, over shares of Capital Stock of any other class of such Person.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, limited liability company, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, government or agency or political subdivision thereof or any other entity.

"Principal" means Paul G. Allen.

"Private Placement Legend" means the legend set forth in Section 2.06(g)(i)(A) to be placed on all Notes issued under this Indenture except where otherwise permitted by the provisions of this Indenture.

"Productive Assets" means assets (including assets of a referent Person owned directly or indirectly through ownership of Capital Stock) of a kind used or useful in the Cable Related Business.

"QIB" means a "qualified institutional buyer" as defined in Rule 144A.

"Qualified Capital Stock" means any Capital Stock that is not Disqualified Stock.

"Rating Agencies" means Moody's and S&P.

"Registration Rights Agreement" means the Exchange and Registration Rights Agreement dated as of the Issue Date among the Issuers and the initial purchasers named therein with respect to the Notes issued on the Issue Date.

"Regulation S" means Regulation S promulgated under the Securities Act.

"Regulation S Global Note" means a global note substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto bearing the Global Note Legend and the Private Placement Legend and deposited with or on behalf of and registered in the name of, the Depositary or its nominee that will be issued in an initial denomination equal to the outstanding principal amount at maturity of the Notes initially sold in reliance on Rule 903 of Regulation S.

"Related Party" means:

- (1) the spouse or an immediate family member, estate or heir of the  $\mbox{\sc Principal};$  or
- (2) any trust, corporation, partnership or other entity, the beneficiaries, stockholders, partners, owners or Persons beneficially holding an 80% or more

controlling interest of which consist of the Principal and/or such other Persons referred to in the immediately preceding clause (1).

"Responsible Officer," when used with respect to the Trustee, means any officer within the Corporate Trust Administration of the Trustee (or any successor group of the Trustee) with direct responsibility for the administration of this Indenture and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of his knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Restricted Definitive Note" means a Definitive Note bearing the  $\mbox{\sc Private Placement Legend}\,.$ 

"Restricted Global Note" means a Global Note bearing the Private Placement Legend.  $\,$ 

"Restricted Investment" means an Investment other than a Permitted Investment.

"Restricted Subsidiary" of a Person means any Subsidiary of the referent Person that is not an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

"Rule 144" means Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities Act.

"Rule 144A" means Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities Act.

"Rule 144A Global Note" means a global note substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto bearing the Global Note Legend and the Private Placement Legend and deposited with or on behalf of, and registered in the name of, the Depositary or its nominee that will be issued in an initial denomination equal to the outstanding principal amount at maturity of the Notes sold in reliance on Rule 144A.

"Rule 903" means Rule 903 promulgated under the Securities Act.

"Rule 904" means Rule 904 promulgated under the Securities Act.

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's Ratings Service, a division of the McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"Shelf Registration Statement" means the Shelf Registration Statement as defined in the Registration Rights Agreement.

"Significant Subsidiary" means any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company which is a "Significant Subsidiary" as defined in Rule 1-02(w) of Regulation S-X under the Exchange Act.

"Special Interest" has the meaning set forth in the Registration Rights  $\mbox{\sc Agreement}\,.$ 

"Stated Maturity" means, with respect to any installment of interest or principal on any series of Indebtedness, the date on which such payment of interest or principal was scheduled to be paid in the documentation governing such Indebtedness on the Issue Date, or, if none, the original documentation governing such Indebtedness, and shall not include any contingent obligations to repay, redeem or repurchase any such interest or principal prior to the date originally scheduled for the payment thereof.

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person:

- (1) any corporation, association or other business entity of which at least 50% of the total voting power of shares of Capital Stock entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that Person (or a combination thereof) and, in the case of any such entity of which 50% of the total voting power of shares of Capital Stock is so owned or controlled by such Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of such Person, such Person and its Subsidiaries also have the right to control the management of such entity pursuant to contract or otherwise; and
- (2) any partnership (a) the sole general partner or the managing general partner of which is such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person or (b) the only general partners of which are such Person or of one or more Subsidiaries of such Person (or any combination thereof).

"Tax" shall mean any tax, duty, levy, impost, assessment or other governmental charge (including penalties, interest and any other liabilities related thereto).

"TIA" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (15 U.S.C. ss.ss. 77aaa-77bbbb) as in effect on the date on which this Indenture is qualified under the TIA; provided, however, that in the event the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 is amended after such date, then "TIA" means, to the extent required by such amendment, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 as so amended.

"Trustee" means BNY Midwest Trust Company until a successor replaces BNY Midwest Trust Company in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Indenture and thereafter means the successor serving hereunder.

"Unrestricted Global Note" means a permanent global note substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto that bears the Global Note Legend and that has the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto, and that is deposited with or on behalf of and registered in the name of the Depositary, representing a series of Notes that do not bear the Private Placement Legend.

"Unrestricted Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary of the Company that is designated by the Board of Directors of the Company as an Unrestricted Subsidiary pursuant to a Board Resolution, but only to the extent that such Subsidiary:

- (1) has no Indebtedness other than Non-Recourse Debt;
- (2) is not party to any agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding with the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company unless the terms of any such agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding are no less favorable to the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary than those that might be obtained at the time from Persons who are not Affiliates of the Company unless such terms constitute Investments permitted under Section 4.08;
- (3) is a Person with respect to which neither the Company nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries has any direct or indirect obligation (a) to subscribe for additional Equity Interests or (b) to maintain or preserve such Person's financial condition or to cause such Person to achieve any specified levels of operating results;
- (4) has not guaranteed or otherwise directly or indirectly provided credit support for any Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries: and
- (5) has at least one director on its board of directors that is not a director or executive officer of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, or has at least one executive officer that is not a director or executive officer of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.
- "U.S. Person" means a U.S. person as defined in Rule 902(k) under the Securities  $\mbox{Act.}$

"Voting Stock" of any Person as of any date means the Capital Stock of such Person that is at the time entitled to vote in the election of the board of directors of such Person.

"Weighted Average Life to Maturity" means, when applied to any Indebtedness at any date, the number of years obtained by dividing:

- (1) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (a) the amount of each then remaining installment, sinking fund, serial maturity or other required payments of principal, including payment at final maturity, in respect thereof, by (b) the number of years (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth) that will elapse between such date and the making of such payment; by
  - (2) the then outstanding principal amount of such Indebtedness.

"Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary" of any Person means a Restricted Subsidiary of such Person all of the outstanding Capital Stock or other ownership interests of which (other than directors' qualifying shares) shall at the time be owned by such Person and/or by one or more Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiaries of such Person.

Section 1.02. Other Definitions.

Term 	Defined in Section
"Affiliate Transaction"  "Asset Sale Offer"  "Authentication Order"  "Change of Control Offer"  "Change of Control Payment"  "Change of Control Payment Date"  "Covenant Defeasance"  "DTC"  "Event of Default"  "Excess Proceeds"  "incur"  "Legal Defeasance"  "Offer Amount"  "Offer Period"  "Paying Agent"  "Payment Default"  "Permitted Debt"  "Preferred Stock Financing"  "Purchase Date"  "Registrar"  "Restricted Payments"	3.09 2.02 4.16 4.16 8.03 2.03 6.01 4.11 4.10 8.02 3.09 3.09 2.03
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Term	Defined in Section
"Subordinated Debt Financing"	4.10
"Subordinated Notes"	4.10
"Subsidiary Guarantee"	4.17
"Suspended Covenants"	4.19

Section 1.03. Incorporation by Reference of Trust Indenture Act.

Whenever this Indenture refers to a provision of the TIA, the provision is incorporated by reference in and made a part of this Indenture.

The following TIA terms used in this Indenture have the following meanings:

"indenture securities" means the Notes;

"indenture security Holder" means a Holder of a Note;

"indenture to be qualified" means this Indenture;

"indenture trustee" or "institutional trustee" means the Trustee; and

"obligor" on the Notes means the Issuers and any successor obligor upon the Notes.

All other terms used in this Indenture that are defined by the TIA, defined by TIA reference to another statute or defined by SEC rule under the TIA have the meanings so assigned to them.

Section 1.04. Rules of Construction.

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) a term has the meaning assigned to it;
- (b) an accounting term not otherwise defined has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with  $\mathsf{GAAP};$ 
  - (c) "or" is not exclusive;
- (d) words in the singular include the plural, and in the plural include the singular;  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1$ 
  - (e) provisions apply to successive events and transactions;

- (f) references to sections of or rules under the Securities Act shall be deemed to include substitute, replacement of successor sections or rules adopted by the SEC from time to time;
- (g) references to any statute, law, rule or regulation shall be deemed to refer to the same as from time to time amended and in effect and to any successor statute, law, rule or regulation; and
- (h) references to any contract, agreement or instrument shall mean the same as amended, modified, supplemented or amended and restated from time to time, in each case, in accordance with any applicable restrictions contained in this Indenture.

#### ARTICLE 2

#### THE NOTES

Section 2.01. Form and Dating.

(a) General. The Notes and the Trustee's certificate of authentication shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto. The Notes may have notations, legends or endorsements required by law, stock exchange rule or usage. Each Note shall be dated the date of its authentication. The Notes shall be in denominations of \$1,000 principal amount at maturity and integral multiples thereof.

The terms and provisions contained in the Notes shall constitute, and are hereby expressly made, a part of this Indenture and the Issuers and the Trustee, by their execution and delivery of this Indenture, expressly agree to such terms and provisions and to be bound thereby. However, to the extent any provision of any Note conflicts with the express provisions of this Indenture, the provisions of this Indenture shall govern and be controlling.

(b) Global Notes. Notes issued in global form shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto (including the Global Note Legend thereon and the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto). Notes issued in definitive form shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto (but without the Global Note Legend thereon and without the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto). Each Global Note shall represent such of the outstanding Notes as shall be specified therein and each shall provide that it shall represent the aggregate principal amount at maturity of outstanding Notes from time to time endorsed thereon and that the aggregate principal amount at maturity of outstanding Notes represented thereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as appropriate, to reflect exchanges and redemptions. Any endorsement of a Global Note to reflect the

amount of any increase or decrease in the aggregate principal amount at maturity of outstanding Notes represented thereby shall be made by the Trustee or the custodian, at the direction of the Trustee, in accordance with instructions given by the Holder thereof as required by Section 2.06.

(c) Euroclear and Clearstream Procedures Applicable. The provisions of the "Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System" and "Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear" and the "General Terms and Conditions of Clearstream" and "Customer Handbook" of Clearstream (or, in each case, equivalent documents setting forth the procedures at Euroclear and Clearstream) shall be applicable to transfers of beneficial interests in the Regulation S Global Notes that are held by Participants through Euroclear or Clearstream.

Section 2.02. Execution and Authentication.

 $\,$  Two Officers shall sign the Notes for each Issuer by manual or facsimile signature.

A Note shall not be valid until authenticated by the manual signature (which may be by facsimile) of the Trustee. The signature shall be conclusive evidence that the Note has been authenticated under this Indenture.

The Trustee shall, upon a written order of the Issuers signed by an Officer of each of the Issuers (an "Authentication Order"), authenticate Notes for original issue in the aggregate principal amount at maturity of \$675,000,000. The aggregate principal amount at maturity of Notes outstanding at any time may not exceed such amount except as provided in Section 2.07. On the Issue Date, the Issuers will issue \$675,000,000 aggregate principal amount at maturity of Notes. Notes offered and sold in reliance on the exemption from registration under the Securities Act provided by Section 4(2) thereunder or Rule 144A shall be issued as one or more Rule 144A Global Notes. Notes offered and sold in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S shall be issued as one or more Regulation S Global Notes.

The Trustee may appoint an authenticating agent acceptable to the Issuers to authenticate Notes. An authenticating agent may authenticate Notes whenever the Trustee may do so. Each reference in this Indenture to authentication by the Trustee includes authentication by such agent. An authenticating agent has the same rights as an Agent to deal with Holders or an Affiliate of the Issuers.

Section 2.03. Registrar and Paying Agent.

The Issuers shall maintain an office or agency where Notes may be presented for registration of transfer or for exchange ("Registrar") and an office or agency where Notes may be presented for payment ("Paying Agent"). The Registrar shall keep a register of the Notes and of their transfer and exchange. The Issuers may appoint one or more co-registrars and one or more additional paying agents. The term "Registrar" includes any co-registrar and the term "Paying Agent" includes any additional paying agent. The Issuers may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Issuers shall notify the Trustee in writing of the name and address of any Agent not a party to this Indenture. If the Issuers fail to appoint or maintain another entity as Registrar or Paying Agent, the Trustee shall act as such. The Issuers or any of their Subsidiaries may act as Paying Agent or Registrar.

The Issuers initially appoint The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") to act as Depositary with respect to the Global Notes.

The Issuers initially appoint the Trustee to act as the Registrar and Paying Agent and to act as Custodian with respect to the Global Notes.

Section 2.04. Paying Agent to Hold Money in Trust.

The Issuers shall require each Paying Agent other than the Trustee to agree in writing that the Paying Agent shall hold in trust for the benefit of Holders or the Trustee all money held by the Paying Agent for the payment of Accreted Value, premium, if any, or interest on the Notes, and shall notify the Trustee of any default by the Issuers in making any such payment. While any such default continues, the Trustee may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. The Issuers at any time may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. Upon payment over to the Trustee, the Paying Agent (if other than the Issuers or a Subsidiary) shall have no further liability for the money. If the Issuers or a Subsidiary acts as Paying Agent, it shall segregate and hold in a separate trust fund for the benefit of the Holders all money held by it as Paying Agent. Upon any bankruptcy or reorganization proceedings relating to the Issuers, the Trustee shall serve as Paying Agent for the Notes.

Section 2.05. Holder Lists.

The Trustee shall preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of all Holders and shall otherwise comply with TIA ss. 312(a). If the Trustee is not the Registrar, the Issuers shall furnish to the Trustee at least seven Business Days before each interest payment date and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, a list in such form and as of

such date as the Trustee may reasonably require of the names and addresses of the Holders of Notes and the Issuers shall otherwise comply with TIA ss. 312(a).

Section 2.06. Transfer and Exchange.

- (a) Transfer and Exchange of Global Notes. A Global Note may not be transferred as a whole except by the Depositary to a nominee of the Depositary, by a nominee of the Depositary to the Depositary or to another nominee of the Depositary, or by the Depositary or any such nominee to a successor Depositary or a nominee of such successor Depositary. All Global Notes shall be exchanged by the Company for Definitive Notes if:
  - (i) the Issuers deliver to the Trustee notice from the Depositary that it is unwilling or unable to continue to act as Depositary or that it is no longer a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and, in either case, a successor Depositary is not appointed by the Issuers within 120 days after the date of such notice from the Depositary; or
  - (ii) the Issuers in their sole discretion determine that the Global Notes (in whole but not in part) should be exchanged for Definitive Notes and deliver a written notice to such effect to the Trustee; or
  - $\mbox{(iii)}$  there shall have occurred and be continuing a Default or Event of Default with respect to the Notes.

Upon the occurrence of any of the preceding events in (i), (ii) or (iii) above, Definitive Notes shall be issued in such names as the Depositary shall instruct the Trustee. Global Notes also may be exchanged or replaced, in whole or in part, as provided in Sections 2.07 and 2.10. Every Note authenticated and delivered in exchange for, or in lieu of, a Global Note or any portion thereof, pursuant to this Section 2.06 or Section 2.07 or 2.10, shall be authenticated and delivered in the form of, and shall be, a Global Note. A Global Note may not be exchanged for another Note other than as provided in this Section 2.06(a); however, beneficial interests in a Global Note may be transferred and exchanged as provided in Section 2.06(b), (c) or (f).

(b) Transfer and Exchange of Beneficial Interests in the Global Notes. The transfer and exchange of beneficial interests in the Global Notes shall be effected through the Depositary, in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture and the Applicable Procedures. Beneficial interests in the Restricted Global Notes shall be subject to restrictions on transfer comparable to those set forth herein to the extent required by the Securities Act. Prior to the expiration of the 40-day distribution compliance period set forth in Regulation S, beneficial interests in any Regulation S Global Note may be held only through Euroclear or Clearstream unless transferred in accordance with

Section 2.06(b)(iii)(A). Transfers of beneficial interests in the Global Notes also shall require compliance with either subparagraph (i) or (ii) below, as applicable, as well as one or more of the other following subparagraphs, as applicable:

- (i) Transfer of Beneficial Interests in the Same Global Note. Beneficial interests in any Restricted Global Note may be transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in the same Restricted Global Note in accordance with the transfer restrictions set forth in the Private Placement Legend. Beneficial interests in any Unrestricted Global Note may be transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note. No written orders or instructions shall be required to be delivered to the Registrar to effect the transfers described in this Section 2.06(b)(i).
- (ii) All Other Transfers and Exchanges of Beneficial Interests in Global Notes. In connection with all transfers and exchanges of beneficial interests that are not subject to Section 2.06(b)(i) above, the transferor of such beneficial interest must deliver to the Registrar either:
  - (A)(1) a written order from a Participant or an Indirect Participant given to the Depositary in accordance with the Applicable Procedures directing the Depositary to credit or cause to be credited a beneficial interest in another Global Note in an amount equal to the beneficial interest to be transferred or exchanged; and
  - (A)(2) instructions given in accordance with the Applicable Procedures containing information regarding the Participant account to be credited with such increase; or
  - (B)(1) a written order from a Participant or an Indirect Participant given to the Depositary in accordance with the Applicable Procedures directing the Depositary to cause to be issued a Definitive Note in an amount equal to the beneficial interest to be transferred or exchanged; and
  - (B)(2) instructions given by the Depositary to the Registrar containing information regarding the Person in whose name such Definitive Note shall be registered to effect the transfer or exchange referred to in (1) above.

Upon consummation of an Exchange Offer by the Issuers in accordance with Section 2.06(f), the requirements of this Section 2.06(b)(ii) shall be deemed to have been satisfied upon receipt by the Registrar of the instructions contained in the Letter of Transmittal delivered by the holder of such beneficial interests in the

Restricted Global Notes. Upon satisfaction of all of the requirements for transfer or exchange of beneficial interests in Global Notes contained in this Indenture and the Notes or otherwise applicable under the Securities Act, the Trustee shall adjust the principal amount at maturity of the relevant Global Note(s) pursuant to Section 2.06(h).

- (iii) Transfer of Beneficial Interests to Another Restricted Global Note. A beneficial interest in any Restricted Global Note may be transferred to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Restricted Global Note if the transfer complies with the requirements of Section 2.06(b)(ii) above and the Registrar receives the following:
  - (A) if the transferee will take delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in the Rule 144A Global Note, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof: and
  - (B) if the transferee will take delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in the Regulation S Global Note, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof
- (iv) Transfer and Exchange of Beneficial Interests in a Restricted Global Note for Beneficial Interests in an Unrestricted Global Note. A beneficial interest in any Restricted Global Note may be exchanged by any holder thereof for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or transferred to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note if the exchange or transfer complies with the requirements of Section 2.06(b)(ii) above and:
  - (A) such exchange or transfer is effected pursuant to the Exchange Offer in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement and the holder of the beneficial interest to be transferred, in the case of an exchange, or the transferee, in the case of a transfer, certifies in the applicable Letter of Transmittal that it is not (1) a broker-dealer, (2) a Person participating in the distribution of the Exchange Notes or (3) a Person who is an affiliate (as defined in Rule 144) of the Issuers;

- (C) such transfer is effected by a broker-dealer pursuant to the Exchange Registration Statement in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement; or
- (D) such exchange or transfer is effected after the expiration of the 40-day distribution compliance period set forth in Regulation S and the Registrar receives the following:
  - (1) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(a) thereof; or
  - (2) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case set forth in this subparagraph (D), if the Registrar so requests or if the Applicable Procedures so require, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Registrar to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

If any such transfer is effected pursuant to subparagraph (B) or (D) above at a time when an Unrestricted Global Note has not yet been issued, the Issuers shall issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with Section 2.02, the Trustee shall authenticate one or more Unrestricted Global Notes in an aggregate principal amount at maturity equal to the aggregate principal amount at maturity of beneficial interests transferred pursuant to subparagraph (B) or (D) above.

Beneficial interests in an Unrestricted Global Note cannot be exchanged for, or transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of, a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note.

(c) Transfer or Exchange of Beneficial Interests for Definitive Notes.

- (i) Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes to Restricted Definitive Notes. If any holder of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Restricted Definitive Note or to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a Restricted Definitive Note, then, upon receipt by the Registrar of the following documentation:
  - (A) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Restricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (2)(a) thereof (provided that any such beneficial interest in Regulation S Global Note shall not be so exchangeable until after the expiration of the 40-day distribution compliance period set forth in Regulation S);
  - (B) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to a QIB in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;
  - (C) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to a Non-U.S. Person in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof;
  - (D) if such beneficial interest is being transferred pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(a) thereof:
  - (E) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to an Institutional Accredited Investor in reliance on an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than those listed in subparagraphs (B) through (D) above, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications, certificates and Opinion of Counsel required by item (3)(d) thereof, if applicable;
  - (F) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to the Issuers or any of their Subsidiaries, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(b) thereof; or

(G) if such beneficial interest is being transferred pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(c) thereof,

the Trustee shall cause the aggregate principal amount at maturity of the applicable Global Note to be reduced accordingly pursuant to Section 2.06(h), and the Issuers shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Person designated in the instructions a Definitive Note in the appropriate principal amount. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note pursuant to this Section 2.06(c) shall be registered in such name or names and in such authorized denomination or denominations as the holder of such beneficial interest shall instruct the Registrar through instructions from the Depositary and the Participant or Indirect Participant. The Trustee shall deliver such Definitive Notes to the Persons in whose names such Notes are so registered. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note pursuant to this Section 2.06(c)(i) shall bear the Private Placement Legend and shall be subject to all restrictions on transfer contained therein.

- (ii) Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes. A holder of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note may exchange such beneficial interest for an Unrestricted Definitive Note or may transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note only if:
  - (A) such exchange or transfer is effected pursuant to the Exchange Offer in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement and the holder of such beneficial interest, in the case of an exchange, or the transferee, in the case of a transfer, certifies in the applicable Letter of Transmittal that it is not (1) a broker-dealer, (2) a Person participating in the distribution of the Exchange Notes or (3) a Person who is an affiliate (as defined in Rule 144) of the Issuers;

  - (C) such transfer is effected by a broker-dealer pursuant to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement; or

- (D) such exchange or transfer is effected after the expiration of the 40-day distribution compliance period set forth in Regulation S and the Registrar receives the following:
  - (1) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Definitive Note that does not bear the Private Placement Legend, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(b) thereof; or
  - (2) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of a Definitive Note that does not bear the Private Placement Legend, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case set forth in this subparagraph (D), if the Registrar so requests or if the Applicable Procedures so require, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Registrar to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

(iii) Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes. If any holder of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Definitive Note or to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a Definitive Note, then, upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 2.06(b)(ii), the Trustee shall cause the aggregate principal amount at maturity of the applicable Global Note to be reduced accordingly pursuant to Section 2.06(h), and the Issuers shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Person designated in the instructions a Definitive Note in the appropriate principal amount. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest pursuant to this Section 2.06(c)(iii) shall be registered in such name or names and in such authorized denomination or denominations as the holder of such beneficial interest shall instruct the Registrar through instructions from the Depositary and the Participant or Indirect Participant. The Trustee shall deliver such Definitive Notes to the Persons in whose names such Notes are so registered. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest pursuant to this Section 2.06(c)(iii) shall not bear the Private Placement Legend.

(d) Transfer and Exchange of Definitive Notes for Beneficial Interests in Global Notes.

- (i) Restricted Definitive Notes to Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes. If any Holder of a Restricted Definitive Note proposes to exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note or to transfer such Restricted Definitive Notes to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note, then, upon receipt by the Registrar of the following documentation:
  - (A) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Note proposes to exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (2)(b) thereof;
  - (B) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to a QIB in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof:
  - (C) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to a Non-U.S. Person in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof;
  - (D) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(a) thereof;
  - (E) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to an Institutional Accredited Investor in reliance on an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than those listed in subparagraphs (B) through (D) above, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications, certificates and Opinion of Counsel required by item (3) thereof, if applicable;
  - (F) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, a certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(b) thereof; or
  - (G) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities  $\mathsf{Act}$ , a

certificate to the effect set forth in Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(c) thereof,

the Trustee shall cancel the Restricted Definitive Note, increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount at maturity of, in the case of clause (A) above, the appropriate Restricted Global Note, in the case of clause (B) above, the Rule 144A Global Note, in the case of clause (C) above, the Regulation S Global Note.

- (ii) Restricted Definitive Notes to Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global Notes. A Holder of a Restricted Definitive Note may exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or transfer such Restricted Definitive Note to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note only if:
  - (A) such exchange or transfer is effected pursuant to the Exchange Offer in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement and the Holder, in the case of an exchange, or the transferee, in the case of a transfer, certifies in the applicable Letter of Transmittal that it is not (1) a broker-dealer, (2) a Person participating in the distribution of the Exchange Notes or (3) a Person who is an affiliate (as defined in Rule 144) of the Issuers;
  - (B) such transfer is effected pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement;
  - (C) such transfer is effected by a broker-dealer pursuant to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement; or
  - (D) such exchange or transfer is effected after the expiration of the 40-day distribution compliance period set forth in Regulation S and the Registrar receives the following:
    - (1) if the Holder of such Definitive Notes proposes to exchange such Notes for a beneficial interest in the Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(c) thereof; or
    - (2) if the Holder of such Definitive Notes proposes to transfer such Notes to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in the Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case set forth in this subparagraph (D), if the Registrar so requests or if the Applicable Procedures so require, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Registrar to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

Upon satisfaction of the conditions of any of the subparagraphs in this Section 2.06(d)(ii), the Trustee shall cancel the Definitive Notes and increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount at maturity of the Unrestricted Global Note.

(iii) Unrestricted Definitive Notes to Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global Notes. A Holder of an Unrestricted Definitive Note may exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or transfer such Definitive Notes to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note at any time. Upon receipt of a request for such an exchange or transfer, the Trustee shall cancel the applicable Unrestricted Definitive Note and increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount at maturity of one of the Unrestricted Global Notes.

If any such exchange or transfer from a Definitive Note to a beneficial interest is effected pursuant to subparagraphs (ii)(B), (ii)(D) or (iii) above at a time when an Unrestricted Global Note has not yet been issued, the Issuers shall issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with Section 2.02, the Trustee shall authenticate one or more Unrestricted Global Notes in an aggregate principal amount at maturity equal to the principal amount at maturity of Definitive Notes so transferred.

(e) Transfer and Exchange of Definitive Notes for Definitive Notes. Upon request by a Holder of Definitive Notes and such Holder's compliance with the provisions of this Section 2.06(e), the Registrar shall register the transfer or exchange of Definitive Notes. Prior to such registration of transfer or exchange, the requesting Holder shall present or surrender to the Registrar the Definitive Notes duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instruction of transfer in form satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by such Holder or by its attorney, duly authorized in writing. In addition, the requesting Holder shall provide any additional certifications, documents and information, as applicable, required pursuant to the following provisions of this Section 2.06(e).

(i) Restricted Definitive Notes to Restricted Definitive Notes. Any Restricted Definitive Note may be transferred to and registered in the name of

Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a Restricted Definitive Note if the Registrar receives the following:

- (A) if the transfer will be made pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;
- (B) if the transfer will be made pursuant to Rule 903 or Rule 904, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof; and
- (C) if the transfer will be made pursuant to any other exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications, certificates and Opinion of Counsel required by item (3) thereof, if applicable.
- (ii) Restricted Definitive Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes. Any Restricted Definitive Note may be exchanged by the Holder thereof for an Unrestricted Definitive Note or transferred to a Person or Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note if:
  - (A) such exchange or transfer is effected pursuant to the Exchange Offer in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement and the Holder, in the case of an exchange, or the transferee, in the case of a transfer, certifies in the applicable Letter of Transmittal that it is not (1) a broker-dealer, (2) a Person participating in the distribution of the Exchange Notes or (3) a Person who is an affiliate (as defined in Rule 144) of the Issuers;
  - (B) any such transfer is effected pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement;
  - (C) any such transfer is effected by a broker-dealer pursuant to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement; or
  - (D) such exchange or transfer is effected after the 40-day distribution compliance period set forth in Regulation S and the Registrar receives the following:
    - (1) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Notes proposes to exchange such Notes for an Unrestricted Definitive

Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(d) thereof; or

(2) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Notes proposes to transfer such Notes to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such Holder in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case set forth in this subparagraph (D), if the Registrar so requests, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Issuers to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

(iii) Unrestricted Definitive Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes. A Holder of Unrestricted Definitive Notes may transfer such Notes to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note. Upon receipt of a request to register such a transfer, the Registrar shall register the Unrestricted Definitive Notes pursuant to the instructions from the Holder thereof.

- (f) Exchange Offer. Upon the occurrence of the Exchange Offer in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement, the Issuers shall issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with Section 2.02, the Trustee shall authenticate (i) one or more Unrestricted Global Notes in an aggregate principal amount at maturity equal to the principal amount at maturity of the beneficial interests in the Restricted Global Notes tendered for acceptance by Persons that certify in the applicable Letters of Transmittal that (x) they are not broker-dealers, (y) they are not participating in a distribution of the Exchange Notes and (z) they are not affiliates (as defined in Rule 144) of the Issuers, and accepted for exchange in the Exchange Offer and (ii) Definitive Notes in an aggregate principal amount at maturity equal to the principal amount at maturity of the Restricted Definitive Notes accepted for exchange in the Exchange Offer. Concurrently with the issuance of such Notes, the Trustee shall cause the aggregate principal amount at maturity of the applicable Restricted Global Notes to be reduced accordingly, and the Issuers shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Persons designated by the Holders of Definitive Notes so accepted Definitive Notes in the appropriate principal amount.
- (g) Legends. The following legends shall appear on the face of all Global Notes and Definitive Notes issued under this Indenture unless specifically stated otherwise in the applicable provisions of this Indenture.

(i) Private Placement Legend.

(A) Except as permitted by subparagraph (B) below, each Global Note and each Definitive Note (and all Notes issued in exchange therefor or substitution thereof) shall bear the legend in substantially the following form:

"THE NOTES EVIDENCED HEREBY HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT 0F 1933 (THE "SECURITIES ACT") AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT (A)(1) TO A PERSON WHO THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A, (2) IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION COMPLYING WITH RULE 903 OR RULE 904 OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT SUBJECT TO THE CERTIFICATION AND DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS OF THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THE NOTES, (3) TO AN INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT SUBJECT TO THE CERTIFICATION AND DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS OF THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THE NOTES, (4) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144 THEREUNDER (IF AVAILABLE) OR (5) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND (B) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES."

- (B) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Global Note or Definitive Note issued pursuant to subparagraphs (b)(iv), (c)(ii), (c)(iii), (d)(ii), (d)(iii), (e)(ii), (e)(iii) or (f) to this Section 2.06 (and all Notes issued in exchange therefor or substitution thereof) shall not bear the Private Placement Legend.
- (ii) Global Note Legend. Each Global Note shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

"THIS GLOBAL NOTE IS HELD BY THE DEPOSITARY (AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THIS NOTE) OR ITS NOMINEE IN CUSTODY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS HEREOF, AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANY PERSON UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES EXCEPT THAT (I) THE TRUSTEE MAY MAKE SUCH NOTATIONS HEREON AS MAY BE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.07 OF THE INDENTURE, (II) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE EXCHANGED IN WHOLE BUT NOT IN PART PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.06(A) OF THE INDENTURE, (III) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE TRUSTEE FOR CANCELLATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.11 OF THE INDENTURE AND (IV) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY WITH THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE ISSUERS."

- (h) Cancellation and/or Adjustment of Global Notes. At such time as all beneficial interests in a particular Global Note have been exchanged for Definitive Notes or a particular Global Note has been redeemed, repurchased or canceled in whole and not in part, each such Global Note shall be returned to or retained and canceled by the Trustee in accordance with Section 2.11. At any time prior to such cancellation, if any beneficial interest in a Global Note is exchanged for or transferred to a Person who will take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Global Note or for Definitive Notes, the principal amount at maturity of Notes represented by such Global Note shall be reduced accordingly and an endorsement shall be made on such Global Note by the Trustee or by the Depositary at the direction of the Trustee to reflect such reduction; and if the beneficial interest is being exchanged for or transferred to a Person who will take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Global Note, such other Global Note shall be increased accordingly and an endorsement shall be made on such Global Note by the Trustee or by the Depositary at the direction of the Trustee to reflect such increase.
  - (i) General Provisions Relating to Transfers and Exchanges.
  - (i) To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Issuers shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate Global Notes and Definitive Notes upon the Issuers' order or at the Registrar's request.
  - (ii) No service charge shall be made to a holder of a beneficial interest in a Global Note or to a Holder of a Definitive Note for any registration of transfer or exchange, but the Issuers may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax or similar governmental charge

payable in connection therewith (other than any such transfer taxes or similar governmental charge payable upon exchange or transfer pursuant to Sections 2.10, 3.06, 3.09, 4.11, 4.16 and 9.05).

- (iii) The Registrar shall not be required to register the transfer of or exchange any Note selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part.
- (iv) All Global Notes and Definitive Notes issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Global Notes or Definitive Notes shall be the valid obligations of the Issuers, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as the Global Notes or Definitive Notes surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.
- (v) The Issuers shall not be required (A) to issue, to register the transfer of or to exchange any Notes during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of any selection of Notes for redemption under Section 3.02 and ending at the close of business on the day of selection, (B) to register the transfer of or to exchange any Note so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part or (C) to register the transfer of or to exchange a Note between a record date and the next succeeding Interest Payment Date.
- (vi) Prior to due presentment for the registration of a transfer of any Note, the Trustee, any Agent and the Issuers may deem and treat the Person in whose name any Note is registered as the absolute owner of such Note for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and interest on such Notes and for all other purposes, and none of the Trustee, any Agent or the Issuers shall be affected by notice to the contrary.
- (vii) The Trustee shall authenticate Global Notes and Definitive Notes in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.02.
- (viii) All certifications, certificates and Opinions of Counsel required to be submitted to the Registrar pursuant to this Section 2.06 to effect a registration of transfer or exchange may be submitted by facsimile.

### Section 2.07. Replacement Notes.

If any mutilated Note is surrendered to the Trustee or the Issuers and the Trustee receives evidence to its satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Note, the Issuers shall issue and the Trustee, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, shall authenticate a replacement Note if the Trustee's requirements are met. If required by the Trustee or the Issuers, an indemnity bond must be supplied by the Holder that is sufficient in the judgment of the Trustee and the Issuers to protect the Issuers, the

Trustee, any Agent and any authenticating agent from any loss that any of them may suffer if a Note is replaced. The Issuers may charge for their expenses in replacing a Note.

Every replacement Note is an additional legally binding obligation of the Issuers and shall be entitled to all of the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with all other Notes duly issued hereunder.

Section 2.08. Outstanding Notes.

The Notes outstanding at any time are all the Notes authenticated by the Trustee except for those canceled by it, those delivered to it for cancellation, those reductions in the interest in a Global Note effected by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture, and those described in this Section as not outstanding. Except as set forth in Section 2.09, a Note does not cease to be outstanding because either of the Issuers or an Affiliate of the Issuers holds the Note; however, Notes held by an Issuer or a Subsidiary of an Issuer shall not be deemed to be outstanding for purposes of Section 3.07(b).

If a Note is replaced pursuant to Section 2.07, it ceases to be outstanding unless the Trustee receives proof satisfactory to it that the replaced Note is held by a bona fide purchaser.

If the Accreted Value of any Note is considered paid under Section 4.01, it ceases to be outstanding and interest on it ceases to accrue.

If the Paying Agent (other than an Issuer, a Subsidiary or an Affiliate of any thereof) holds, on a redemption date or maturity date, money sufficient to pay Notes payable on that date, then on and after that date such Notes shall be deemed to be no longer outstanding and shall cease to accrue interest.

Section 2.09. Treasury Notes.

In determining whether the Holders of the required principal amount at maturity of Notes have concurred in any direction, waiver or consent, Notes owned by an Issuer, or by any Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with an Issuer, shall be considered as though not outstanding, except that for the purposes of determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying on any such direction, waiver or consent, only Notes that a Responsible Officer of the Trustee knows are so owned shall be so disregarded.

Section 2.10. Temporary Notes.

Until certificates representing Notes are ready for delivery, the Issuers may prepare and the Trustee, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, shall authenticate temporary Notes. Temporary Notes shall be substantially in the form of certificated Notes but may have variations that the Issuers considers appropriate for temporary Notes and as shall be reasonably acceptable to the Trustee. Without unreasonable delay, the Issuers shall prepare and the Trustee shall authenticate definitive Notes in exchange for temporary Notes.

 $\mbox{\sc Holders}$  of temporary Notes shall be entitled to all of the benefits of this Indenture.

Section 2.11. Cancellation.

The Issuers at any time may deliver Notes to the Trustee for cancellation. The Registrar and Paying Agent shall forward to the Trustee any Notes surrendered to them for registration of transfer, exchange or payment. The Trustee and no one else shall cancel all Notes surrendered for registration of transfer, exchange, payment, replacement or cancellation and shall dispose of such canceled Notes in its customary manner. The Issuers may not issue new Notes to replace Notes that they have paid or that have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation.

Section 2.12. Defaulted Interest.

If the Issuers default in a payment of interest on the Notes, they shall pay the defaulted interest in any lawful manner plus, to the extent lawful, interest payable on the defaulted interest, to the Persons who are Holders on a subsequent special record date, in each case at the rate provided in the Notes and in Section 4.01. The Issuers shall notify the Trustee in writing of the amount of defaulted interest proposed to be paid on each Note and the date of the proposed payment. The Issuers shall fix or cause to be fixed each such special record date and payment date; provided that no such special record date shall be less than 10 days prior to the related payment date for such defaulted interest. At least 15 days before the special record date, the Issuers (or, upon the written request of the Issuers, the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Issuers) shall mail or cause to be mailed to Holders a notice that states the special record date, the related payment date and the amount of such interest to be paid.

#### ARTICLE 3

#### REDEMPTION AND PREPAYMENT

#### Section 3.01. Notices to Trustee.

If the Issuers elect to redeem Notes pursuant to the optional redemption provisions of Section 3.07, it shall furnish to the Trustee, at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before a redemption date, an Officers' Certificate setting forth (i) the clause of this Indenture pursuant to which the redemption shall occur, (ii) the redemption date, (iii) the Accreted Value of Notes to be redeemed and (iv) the redemption price.

### Section 3.02. Selection of Notes to Be Redeemed.

If less than all of the Notes are to be redeemed or purchased in an offer to purchase at any time, the Trustee shall select the Notes to be redeemed or purchased among the Holders of the Notes in compliance with the requirements of the principal national securities exchange, if any, on which the Notes are listed or, if the Notes are not so listed, on a pro rata basis, by lot or in accordance with any other method the Trustee considers fair and appropriate. In the event of partial redemption by lot, the particular Notes to be redeemed shall be selected, unless otherwise provided herein, not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the redemption date by the Trustee from the outstanding Notes not previously called for redemption.

The Trustee shall promptly notify the Issuers in writing of the Notes selected for redemption and, in the case of any Note selected for partial redemption, the Accreted Value thereof to be redeemed. Notes and portions of Notes selected shall be in amounts of \$1,000 principal amount at maturity or whole multiples of \$1,000 principal amount at maturity; except that if all of the Notes of a Holder are to be redeemed, the entire outstanding amount of Notes held by such Holder, even if not a multiple of \$1,000 principal amount at maturity, shall be redeemed. Except as provided in the preceding sentence, provisions of this Indenture that apply to Notes called for redemption also apply to portions of Notes called for redemption.

# Section 3.03. Notice of Redemption.

Subject to the provisions of Section 3.09, at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before a redemption date, the Issuers shall mail or cause to be mailed, by first class mail, a notice of redemption to each Holder whose Notes are to be redeemed at its registered address.

The notice shall identify the Notes to be redeemed and shall state:

(a) the redemption date;

- (b) the redemption price;
- (c) if any Note is being redeemed in part, the portion of the Accreted Value or the principal amount at maturity of such Note to be redeemed and that, after the redemption date upon surrender of such Note, a new Note or Notes in principal amount at maturity equal to the unredeemed portion shall be issued upon cancellation of the original Note;
  - (d) the name and address of the Paying Agent;
- (e) that Notes called for redemption must be surrendered to the Paying Agent to collect the redemption price;
- (f) that, unless the Issuers default in making such redemption payment, interest on Notes called for redemption ceases to accrue, or the Accreted Value on the Notes ceases to increase, as the case may be, on and after the redemption date:
- (g) the paragraph of the Notes and/or Section of this Indenture pursuant to which the Notes called for redemption are being redeemed; and
- (h) that no representation is made as to the correctness or accuracy of the CUSIP number, if any, listed in such notice or printed on the Notes.

At the Issuers' request, the Trustee shall give the notice of redemption in the Issuers' name and at their expense; provided, however, that each of the Issuers shall have delivered to the Trustee, at least 45 days prior to the redemption date, an Officers' Certificate requesting that the Trustee give such notice and setting forth the information to be stated in such notice as provided in the preceding paragraph.

Section 3.04. Effect of Notice of Redemption.

Once notice of redemption is mailed in accordance with Section 3.03, Notes called for redemption become irrevocably due and payable on the redemption date at the redemption price. A notice of redemption may not be conditional.

Section 3.05. Deposit of Redemption Price.

At or prior to 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the redemption date, the Issuers shall deposit with the Trustee or with the Paying Agent money sufficient to pay the redemption price of and accrued interest on all Notes to be redeemed on that date. The Trustee or the Paying Agent shall promptly return to the Issuers any money deposited with the Trustee or the Paying Agent by the Issuers in excess of the amounts necessary to pay the redemption price of, and accrued interest on, all Notes to be redeemed.

If the Issuers comply with the provisions of the preceding paragraph, on and after the redemption date, interest shall cease to accrue on the Notes or the portions of Notes called for redemption. If a Note is redeemed on or after an interest record date but on or prior to the related interest payment date, then any accrued and unpaid interest shall be paid to the Person in whose name such Note was registered at the close of business on such record date. If any Note called for redemption shall not be so paid upon surrender for redemption because of the failure of the Issuers to comply with the preceding paragraph, interest shall be paid on the unpaid principal, from the redemption date until such principal is paid, and to the extent lawful on any interest not paid on such unpaid principal, in each case at the rate provided in the Notes and in Section 4.01.

### Section 3.06. Notes Redeemed in Part.

Upon surrender of a Note that is redeemed in part, the Issuers shall issue and, upon the Issuers' written request, the Trustee shall authenticate for the Holder at the expense of the Issuers a new Note equal in principal amount to the unredeemed portion of the Note surrendered.

# Section 3.07. Optional Redemption.

(a) Except as set forth in clause (b) of this Section 3.07, the Issuers shall not have the option to redeem the Notes pursuant to this Section 3.07 prior to January 15, 2006. Thereafter, the Issuers shall have the option to redeem the Notes, in whole or in part, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice, at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount at maturity) set forth below plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to the applicable redemption date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on January 15 of the years indicated below:

Year	Percentage
2006	106.750%
2007	104.500%
2008	102.250%
2009 and therea	after 100.000%

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of clause (a) of this Section 3.07, at any time prior to January 15, 2004, the Issuers may, on any one or more occasions, redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of the Notes originally issued under this Indenture on a pro rata basis (or nearly as pro rata as practicable) at a redemption price of 113.500% of the Accreted Value thereof, plus, after the Full Accretion Date, accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, with the net cash proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings; provided that

- (1) at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of Notes originally issued under this Indenture remains outstanding immediately after the occurrence of such redemption (excluding Notes held by the Company and its Subsidiaries); and
- (2) the redemption must occur within 60 days of the date of the closing of such Equity Offering.
- (c) Any redemption pursuant to this Section 3.07 shall be made pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.01 through 3.06.

Section 3.08. Mandatory Redemption.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 4.11 or Section 4.16 below, the Issuers shall not be required to make mandatory redemption payments with respect to the Notes.

Section 3.09. Offer to Purchase by Application of Excess Proceeds.

In the event that the Issuers shall be required to commence an offer to all Holders to purchase Notes pursuant to Section 4.11 (an "Asset Sale Offer"), they shall follow the procedures specified below.

The Asset Sale Offer shall remain open for a period of 20 Business Days following its commencement and no longer, except to the extent that a longer period is required by applicable law (the "Offer Period"). No later than five Business Days after the termination of the Offer Period (the "Purchase Date"), the Issuers shall purchase the principal amount at maturity of Notes required to be purchased pursuant to Section 4.11 (the "Offer Amount") or, if less than the Offer Amount has been tendered, all Notes tendered in response to the Asset Sale Offer. Payment for any Notes so purchased shall be made in the same manner as interest payments are made. Unless the Issuers default in making such payment, any Note accepted for payment pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer shall cease to accrue interest after the Purchase Date.

If the Purchase Date is on or after an interest record date and on or before the related interest payment date, any accrued and unpaid interest shall be paid to the Person in whose name a Note is registered at the close of business on such record date, and no Special Interest shall be payable to Holders who tender Notes pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer.

Upon the commencement of an Asset Sale Offer the Issuers shall send, by first class mail, a notice to the Trustee and each of the Holders, with a copy to the Trustee. The notice shall contain all instructions and materials necessary to enable such Holders to tender Notes pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer. The Asset Sale Offer shall be made to all Holders. The notice, which shall govern the terms of the Asset Sale Offer, shall state:

- (a) that the Asset Sale Offer is being made pursuant to this Section 3.09 and Section 4.11 and the length of time the Asset Sale Offer shall remain open;
  - (b) the Offer Amount, the purchase price and the Purchase Date;
- (c) that any Note not tendered or accepted for payment shall continue to accrue interest;
- (d) that, unless the Issuers default in making such payment, any Note accepted for payment pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer shall cease to accrue interest after the Purchase Date;
- (e) that Holders electing to have a Note purchased pursuant to an Asset Sale Offer or may elect to have Notes purchased in integral multiples of \$1,000 principal amount at maturity only;
- (f) that Holders electing to have a Note purchased pursuant to any Asset Sale Offer shall be required to surrender the Note, with the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" on the reverse of the Note completed, or transfer by book-entry transfer, to the Issuers, a depositary, if appointed by the Issuers, or a Paying Agent at the address specified in the notice at least three days before the Purchase Date;
- (g) that Holders shall be entitled to withdraw their election if the Issuers, the depositary or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, receives, not later than the expiration of the Offer Period, a telegram, telex, facsimile transmission or letter setting forth the name of the Holder, the principal amount at maturity of the Note the Holder delivered for purchase and a statement that such Holder is withdrawing his election to have such Note purchased;
- (h) that, if the aggregate Accreted Value of Notes surrendered by Holders exceeds the Offer Amount, the Issuers shall select the Notes to be purchased on a pro rata basis (with such adjustments as may be deemed appropriate by the Issuers so that only Notes in denominations of \$1,000 principal amount at maturity, or integral multiples thereof, shall be purchased); and
- (i) that Holders whose Notes were purchased only in part shall be issued new Notes equal in principal amount at maturity to the unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered (or transferred by book-entry transfer).

On or before the Purchase Date, the Issuers shall, to the extent lawful, accept for payment, on a pro rata basis to the extent necessary, the Offer Amount of Notes or portions thereof tendered pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer or if less than the Offer Amount has been tendered, all Notes tendered, and shall deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that such Notes or portions thereof were accepted for

payment by the Issuers in accordance with the terms of this Section 3.09. The Issuers, the Depositary or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, shall promptly (but in any case not later than five days after the Purchase Date) mail or deliver to each tendering Holder an amount equal to the purchase price of the Notes tendered by such Holder and accepted by the Issuers for purchase, and the Issuers shall promptly issue a new Note, and the Trustee, upon written request from the Issuers, shall authenticate and mail or deliver such new Note to such Holder, in a principal amount at maturity equal to any unpurchased portion of the Note surrendered. Any Note not so accepted shall be promptly mailed or delivered by the Issuers to the Holder thereof. The Issuers shall publicly announce the results of the Asset Sale Offer on the Purchase Date.

Other than as specifically provided in this Section 3.09, any purchase pursuant to this Section 3.09 shall be made pursuant to the provisions of Sections 3.01 through 3.06.

# ARTICLE 4

#### COVENANTS

# Section 4.01. Payment of Notes.

The Issuers shall pay or cause to be paid the Accreted Value of, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes on the dates and in the manner provided in the Notes. Accreted Value, premium, if any, and interest shall be considered paid on the date due if the Paying Agent, if other than the Issuers or a Subsidiary thereof, holds as of 10:00 a.m. New York City time on the due date money deposited by the Issuers in immediately available funds and designated for and sufficient to pay all Accreted Value, premium, if any, and interest then due. The Issuers shall pay all Special Interest, if any, in the same manner on the dates and in the amounts set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement.

The Issuers shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal at the rate equal to 1% per annum in excess of the then applicable interest rate on the Notes to the extent lawful; they shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue installments of interest (without regard to any applicable grace period) at the same rate to the extent lawful.

# Section 4.02. Maintenance of Office or Agency.

The Issuers shall maintain in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, an office or agency (which may be an office of the Trustee or an affiliate of the Trustee, Registrar or co-registrar) where Notes may be surrendered for redemption, repurchase, registration of transfer or for exchange and where notices and demands to or upon the

Issuers in respect of the Notes and this Indenture may be served. The Issuers shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the location, and any change in the location, of such office or agency. If at any time the Issuers shall fail to maintain any such required office or agency or shall fail to furnish the Trustee with the address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee.

The Issuers may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies where the Notes may be presented or surrendered for any or all such purposes and may from time to time rescind such designations; provided, however, that no such designation or rescission shall in any manner relieve the Issuers of their obligation to maintain an office or agency in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York for such purposes. The Issuers shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of any such designation or rescission and of any change in the location of any such other office or agency.

The Issuers hereby designate The Bank of New York, an affiliate of the Trustee, at 101 Barclay Street, New York, New York 10286 as one such office or agency of the Issuers in accordance with Section 2.03.

#### Section 4.03. Reports.

Whether or not required by the Commission, so long as any Notes are outstanding, the Issuers shall furnish to the Holders of Notes, within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and regulations:

- (1) all quarterly and annual financial information that would be required to be contained in a filing with the Commission on Forms 10-Q and 10-K if the Issuers were required to file such Forms, including a "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" section and, with respect to the annual information only, a report on the annual financial statements by the Company's certified independent accountants; and
- (2) all current reports that would be required to be filed with the Commission on Form 8-K if the Issuers were required to file such reports.

If the Issuers have designated any of their Subsidiaries as Unrestricted Subsidiaries, then the quarterly and annual financial information required by the preceding paragraph shall include a reasonably detailed presentation, either on the face of the financial statements or in the footnotes thereto, and in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, of the financial condition and results of operations of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries separate from the

financial condition and results of operations of the Unrestricted Subsidiaries of the Company.

In addition, whether or not required by the Commission, the Issuers shall file a copy of all of the information and reports referred to in clauses (1) and (2) above with the Commission for public availability within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and regulations, unless the Commission will not accept such a filing, and make such information available to securities analysts and prospective investors upon request.

### Section 4.04. Compliance Certificate.

- (a) The Company shall deliver to the Trustee, within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year, an Officers' Certificate stating that a review of the activities of the Company and its Subsidiaries during the preceding fiscal year have been made under the supervision of the signing Officers with a view to determining whether the Company has kept, observed, performed and fulfilled its obligations under this Indenture, and further stating, as to each such Officer signing such certificate, that to the best of his or her knowledge the Company has kept, observed, performed and fulfilled each and every covenant contained in this Indenture and is not in default in the performance or observance of any of the terms, provisions and conditions of this Indenture (or, if a Default or Event of Default shall have occurred, describing all such Defaults or Events of Default of which he or she may have knowledge and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto) and that to the best of his or her knowledge no event has occurred and remains in existence by reason of which payments on account of the principal of or interest, if any, on the Notes is prohibited or if such event has occurred, a description of the event and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.
- (b) So long as not contrary to the then current recommendations of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the year-end financial statements delivered pursuant to Section 4.03 above shall be accompanied by a written statement of the Company's independent public accountants (each of whom shall be a firm of established national reputation) that in making the examination necessary for certification of such financial statements, nothing has come to their attention that would lead them to believe that the Company has violated any provisions of Article 4 or Article 5 or, if any such violation has occurred, specifying the nature and period of existence thereof, it being understood that such accountants shall not be liable directly or indirectly to any Person for any failure to obtain knowledge of any such violation. In the event that, after the Company has used its reasonable best efforts to obtain the written statement of the Company's independent public accountants required by the provisions of this paragraph, such statement cannot be obtained, the Company shall deliver, in satisfaction of its obligations under this Section 4.04, an Officers' Certificate (A) certifying that it has used its reasonable best efforts to obtain such required statement but was unable to do so and

- (B) attaching the written statement of the Company's accountants that the Company received in lieu thereof.
- (c) The Company shall, so long as any of the Notes are outstanding, deliver to the Trustee, forthwith upon any Officer becoming aware of any Default or Event of Default, an Officers' Certificate specifying such Default or Event of Default and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

Section 4.05. Taxes.

The Company shall pay, and shall cause each of its Subsidiaries to pay, prior to delinquency, all material taxes, assessments, and governmental levies except such as are contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings or where the failure to effect such payment is not adverse in any material respect to the Holders of the Notes.

Section 4.06. Stay, Extension and Usury Laws.

Each of the Issuers covenants (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it shall not at any time insist upon, plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay, extension or usury law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, that may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and each of the Issuers (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such law, and covenants that it shall not, by resort to any such law, hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Trustee, but shall suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law has been enacted.

Section 4.07. Restricted Payments.

- (a) declare or pay any dividend or make any other payment or distribution on account of the Company's or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries' Equity Interests (including, without limitation, any payment in connection with any merger or consolidation involving the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries) or to the direct or indirect holders of the Company's or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries' Equity Interests in their capacity as such (other than dividends or distributions payable (x) solely in Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company or (y) ,in the case of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company);
- (b) purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire or retire for value (including, without limitation, in connection with any merger or consolidation involving the

Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries) any Equity Interests of the Company or any direct or indirect parent of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company (other than in the case of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, any such Equity Interests owned by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company); or

- (c) make any payment on or with respect to, or purchase, redeem, defease or otherwise acquire or retire for value, any Indebtedness that is subordinated to the Notes, except a payment of interest or principal at the Stated Maturity thereof,
- (all such payments and other actions set forth in clauses (a) through (c) above being collectively referred to as "Restricted Payments"), unless, at the time of and after giving effect to such Restricted Payment:
  - (1) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would occur as a consequence thereof; and
  - (2) the Company would, at the time of such Restricted Payment and after giving pro forma effect thereto as if such Restricted Payment had been made at the beginning of the applicable quarter period, have been permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Leverage Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of Section 4.10; and
  - (3) such Restricted Payment, together with the aggregate amount of all other Restricted Payments made by the Company and each of its Restricted Subsidiaries after March 17, 1999 (excluding Restricted Payments permitted by clauses (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8) of the next succeeding paragraph), shall not exceed, at the date of determination, the sum of:
    - (a) an amount equal to 100% of the Consolidated EBITDA of the Company since March 17, 1999 to the end of the Company's most recently ended full fiscal quarter for which internal financial statements are available, taken as a single accounting period, less the product of 1.2 times the Consolidated Interest Expense of the Company since March 17, 1999 to the end of the Company's most recently ended full fiscal quarter for which internal financial statements are available, taken as a single accounting period, plus
    - (b) an amount equal to 100% of Capital Stock Sale Proceeds less any such Capital Stock Sale Proceeds used in connection with (i) an Investment made pursuant to clause (5) of the definition of "Permitted Investments" or (ii) the incurrence of Indebtedness pursuant to clause (10) of Section 4.10, plus

(c) \$100 million.

- (1) the payment of any dividend within 60 days after the date of declaration thereof, if at said date of declaration such payment would have complied with the provisions of this Indenture;
- (2) the redemption, repurchase, retirement, defeasance or other acquisition of any subordinated Indebtedness of the Company in exchange for, or out of the net proceeds of, the substantially concurrent sale (other than to a Subsidiary of the Company) of Equity Interests of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock); provided that the amount of any such net cash proceeds that are utilized for any such redemption, repurchase, retirement, defeasance or other acquisition shall be excluded from clause (3) (b) of the preceding paragraph;
- (3) the defeasance, redemption, repurchase or other acquisition of subordinated Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries with the net cash proceeds from an incurrence of Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness;
- (4) regardless of whether a Default then exists, the payment of any dividend or distribution to the extent necessary to permit direct or indirect beneficial owners of shares of Capital Stock of the Company to pay federal, state or local income tax liabilities that would arise solely from income of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, as the case may be, for the relevant taxable period and attributable to them solely as a result of the Company (and any intermediate entity through which the holder owns such shares) or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries being a limited liability company, partnership or similar entity for federal income tax purposes;
- (5) regardless of whether a Default then exists, the payment of any dividend by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to the holders of its common Equity Interests on a pro rata basis;
- (6) the payment of any dividend on the Helicon Preferred Stock or the redemption, repurchase, retirement or other acquisition of the Helicon Preferred Stock in an amount not in excess of its aggregate liquidation value;
- (7) the repurchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value, or the payment of any dividend or distribution to the extent necessary to permit the repurchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value, of any Equity Interests of the Company or a Parent held by any member of the

Company's or such Parent's management pursuant to any management equity subscription agreement or membership or stock option agreement in effect as of the Issue Date; provided that the aggregate price paid for all such repurchased, redeemed, acquired or retired Equity Interests shall not exceed \$10 million in any fiscal year of the Company; and

(8) payment of fees in connection with any acquisition, merger or similar transaction in an amount that does not exceed an amount equal to 1.25% of the transaction value of such acquisition, merger or similar transaction.

The amount of all Restricted Payments (other than cash) shall be the fair market value on the date of the Restricted Payment of the asset(s) or securities proposed to be transferred or issued by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to the Restricted Payment. The fair market value of any assets or securities that are required to be valued by this covenant shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the Company, whose resolution with respect thereto shall be delivered to the Trustee. Such Board of Directors' determination must be based upon an opinion or appraisal issued by an accounting, appraisal or investment banking firm of national standing if the fair market value exceeds \$100 million. Not later than the date of making any Restricted Payment, the Company shall deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that such Restricted Payment is permitted and setting forth the basis upon which the calculations required by this Section 4.07 were computed, together with a copy of any fairness opinion or appraisal required by this Indenture.

Section 4.08. Investments.

- (1) make any Restricted Investment; or
- (2) allow any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to become an Unrestricted Subsidiary,

unless, in each case:

- (1) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would occur as a consequence thereof; and
- (2) the Company would, at the time of, and after giving effect to, such Restricted Investment or such designation of a Restricted Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, have been permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Leverage Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of Section 4.10.

Any designation of a Subsidiary of the Company as an Unrestricted Subsidiary shall be evidenced to the Trustee by filing with the Trustee a certified copy of the Board Resolution of the Company giving effect to such designation and an Officers' Certificate certifying that such designation complied with the preceding conditions and was permitted by this Section 4.08. If, at any time, any Unrestricted Subsidiary would fail to meet the requirements as an Unrestricted Subsidiary described in the definition of "Unrestricted Subsidiary," it shall thereafter cease to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary for purposes of this Indenture and any Indebtedness of such Subsidiary shall be deemed to be incurred by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company as of such date and, if such Indebtedness is not permitted to be incurred as of such date under Section 4.10, the Company shall be in default. The Board of Directors of the Company may at any time designate any Unrestricted Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary; provided that such designation shall be deemed to be an incurrence of Indebtedness by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company of any outstanding Indebtedness of such Unrestricted Subsidiary and such designation shall only be permitted if (1) such Indebtedness is permitted under Section 4.10 calculated on a pro forma basis as if such designation had occurred at the beginning of the Reference Period; and (2) no Default or Event of Default would be in existence following such designation.

Section 4.09. Dividend and Other Payment Restrictions Affecting Subsidiaries.

The Company shall not, directly or indirectly, create or permit to exist or become effective any encumbrance or restriction on the ability of any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to:

- (1) pay dividends or make any other distributions on its Capital Stock to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, or with respect to any other interest or participation in, or measured by, its profits, or pay any Indebtedness owed to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (2) make loans or advances to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; or
- (3) transfer any of its properties or assets to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

However, the preceding restrictions shall not apply to encumbrances or restrictions existing under or by reason of:

(1) Existing Indebtedness as in effect on the Issue Date (including, without limitation, the Credit Facilities) and any amendments, modifications, restatements, renewals, increases, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings thereof, provided that such amendments, modifications, restatements,

renewals, increases, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings are no more restrictive, taken as a whole, with respect to such dividend and other payment restrictions than those contained in such Existing Indebtedness, as in effect on the Issue Date;

- (2) this Indenture, the Notes and the Other Notes;
- (3) applicable law;
- (4) any instrument governing Indebtedness or Capital Stock of a Person acquired by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries as in effect at the time of such acquisition (except to the extent such Indebtedness was incurred in connection with or in contemplation of such acquisition), which encumbrance or restriction is not applicable to any Person, or the properties or assets of any Person, other than the Person, or the property or assets of the Person, so acquired; provided that, in the case of Indebtedness, such Indebtedness was permitted by the terms of this Indenture to be incurred;
- (5) customary non-assignment provisions in leases entered into in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practices;
- (6) purchase money obligations for property acquired in the ordinary course of business that impose restrictions on the property so acquired of the nature described in clause (3) of the preceding paragraph;
- (7) any agreement for the sale or other disposition of a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that restricts distributions by such Restricted Subsidiary pending its sale or other disposition;
- (8) Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness; provided that the restrictions contained in the agreements governing such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness are no more restrictive, taken as a whole, than those contained in the agreements governing the Indebtedness being refinanced:
- (9) Liens securing Indebtedness otherwise permitted to be incurred under Section 4.14 that limit the right of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to dispose of the assets subject to such Lien;
- (10) provisions with respect to the disposition or distribution of assets or property in joint venture agreements and other similar agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business;
- (11) restrictions on cash or other deposits or net worth imposed by customers under contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business;

- (12) restrictions contained in the terms of Indebtedness permitted to be incurred under Section 4.10; provided that such restrictions are no more restrictive than the terms contained in the Credit Facilities as in effect on the Issue Date; and
- (13) restrictions that are not materially more restrictive than customary provisions in comparable financings and the management of the Company determines that such restrictions will not materially impair the Company's ability to make payments as required under the Notes.

Section 4.10. Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock.

The Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create, incur, issue, assume, guarantee or otherwise become directly or indirectly liable, contingently or otherwise, with respect to (collectively, "incur") any Indebtedness (including Acquired Debt) and the Company shall not issue any Disqualified Stock and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to issue any shares of Preferred Stock unless the Leverage Ratio would have been not greater than 8.75 to 1.0 determined on a pro forma basis (including a pro forma application of the net proceeds therefrom) as if the additional Indebtedness had been incurred, or the Disqualified Stock had been issued, as the case may be, at the beginning of the most recently ended fiscal quarter.

So long as no Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would be caused thereby, the first paragraph of this covenant shall not prohibit the incurrence of any of the following items of Indebtedness (collectively, "Permitted Debt"):

- (1) the incurrence by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness under the Credit Facilities; provided that the aggregate principal amount of all Indebtedness of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries outstanding under all Credit Facilities after giving effect to such incurrence does not exceed an amount equal to \$3.5 billion less the aggregate amount of all Net Proceeds of Asset Sales applied by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in the case of an Asset Sale since March 17, 1999 to repay Indebtedness under a Credit Facility pursuant to Section 4.11;
- (2) the incurrence by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries of Existing Indebtedness (other than the Credit Facilities);
- (3) the incurrence on the Issue Date by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness represented by the Notes and the Other Notes:
- (4) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness represented by Capital Lease Obligations, mortgage financings or purchase money obligations, in each case, incurred for the purpose

of financing all or any part of the purchase price or cost of construction or improvement (including, without limitation, the cost of design, development, construction, acquisition, transportation, installation, improvement, and migration) of Productive Assets of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$75 million at any time outstanding;

- (5) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness in exchange for, or the net proceeds of which are used to refund, refinance or replace, in whole or in part, Indebtedness (other than intercompany Indebtedness) that was permitted by this Indenture to be incurred under the first paragraph of this covenant or clauses (2) or (3) of this paragraph;
- (6) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of intercompany Indebtedness between or among the Company and any of its Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiaries; provided that:
  - (a) if the Company is the obligor on such Indebtedness, such Indebtedness must be expressly subordinated to the prior payment in full in cash of all Obligations with respect to the Notes; and
  - (b) (i) any subsequent issuance or transfer of Equity Interests that results in any such Indebtedness being held by a Person other than the Company or a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary thereof and (ii) any sale or other transfer of any such Indebtedness to a Person that is not either the Company or a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary thereof, shall be deemed, in each case, to constitute an incurrence of such Indebtedness by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that was not permitted by this clause (6);
- (7) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Hedging Obligations that are incurred for the purpose of fixing or hedging interest rate risk with respect to any floating rate Indebtedness that is permitted by the terms of this Indenture to be outstanding;
- (8) the guarantee by the Company of Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that was permitted to be incurred by another provision of this Section 4.10;
- (9) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of additional Indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not to exceed \$300 million;

(10) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of additional Indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not to exceed 200% of the net cash proceeds received by the Company from the sale of its Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) after March 17, 1999 to the extent such net cash proceeds have not been applied to make Restricted Payments or to effect other transactions pursuant to Section 4.07 or to make Permitted Investments pursuant to clause (5) of the definition thereof; and

(11) the accretion or amortization of original issue discount and the write up of Indebtedness in accordance with purchase accounting.

For purposes of determining compliance with this Section 4.10, in the event that an item of proposed Indebtedness meets the criteria of more than one of the categories of Permitted Debt described in clauses (1) through (11) above, or is entitled to be incurred pursuant to the first paragraph of this covenant, the Company shall be permitted to classify and from time to time to reclassify such item of Indebtedness in any manner that complies with this covenant. For avoidance of doubt, Indebtedness incurred pursuant to a single agreement, instrument, program, facility or line of credit may be classified as Indebtedness arising in part under one of the clauses listed above, and in part under any one or more of the clauses listed above, to the extent that such Indebtedness satisfies the criteria for such clauses.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company consummate a Subordinated Debt Financing or a Preferred Stock "Subordinated Debt Financing" or a "Preferred Stock Financing", as Financing. A the case may be, with respect to any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company shall mean a public offering or private placement (whether pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act or otherwise) of Subordinated Notes or Preferred Stock (whether or not such Preferred Stock constitutes Disqualified Stock), as the case may be, of such Restricted Subsidiary to one or more purchasers (other than to one or more Affiliates of the Company). "Subordinated Notes" with respect to any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company shall mean Indebtedness of such Restricted Subsidiary that is contractually subordinated in right of payment to any other Indebtedness of such Restricted Subsidiary (including, without limitation, Indebtedness under the Credit Facilities). The foregoing limitation shall not apply to (i) any Indebtedness or Preferred Stock of any Person existing at the time such Person is merged with or into or became a Subsidiary of the Company; provided that such Indebtedness or Preferred Stock was not incurred or issued in connection with, or in contemplation of, such Person merging with or into, or becoming a Subsidiary of, the Company and (ii) any Indebtedness or Preferred Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary issued in connection with, and as part of the consideration for, an acquisition, whether by stock purchase, asset sale, merger or otherwise, in each case involving such Restricted Subsidiary, which Indebtedness or Preferred Stock is issued to the seller or sellers of such

stock or assets; provided that such Restricted Subsidiary is not obligated to register such Indebtedness or Preferred Stock under the Securities Act or obligated to provide information pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act.

### Section 4.11. Limitation on Asset Sales.

- (1) the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, as the case may be, receives consideration at the time of such Asset Sale at least equal to the fair market value of the assets or Equity Interests issued or sold or otherwise disposed of;
- (2) such fair market value is determined by the Company's Board of Directors and evidenced by a resolution of such Board of Directors set forth in an Officers' Certificate delivered to the Trustee; and
- (3) at least 75% of the consideration therefor received by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary is in the form of cash, Cash Equivalents or readily marketable securities.

- (a) any liabilities (as shown on the Company's or such Restricted Subsidiary's most recent balance sheet) of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company (other than contingent liabilities and liabilities that are by their terms subordinated to the Notes) that are assumed by the transferee of any such assets pursuant to a customary novation agreement that releases the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary from further liability;
- (b) any securities, notes or other obligations received by the Company or any such Restricted Subsidiary from such transferee that are converted by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary into cash, Cash Equivalents or readily marketable securities within 60 days after receipt thereof (to the extent of the cash, Cash Equivalents or readily marketable securities received in that conversion); and
  - (c) Productive Assets.

Within 365 days after the receipt of any Net Proceeds from an Asset Sale, the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, as the case may be, may apply such Net Proceeds at its option:

- (1) to repay debt under the Credit Facilities or any other Indebtedness of the Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company (other than Indebtedness represented by a guarantee of a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company); or
- (2) to invest in Productive Assets; provided that any Net Proceeds which the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, as the case may be, has committed to invest in Productive Assets within 365 days of the applicable Asset Sale may be invested in Productive Assets within two years of such Asset Sale.

The amount of any Net Proceeds received by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company from Asset Sales that are not applied or invested as provided in the preceding paragraph shall constitute "Excess Proceeds." When the aggregate amount of Excess Proceeds exceeds \$25 million, the Issuers shall make an Asset Sale Offer to all Holders of Notes and all holders of other Indebtedness that is pari passu with the Notes containing provisions requiring offers to purchase or redeem with the proceeds of sales of assets to purchase the maximum principal amount at maturity of Notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness that may be purchased out of the Excess Proceeds (which amount includes the entire amount of the Net Proceeds). The offer price in any Asset Sale Offer shall be payable in cash and equal to 100% of the Accreted Value thereof plus, after the Full Accretion Date, accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase. If any Excess Proceeds remain after consummation of an Asset Sale Offer, the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company may use such Excess Proceeds for any purpose not otherwise prohibited by this Indenture. If the aggregate Accreted Value of Notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness tendered into such Asset Sale Offer exceeds the amount of Excess Proceeds, the Trustee shall select the Notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness to be purchased on a pro rata basis. Upon completion of each Asset Sale Offer, the amount of Excess Proceeds shall be reset at zero.

In the event that the Issuers shall be required to commence an offer to Holders to purchase Notes pursuant to this Section 4.11, they shall follow the procedures specified in Section 3.09.

#### Section 4.12. Sale and Leaseback Transactions.

The Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, enter into any sale and leaseback transaction; provided that the Company may enter into a sale and leaseback transaction if:

- (1) the Company could have (a) incurred Indebtedness in an amount equal to the Attributable Debt relating to such sale and leaseback transaction under the Leverage Ratio test in the first paragraph of Section 4.10 and (b) incurred a Lien to secure such Indebtedness pursuant to Section 4.14; and
- (2) the transfer of assets in that sale and leaseback transaction is permitted by, and the Company applies the proceeds of such transaction in compliance with Section 4.11.

The foregoing restrictions shall not apply to a sale and leaseback transaction if the lease is for a period, including renewal rights, of not in excess of three years.

## Section 4.13. Transactions with Affiliates.

The Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, make any payment to, or sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of any of its properties or assets to, or purchase any property or assets from, or enter into or make or amend any transaction, contract, agreement, understanding, loan, advance or guarantee with, or for the benefit of, any Affiliate (each, an "Affiliate Transaction"), unless:

- (1) such Affiliate Transaction is on terms that are no less favorable to the Company or the relevant Restricted Subsidiary than those that would have been obtained in a comparable transaction by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary with an unrelated Person; and
  - (2) the Company delivers to the Trustee:
    - (a) with respect to any Affiliate Transaction or series of related Affiliate Transactions involving aggregate consideration in excess of \$15 million, a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Company set forth in an Officers' Certificate certifying that such Affiliate Transaction complies with this Section 4.13 and that such Affiliate Transaction has been approved by a majority of the members of such Board of Directors; and
    - (b) with respect to any Affiliate Transaction or series of related Affiliate Transactions involving aggregate consideration in excess of \$50 million, an opinion as to the fairness to the Holders of such Affiliate Transaction from a financial point of view issued by an accounting, appraisal or investment banking firm of national standing.

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The following items shall not be deemed to be Affiliate Transactions and, therefore, shall not be subject to the provisions of the prior paragraph:

- (1) any existing employment agreement entered into by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and any employment agreement entered into by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business and consistent with the past practice of the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary:
- (2) transactions between or among the Company and/or its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (3) payment of reasonable directors fees to Persons who are not otherwise Affiliates of the Company and customary indemnification and insurance arrangements in favor of directors, regardless of affiliation with the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (4) payment of management fees pursuant to management agreements either (A) existing on the Issue Date or (B) entered into after the Issue Date, to the extent that such management agreements provide for percentage fees no higher than the percentage fees existing under the management agreements existing on the Issue Date;
- (5) Restricted Payments that are permitted by Section 4.07 and Restricted Investments that are permitted by Section 4.08; and
  - (6) Permitted Investments.

#### Section 4.14. Liens.

The Company shall not, directly or indirectly, create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien of any kind securing Indebtedness, Attributable Debt or trade payables on any asset now owned or hereafter acquired, except Permitted Liens.

## Section 4.15. Existence.

Subject to Article 5, the Company shall do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect (i) its limited liability company existence, and the corporate, partnership or other existence of each of its Subsidiaries, in accordance with the respective organizational documents (as the same may be amended from time to time) of the Company or any such Subsidiary and (ii) the rights (charter and statutory), licenses and franchises of the Company and its Subsidiaries; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to preserve any such right, license or franchise, or the corporate, partnership or other existence of any of its Subsidiaries (other

than Charter Capital), if the Board of Directors of the Company shall determine that the preservation thereof is no longer desirable in the conduct of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, and that the loss thereof is not adverse in any material respect to the Holders of the Notes.

Section 4.16. Repurchase at the Option of Holders upon a Change of Control.

If a Change of Control occurs, each Holder of Notes shall have the right to require the Issuers to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$1,000 principal amount at maturity or an integral multiple thereof) of that Holder's Notes pursuant to a Change of Control Offer. In the Change of Control Offer, the Issuers shall offer (a "Change of Control Offer") a payment (the "Change of Control Payment") in cash equal to 101% of the Accreted Value plus, for any Change of Control Offer occurring after the Full Accretion Date, accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to the date of purchase.

Within ten days following any Change of Control, the Issuers shall mail a notice to each Holder (with a copy to the Trustee) describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control and stating:

- (a) the purchase price and the purchase date, which shall not exceed 30 Business Days from the date such notice is mailed (the "Change of Control Payment Date");
- (b) that any Note not tendered shall continue to accrete in value or accrue interest;
- (c) that, unless the Issuers default in the payment of the Change of Control Payment, all Notes accepted for payment pursuant to the Change of Control Offer shall cease to accrete in value or accrue interest after the Change of Control Payment Date;
- (d) that Holders electing to have any Notes purchased pursuant to a Change of Control Offer shall be required to surrender the Notes, with the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" on the reverse of the Notes completed, to the Paying Agent at the address specified in the notice prior to the close of business on the third Business Day preceding the Change of Control Payment Date;
- (e) that Holders shall be entitled to withdraw their election if the Paying Agent receives, not later than the close of business on the second Business Day preceding the Change of Control Payment Date, a telegram, telex, facsimile transmission or letter setting forth the name of the Holder, the principal amount at maturity of Notes delivered for purchase, and a statement that such Holder is withdrawing his election to have the Notes purchased; and

(f) that Holders whose Notes are being purchased only in part shall be issued new Notes equal in principal amount at maturity to the unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered, which unpurchased portion must be equal to \$1,000 in principal amount at maturity or an integral multiple thereof.

The Issuers shall comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act (or any successor rules) and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the Notes as a result of a Change of Control.

On the Change of Control Payment Date, the Issuers shall, to the extent lawful:

- (a) accept for payment all Notes or portions thereof properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer;
- (b) deposit with the Paying Agent an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of all Notes or portions thereof so tendered; and
- (c) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Notes so accepted together with an Officers' Certificate stating the aggregate principal amount at maturity of Notes or portions thereof being purchased by the Issuers.

The Paying Agent shall promptly pay to each Holder of Notes so tendered the Change of Control Payment for such Notes, and the Trustee shall promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book entry) to each Holder a new Note equal in principal amount or principal amount at maturity, as applicable, to any unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered, if any; provided that each such new Note shall be in a principal amount or principal amount at maturity, as applicable, of \$1,000 or an integral multiple thereof. The Company shall publicly announce the results of the Change of Control Offer on or as soon as practicable after the Change of Control Payment Date.

The provisions described above that require the Issuers to make a Change of Control Offer following a Change of Control shall be applicable regardless of whether or not any other provisions in this Indenture are applicable. Except as described above with respect to a Change of Control, this Indenture does not contain provisions that permit the Holders of the Notes to require that the Issuers repurchase or redeem the Notes in the event of a takeover, recapitalization or similar transaction.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 4.16, the Issuers shall not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon a Change of Control if a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in this Indenture applicable to a Change of Control Offer made by the Issuers and purchases all Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn under such Change of Control Offer.

The Company shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, directly or indirectly, to Guarantee or pledge any assets to secure the payment of any other Indebtedness of the Company except in respect of the Credit Facilities (the "Guaranteed Indebtedness") unless (i) such Restricted Subsidiary simultaneously executes and delivers a supplemental indenture providing for the Guarantee (a "Subsidiary Guarantee") of the payment of the Notes by such Restricted Subsidiary and (ii) until one year after all the Notes have been paid in full in cash, such Restricted Subsidiary waives and will not in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any rights of reimbursement, indemnity or subrogation or any other rights against the Company or any other Restricted Subsidiary of the Company as a result of any payment by such Restricted Subsidiary under its Subsidiary Guarantee; provided that this paragraph shall not be applicable to any Guarantee or any Restricted Subsidiary that existed at the time such Person became a Restricted Subsidiary and was not incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such Person becoming a Restricted Subsidiary. If the Guaranteed Indebtedness is subordinated to the Notes, then the Guarantee at least to the extent that the Guaranteed Indebtedness is subordinated to the Notes.

## Section 4.18. Payments for Consent.

The Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, pay or cause to be paid any consideration to or for the benefit of any Holder of Notes for or as an inducement to any consent, waiver or amendment of any of the terms or provisions of this Indenture or the Notes unless such consideration is offered to be paid and is paid to all Holders of the Notes that consent, waive or agree to amend in the time frame set forth in the solicitation documents relating to such consent, waiver or agreement.

# Section 4.19. Application of Fall-Away Covenants.

During any period of time that (a) the Notes have Investment Grade Ratings from both Rating Agencies and (b) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall not be subject to the provisions of Sections 4.07, 4.08, 4.09, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12, 4.13 and clause (4) of the first paragraph of Section 5.01 (collectively, the "Suspended Covenants"). In the event that the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries are not subject to the Suspended Covenants for any period of time as a result of the preceding sentence and, subsequently, one or both of the Rating Agencies withdraws its ratings or downgrades the ratings assigned to the Notes below the required Investment Grade Ratings or a Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing, then the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall thereafter again be subject to the Suspended Covenants and compliance with the

Suspended Covenants with respect to the Restricted Payments made after the time of such withdrawal, downgrade, Default or Event of Default will be calculated in accordance with the terms of Section 4.07 as though such covenant had been in effect during the entire period of time from the Issue Date.

## ARTICLE 5

## SUCCESSORS

Section 5.01. Merger, Consolidation, or Sale of Assets.

Neither of the Issuers may, directly or indirectly: (1) consolidate or merge with or into another Person (whether or not such Issuer is the surviving corporation); or (2) sell, assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its properties or assets, in one or more related transactions, to another Person; unless:

- (1) either: (a) such Issuer is the surviving corporation; or (b) the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than such Issuer) or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition shall have been made is a Person organized or existing under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia (provided that if the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger with either Issuer is a limited liability company or a Person other than a corporation, a corporate co-issuer shall also be an obligor with respect to the Notes);
- (2) the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than the Company) or the Person to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition shall have been made assumes all the obligations of the Company under the Notes and this Indenture pursuant to agreements reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee;
- (3) immediately after such transaction no Default or Event of Default exists; and
- (4) the Company or the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than the Company) will, on the date of such transaction after giving pro forma effect thereto and any related financing transactions as if the same had occurred at the beginning of the applicable four-quarter period, either (a) be permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Leverage Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of Section 4.10 or (b) have a Leverage Ratio immediately after giving effect to such consolidation or merger no greater than the Leverage Ratio immediately prior to

such consolidation or merger.

In addition, the Company may not, directly or indirectly, lease all or substantially all of its properties or assets, in one or more related transactions, to any other Person. This Section 5.01 shall not apply to a sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of assets between or among the Company and any of its Wholly Owned Subsidiaries.

Section 5.02. Successor Corporation Substituted.

Upon any consolidation or merger, or any sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of either Issuer in accordance with Section 5.01, the successor Person formed by such consolidation or into which either Issuer is merged or to which such transfer is made shall succeed to and (except in the case of a lease) be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, such Issuer under this Indenture with the same effect as if such successor Person had been named therein as such Issuer, and (except in the case of a lease) such Issuer shall be released from the obligations under the Notes and this Indenture, except with respect to any obligations that arise from, or are related to, such transaction.

## ARTICLE 6

## DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

Section 6.01. Events of Default.

An "Event of Default" occurs if:

- (a) the Issuers default in the payment when due of interest on the Notes and such default continues for a period of 30 days;
- (b) the Issuers default in payment when due of the Accreted Value of or premium, if any, on the Notes;
- (c) the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries fails to comply with any of the provisions of Sections 4.16 or 5.01;
- (d) the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries fails to comply with any of their other covenants or agreements in this Indenture for 30 days after written notice thereof has been given to the Company by the Trustee or to the Company and the Trustee by Holders of at least 25% of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of the Notes outstanding;

- (e) the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries defaults under any mortgage, indenture or instrument under which there may be issued or by which there may be secured or evidenced any Indebtedness for money borrowed (or the payment of which is guaranteed by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries) whether such Indebtedness or guarantee now exists or is created after the Issue Date, if that default:
  - (1) is caused by a failure to pay at final stated maturity the principal amount on such Indebtedness prior to the expiration of the grace period provided in such Indebtedness on the date of such default (a "Payment Default"); or
  - (2) results in the acceleration of such Indebtedness prior to its express maturity,

and, in each case, the principal amount of any such Indebtedness, together with the principal amount of any other such Indebtedness under which there has been a Payment Default or the maturity of which has been so accelerated, aggregates \$100 million or more;

- (f) the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries fails to pay final judgments which are non-appealable aggregating in excess of \$100 million (net of applicable insurance which has not been denied in writing by the insurer), which judgments are not paid, discharged or stayed for a period of 60 days;
- the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries pursuant to (g) or within the meaning of Bankruptcy Law:
  - (i) commences a voluntary case,
  - (ii) consents to the entry of an order for relief against it in an involuntary case,
  - (iii) consents to the appointment of a custodian of it or for all or substantially all of its property, or
  - (iv) makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or
- (h) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that:
  - is for relief against the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries in an involuntary case;

- (ii) appoints a custodian of the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries or for all or substantially all of the property of the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries; or
- (iii) orders the liquidation of the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries;

and the order or decree remains unstayed and in effect for 60 consecutive days.

#### Section 6.02. Acceleration.

In the case of an Event of Default arising from clause (g) or (h) of Section 6.01 with respect to the Company, all outstanding Notes shall become due and payable immediately without further action or notice. If any other Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee by notice to the Issuers or the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the then outstanding Notes by notice to the Issuers and the Trustee may declare all the Notes to be due and payable immediately in an amount equal to (x) the Accreted Value of the Notes outstanding on the date of acceleration, if such declaration is made prior to the Full Accretion Date or (y) the entire principal amount at maturity of all the Notes outstanding on the date of acceleration plus accrued interest, if any, to the date of acceleration, if such declaration is made after the Full Accretion Date. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the Notes then outstanding by written notice to the Trustee may on behalf of all of the Holders rescind an acceleration and its consequences if the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree and if all existing Events of Default (except nonpayment of Accreted Value, interest or premium that has become due solely because of the acceleration) have been cured or waived.

## Section 6.03. Other Remedies.

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may pursue any available remedy to collect the payment of Accreted Value, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes or to enforce the performance of any provision of the Notes or this Indenture.

The Trustee may maintain a proceeding even if it does not possess any of the Notes or does not produce any of them in the proceeding. A delay or omission by the Trustee or any Holder of a Note in exercising any right or remedy accruing upon an Event of Default shall not impair the right or remedy or constitute a waiver of or acquiescence in the Event of Default. All remedies are cumulative to the extent permitted by law.

Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the then outstanding Notes by notice to the Trustee may on behalf of the Holders of all of the Notes waive an existing Default or Event of Default and its consequences hereunder, except a continuing Default or Event of Default in the payment of the Accreted Value of, premium, if any, or interest on, the Notes (including in connection with an offer to purchase) (provided, however, that the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the then outstanding Notes may rescind an acceleration and its consequences, including any related payment default that resulted from such acceleration). Upon any such waiver, such Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

## Section 6.05. Control by Majority.

Holders of a majority in principal amount at maturity of the then outstanding Notes may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for exercising any remedy available to the Trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on it. However, the Trustee may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or this Indenture that the Trustee determines may be prejudicial to the rights of other Holders of Notes or that may involve the Trustee in personal liability. The Trustee may take any other action which it deems proper that is not inconsistent with any such directive.

## Section 6.06. Limitation on Suits.

A Holder of a Note may pursue a remedy with respect to this Indenture or the Notes only if:

- (a) the Holder of a Note gives to the Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default;
- (b) the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the then outstanding Notes make a written request to the Trustee to pursue the remedy:
- (c) such Holder of a Note or Holders of Notes offer and, if requested, provide to the Trustee indemnity satisfactory to the Trustee against any loss, liability or expense;
- (d) the Trustee does not comply with the request within 60 days after receipt of the request and the offer and, if requested, the provision of indemnity; and

(e) during such 60-day period the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the then outstanding Notes do not give the Trustee a direction inconsistent with the request.

A Holder of a Note may not use this Indenture to prejudice the rights of another Holder of a Note or to obtain a preference or priority over another Holder of a Note.

Section 6.07. Rights of Holders of Notes to Receive Payment.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the right of any Holder of a Note to receive payment of Accreted Value, premium, if any, and interest on the Note, on or after the respective due dates expressed in the Note (including in connection with an offer to purchase), or to bring suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such respective dates, shall not be impaired or affected without the consent of such Holder.

Section 6.08. Collection Suit by Trustee.

If an Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(a) or (b) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee is authorized to recover judgment in its own name and as trustee of an express trust against the Issuers for the whole amount of Accreted Value of, premium, if any, and interest remaining unpaid on the Notes and interest on overdue Accreted Value and, to the extent lawful, interest and such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel.

Section 6.09. Trustee May File Proofs of Claim.

The Trustee is authorized to file such proofs of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel) and the Holders of the Notes allowed in any judicial proceedings relative to the Issuers (or any other obligor upon the Notes), their creditors or their property and shall be entitled and empowered to collect, receive and distribute any money or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and any custodian in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make such payments to the Trustee, and in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due to it for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.07. To the extent that the payment of any such compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.07 out of the estate in any such proceeding, shall be denied for any reason,

payment of the same shall be secured by a Lien on, and shall be paid out of, any and all distributions, dividends, money, securities and other properties that the Holders may be entitled to receive in such proceeding whether in liquidation or under any plan of reorganization or arrangement or otherwise. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Notes or the rights of any Holder, or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Holder in any such proceeding.

#### Section 6.10. Priorities.

If the Trustee collects any money pursuant to this Article, it shall pay out the money in the following order:

First: to the Trustee, its agents and attorneys for amounts due under Section 7.07, including payment of all compensation, expense and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Trustee and the costs and expenses of collection;

Second: to Holders of Notes for amounts due and unpaid on the Notes for Accreted Value, premium, if any, and interest, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on the Notes for Accreted Value, premium, if any and interest, respectively; and

Third: to the Issuers or to such party as a court of competent jurisdiction shall direct.

The Trustee may fix a record date and payment date for any payment to Holders of Notes pursuant to this Section 6.10.

## Section 6.11. Undertaking for Costs.

In any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken or omitted by it as a Trustee, a court in its discretion may require the filing by any party litigant in the suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of the suit, and the court in its discretion may assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, against any party litigant in the suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by the party litigant. This Section does not apply to a suit by the Trustee, a suit by a Holder of a Note pursuant to Section 6.07, or a suit by Holders of more than 10% in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the then outstanding Notes.

## ARTICLE 7

#### TRUSTEE

## Section 7.01. Duties of Trustee.

- (a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture, and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.
  - (b) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default:
  - (i) the duties of the Trustee shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Indenture and the Trustee need perform only those duties that are specifically set forth in this Indenture and no others, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee; and
  - (ii) in the absence of bad faith on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions required to be furnished to the Trustee hereunder and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture. However, the Trustee shall examine the certificates and opinions to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of any mathematical calculations or other facts stated therein).
- (c) The Trustee may not be relieved from liabilities for its own gross negligent action, its own gross negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:
  - (i) this paragraph does not limit the effect of paragraph (b) of this Section;
  - (ii) the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, unless it is proved that the Trustee was grossly negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and
  - (iii) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in accordance with a direction received by it pursuant to Section 6.05.

- (d) Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Trustee is subject to paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this Section 7.01.
- (e) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or incur any liability. The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights and powers under this Indenture at the request of any Holders, unless such Holder shall have offered to the Trustee security and indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability, claim, damage or expense.
- (f) The Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Trustee may agree in writing with the Issuers. Money held in trust by the Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.
- (g) The Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture or other paper or documents.

## Section 7.02. Rights of Trustee.

- (a) The Trustee may conclusively rely upon any document (whether in its original or facsimile form) believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper Person. The Trustee need not investigate any fact or matter stated in the document.
- (b) Before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officers' Certificate or an Opinion of Counsel or both. The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on such Officers' Certificate or Opinion of Counsel. The Trustee may consult with counsel of its own selection and the written advice or opinion of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection from liability in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.
- (c) The Trustee may act through its attorneys and agents and shall not be responsible for the misconduct or negligence of any agent appointed with due care.
- (d) The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith that it believes to be authorized or within the rights or powers conferred upon it by this Indenture.
- (e) Unless otherwise specifically provided in this Indenture, any demand, request, direction or notice from either of the Issuers shall be sufficient if signed by an Officer of such Issuer.

- (f) The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities that might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.
- (g) The Trustee shall not be charged with knowledge of any Default or Event of Default unless either (i) a Responsible Officer of the Trustee shall have actual knowledge of such Default or Event of Default or (ii) written notice of such Default or Event of Default shall have been given to and received by a Responsible Officer of the Trustee by the Issuers or any Holder.

## Section 7.03. Individual Rights of Trustee.

The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and may otherwise deal with the Issuers or any Affiliate of the Issuers with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. However, in the event that the Trustee acquires any conflicting interest it must eliminate such conflict within 90 days, apply to the SEC for permission to continue as trustee or resign. Any Agent may do the same with like rights and duties. The Trustee is also subject to Sections 7.10 and 7.11.

## Section 7.04. Trustee's Disclaimer.

The Trustee shall not be responsible for and makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Notes, it shall not be accountable for the Issuers' use of the proceeds from the Notes or any money paid to the Issuers or upon the Issuers' direction under any provision of this Indenture, it shall not be responsible for the use or application of any money received by any Paying Agent other than the Trustee, and it shall not be responsible for any statement or recital herein or any statement in the Notes or any other document in connection with the sale of the Notes or pursuant to this Indenture other than its certificate of authentication.

## Section 7.05. Notice of Defaults.

If a Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing and if it is known to a Responsible Officer of the Trustee, the Trustee shall mail to Holders of Notes a notice of the Default or Event of Default within 90 days after the Trustee acquires knowledge thereof. Except in the case of a Default or Event of Default in payment of Accreted Value of, premium, if any, or interest on any Note, the Trustee may withhold the notice if and so long as a committee of its Responsible Officers in good faith determines that withholding the notice is in the interests of the Holders of the Notes.

Section 7.06. Reports by Trustee to Holders of the Notes.

Within 60 days after each May 15 beginning with the May 15 following the date of this Indenture, and for so long as Notes remain outstanding, the Trustee shall mail to the Holders of the Notes a brief report dated as of such reporting date that complies with TIA ss. 313(a) (but if no event described in TIA ss. 313(a) has occurred within the twelve months preceding the reporting date, no report need be transmitted). The Trustee also shall comply with TIA ss. 313(b)(2). The Trustee shall also transmit by mail all reports as required by TIA ss. 313(c).

A copy of each report at the time of its mailing to the Holders of Notes shall be mailed to the Company and filed with the SEC and each stock exchange on which the Notes are listed in accordance with TIA ss. 313(d). The Issuers shall promptly notify the Trustee when the Notes are listed on any stock exchange.

Section 7.07. Compensation and Indemnity.

The Issuers shall pay to the Trustee from time to time reasonable compensation for its acceptance of this Indenture and services hereunder. The Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Issuers shall reimburse the Trustee promptly upon request for all reasonable disbursements, advances and expenses incurred or made by it in addition to the compensation for its services. Such expenses shall include the reasonable compensation, disbursements and expenses of the Trustee's agents and counsel.

The Issuers shall, jointly and severally, indemnify the Trustee against any and all losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses (including reasonable legal fees and expenses) incurred by it arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of its duties under this Indenture, including the costs and expenses of enforcing this Indenture against the Issuers (including this Section 7.07) and defending itself against any claim (whether asserted by the Issuers or any Holder or any other person) or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder, except to the extent any such loss, liability or expense may be attributable to its gross negligence or willful misconduct. The Trustee shall notify the Issuers promptly of any claim for which it may seek indemnity. Failure by the Trustee to so notify the Issuers shall not relieve the Issuers of their obligations hereunder. The Issuers shall defend the claim and the Trustee shall cooperate in the defense. The Trustee may have separate counsel and the Issuers shall pay the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel. The Issuers need not pay for any settlement made without their consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

The obligations of the Issuers this Section 7.07 shall survive resignation or removal of the Trustee and the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

To secure the Issuers' payment obligations in this Section, the Trustee shall have a Lien prior to the Notes on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee, except that held in trust to pay principal and interest on particular Notes. Such Lien shall survive the resignation or removal of the Trustee and the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services after an Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(g) or (h) occurs, the expenses and the compensation for the services (including the fees and expenses of its agents and counsel) are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any Bankruptcy Law.

The Trustee shall comply with the provisions of TIA ss. 313(b)(2) to the extent applicable.

Section 7.08. Replacement of Trustee.

A resignation or removal of the Trustee and appointment of a successor Trustee shall become effective only upon the successor Trustee's acceptance of appointment as provided in this Section.

The Trustee may resign in writing at any time and be discharged from the trust hereby created by so notifying the Issuers. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the then outstanding Notes may remove the Trustee by so notifying the Trustee and the Issuers in writing. The Issuers may remove the Trustee if:

- (a) the Trustee fails to comply with Section 7.10;
- (b) the Trustee is adjudged a bankrupt or an insolvent or an order for relief is entered with respect to the Trustee under any Bankruptcy Law;
- (c) a custodian or public officer takes charge of the Trustee or its property; or
  - (d) the Trustee becomes incapable of acting.

If the Trustee resigns or is removed or if a vacancy exists in the office of Trustee for any reason, the Issuers shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee. Within one year after the successor Trustee takes office, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the then outstanding Notes may appoint a successor Trustee to replace the successor Trustee appointed by the Issuers.

If a successor Trustee does not take office within 60 days after the retiring Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Trustee, the Issuers, or the Holders of at least 10% in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the then outstanding Notes may petition at the

expense of the Company any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

If the Trustee, after written request by any Holder who has been a Holder for at least six months, fails to comply with Section 7.10, such Holder may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee.

A successor Trustee shall deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Trustee and to the Issuers. Thereupon, the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective, and the successor Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the Trustee under this Indenture. The successor Trustee shall mail a notice of its succession to Holders. The retiring Trustee shall promptly transfer all property held by it as Trustee to the successor Trustee; provided all sums owing to the Trustee hereunder have been paid and subject to the Lien provided for in Section 7.07. Notwithstanding replacement of the Trustee pursuant to this Section 7.08, the Issuers' obligations under Section 7.07 shall continue for the benefit of the retiring Trustee.

Section 7.09. Successor Trustee by Merger, etc.

If the Trustee consolidates, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all of its corporate trust business to, another corporation, the successor corporation without any further act shall be the successor Trustee.

Section 7.10. Eligibility; Disqualification.

There shall at all times be a Trustee hereunder that is a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state thereof that is authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trustee power, that is subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authorities and that has a combined capital and surplus of at least \$100 million as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition.

This Indenture shall always have a Trustee who satisfies the requirements of TIA ss. 310(a)(1), (2) and (5). The Trustee is subject to TIA ss. 310(b).

Section 7.11. Preferential Collection of Claims Against the Issuers.

The Trustee is subject to TIA ss. 311(a), excluding any creditor relationship listed in TIA ss. 311(b). A Trustee who has resigned or been removed shall be subject to TIA ss. 311(a) to the extent indicated therein.

ARTICLE 8

#### LEGAL DEFEASANCE AND COVENANT DEFEASANCE

Section 8.01. Option to Effect Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

The Issuers may, at the option of their respective Boards of Directors evidenced by a resolution set forth in an Officers' Certificate of each of the Issuers, at any time, elect to have either Section 8.02 or 8.03 be applied to all outstanding Notes upon compliance with the conditions set forth below in this Article 8.

Section 8.02. Legal Defeasance and Discharge.

Upon the Issuers' exercise under Section 8.01 of the option applicable to this Section 8.02, the Issuers shall, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04, be deemed to have been discharged from their obligations with respect to all outstanding Notes on the date the conditions set forth below are satisfied (hereinafter, "Legal Defeasance"). For this purpose, Legal Defeasance means that the Issuers shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire Indebtedness represented by the outstanding Notes, which shall thereafter be deemed to be "outstanding" only for the purposes of Section 8.05 and the other Sections of this Indenture referred to in (a) and (b) below, and to have satisfied all their other obligations under such Notes and this Indenture (and the Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Issuers, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), except for the following provisions which shall survive until otherwise terminated or discharged hereunder:

- (a) the rights of Holders of outstanding Notes to receive payments in respect of the Accreted Value or principal of, premium, if any, and interest on such Notes when such payments are due from the trust referred to below;
- (b) the Issuers' obligations with respect to the Notes concerning issuing temporary Notes, registration of Notes, mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes and the maintenance of an office or agency for payment and money for security payments held in trust;
- (c) the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the Trustee and the Issuers' obligations in connection therewith; and
  - (d) the Legal Defeasance provisions of this Indenture;

Subject to compliance with this Article 8, the Issuers may exercise their option under this Section 8.02 notwithstanding the prior exercise of their option under Section 8.03.

Upon the Issuers' exercise under Section 8.01 of the option applicable to this Section 8.03, the Issuers shall, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04, be released from their obligations under the covenants contained in Article 5 and Sections 4.03, 4.07, 4.08, 4.09, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12, 4.13, 4.14, 4.16, 4.17 and 4.19 with respect to the outstanding Notes on and after the date the conditions set forth in Section 8.04 are satisfied (hereinafter, "Covenant Defeasance"), and the Notes shall thereafter be deemed not "outstanding" for the purposes of any direction, waiver, consent or declaration or act of Holders (and the consequences of any thereof) in connection with such covenants, but shall continue to be deemed "outstanding" for all other purposes hereunder (it being understood that such Notes shall not be deemed outstanding for accounting purposes). For this purpose, Covenant Defeasance means that, with respect to the outstanding Notes, the Issuers may omit to comply with and shall have no liability in respect of any term, condition or limitation set forth in any such covenant, whether directly or indirectly, by reason of any reference elsewhere herein to any such covenant or by reason of any reference in any such covenant to any other provision herein or in any other document and such omission to comply shall not constitute a Default or an Event of Default under Section 6.01, but, except as specified above, the remainder of this Indenture and such Notes shall be unaffected thereby. In addition, upon the Issuers' exercise under Section 8.01 of the option applicable to this Section 8.03, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04, Sections 6.01(c) through 6.01(f) shall not constitute Events of Default.

Section 8.04. Conditions to Legal or Covenant Defeasance.

The following shall be the conditions to the application of either Section 8.02 or 8.03 to the outstanding Notes:

In order to exercise either Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance:

- (1) the Company must irrevocably deposit with the Trustee, in trust, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes, cash in U.S. dollars, non-callable Government Securities, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants, to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the outstanding Notes on the stated maturity or on the applicable redemption date, as the case may be, and the Company must specify whether the Notes are being defeased to maturity or to a particular redemption date;
- (2) in the case of Legal Defeasance, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel reasonably acceptable to the Trustee confirming that (a) the Company has received from, or there has been published

by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling or (b) since the Issue Date, there has been a change in the applicable federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such opinion of counsel shall confirm that, the Holders of the outstanding Notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Legal Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Legal Defeasance had not occurred;

- (3) in the case of Covenant Defeasance, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel reasonably acceptable to the Trustee confirming that the Holders of the outstanding Notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Covenant Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Covenant Defeasance had not occurred;
- (4) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing either: (a) on the date of such deposit (other than a Default or Event of Default resulting from the borrowing of funds to be applied to such deposit); or (b) or insofar as Events of Default from bankruptcy or insolvency events are concerned, at any time in the period ending on the 91st day after the date of deposit;
- (5) such Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under any material agreement or instrument (other than this Indenture) to which the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries is bound;
- (6) the Company must have delivered to the Trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that after the 91st day assuming no intervening bankruptcy, that no Holder is an insider of either of the Issuers following the deposit and that such deposit would not be deemed by a court of competent jurisdiction a transfer for the benefit of either Issuer in its capacity as such, the trust funds will not be subject to the effect of any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally;
- (7) the Company must deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that the deposit was not made by the Company with the intent of preferring the Holders of Notes over the other creditors of the Company with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding creditors of the Company or others; and

(8) the Company must deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an opinion of counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent relating to the Legal Defeasance or the Covenant Defeasance have been complied with.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the opinion of counsel required by clause (2) above with respect to a Legal Defeasance need not be delivered if all Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation (i) have become due and payable or (ii) will become due and payable on the maturity date within one year, by their terms or under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Tssuers.

Section 8.05. Deposited Money and Government Securities to Be Held in Trust; Other Miscellaneous Provisions.

Subject to Section 8.06, all money and non-callable Government Securities (including the proceeds thereof) deposited with the Trustee (or other qualifying trustee, collectively for purposes of this Section 8.05, the "Trustee") pursuant to Section 8.04 in respect of the outstanding Notes shall be held in trust and applied by the Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of such Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Issuers acting as Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Holders of such Notes of all sums due and to become due thereon in respect of principal, premium, if any, and interest, but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

The Issuers shall pay and indemnify the Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against the cash or non-callable Government Securities deposited pursuant to Section 8.04 or the principal and interest received in respect thereof other than any such tax, fee or other charge which by law is for the account of the Holders of the outstanding Notes.

Anything in this Article 8 to the contrary notwithstanding, the Trustee shall deliver or pay to the Issuers from time to time upon the request of the Issuers any money or non-callable Government Securities held by it as provided in Section 8.04 which, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee (which may be the opinion delivered under Section 8.04(a)), are in excess of the amount thereof that would then be required to be deposited to effect an equivalent Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

Section 8.06. Repayment to Issuers.

Any money deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent, or then held by the Issuers, in trust for the payment of the Accreted Value of, premium, if any, or interest on

any Note and remaining unclaimed for two years after such principal, and premium, if any, or interest has become due and payable shall be paid to the Issuers on their request or (if then held by the Issuers) shall be discharged from such trust; and the Holder of such Note shall thereafter look only to the Issuers for payment thereof, and all liability of the Trustee or such Paying Agent with respect to such trust money, and all liability of the Issuers as trustee thereof, shall thereupon cease; provided, however, that the Trustee or such Paying Agent, before being required to make any such repayment, may at the expense of the Issuers cause to be published once, in the New York Times and The Wall Street Journal (national edition), notice that such money remains unclaimed and that, after a date specified therein, which shall not be less than 30 days from the date of such notification or publication, any unclaimed balance of such money then remaining shall be repaid to the Issuers.

#### Section 8.07. Reinstatement.

If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any United States dollars or non-callable Government Securities in accordance with Section 8.02 or 8.03, as the case may be, by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, then the Issuers' obligations under this Indenture and the Notes, shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to Section 8.02 or 8.03 until such time as the Trustee or Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money in accordance with Section 8.02 or 8.03, as the case may be; provided, however, that, if the Issuers make any payment of Accreted Value of, premium, if any, or interest on any Note following the reinstatement of their obligations, the Issuers shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Notes to receive such payment from the money held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

## ARTICLE 9

## AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT AND WAIVER

Section 9.01. Without Consent of Holders of Notes.

Notwithstanding Section 9.02 of this Indenture, the Issuers and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture or the Notes without the consent of any Holder of a Note:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency;
- (b) to provide for uncertificated Notes in addition to or in place of certificated Notes;

- (c) to provide for the assumption of either Issuer's obligations to Holders of Notes in the case of a merger or consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of the assets of such Issuer pursuant to Article 5;
- (d) to make any change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the Holders of Notes or that does not adversely affect the legal rights under this Indenture of any Holder; or
- (e) to comply with requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of this Indenture under the TIA or otherwise as necessary to comply with applicable law.

Upon the request of the Issuers accompanied by a resolution of their respective Boards of Directors authorizing the execution of any such amended or supplemental Indenture, and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in Section 7.02, the Trustee shall join with the Issuers in the execution of any amended or supplemental Indenture authorized or permitted by the terms of this Indenture and to make any further appropriate agreements and stipulations that may be therein contained, but the Trustee shall not be obligated to enter into such amended or supplemental Indenture that affects its own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise.

# Section 9.02. With Consent of Holders of Notes.

Except as provided below in this Section 9.02, this Indenture (including Sections 4.11 and 4.16) or the Notes may be amended or supplemented with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the Notes then outstanding (including, without limitation, consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or a tender offer or exchange offer for, Notes) and, subject to Sections 6.04 and 6.07, any existing Default or compliance with any provision of this Indenture or the Notes may be waived with the consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the Notes then outstanding (including, without limitation, consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or a tender offer or exchange offer for, Notes). Section 2.08 shall determine which Notes are considered to be "outstanding" for purposes of this Section 9.02.

Upon the request of the Issuers accompanied by a resolution of their respective Boards of Directors authorizing the execution of any such amended or supplemental Indenture, and upon the filing with the Trustee of evidence satisfactory to the Trustee of the consent of the Holders of Notes as aforesaid, and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in Section 7.02, the Trustee shall join with the Issuers in the execution of such amended or supplemental Indenture unless such amended or supplemental Indenture directly affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities

under this Indenture or otherwise, in which case the Trustee may in its discretion, but shall not be obligated to, enter into such amended or supplemental Indenture.

It shall not be necessary for the consent of the Holders of Notes under this Section 9.02 to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment or waiver, but it shall be sufficient if such consent approves the substance thereof.

After an amendment, supplement or waiver under this Section 9.02 becomes effective, the Company shall mail to the Holders of Notes affected thereby a notice briefly describing the amendment, supplement or waiver. Any failure of the Company to mail such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such amended or supplemental Indenture or waiver. Subject to Sections 6.04 and 6.07, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the Notes then outstanding may waive compliance in a particular instance by the Issuers with any provision of this Indenture or the Notes. However, without the consent of each Holder affected, an amendment, supplement or waiver under this Section 9.02 may not (with respect to any Notes held by a non-consenting Holder):

- (a) reduce the principal amount at maturity of Notes whose Holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;
- (b) reduce the Accreted Value of or change the fixed maturity of any Note or alter the payment provisions with respect to the redemption of the Notes (other than provisions relating to Sections 4.11 and 4.16);
- (c) reduce the rate of or extend the time for payment of interest on any  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Note}}\xspace$  :
- (d) waive a Default or Event of Default in the payment of Accreted Value of, or premium, if any, or interest on the Notes (except a rescission of acceleration of the Notes by the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the Notes and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from such acceleration);
  - (e) make any Note payable in money other than that stated in the Notes;
- (f) make any change in the provisions of this Indenture relating to waivers of past Defaults or the rights of Holders of Notes to receive payments of Accreted Value of, or premium, if any, or interest on the Notes;
- (g) waive a redemption payment with respect to any Note (other than a payment required by Sections 4.11 and 4.16); or
  - (h) make any change in this Section 9.02.

Section 9.03. Compliance with Trust Indenture Act.

Every amendment or supplement to this Indenture or the Notes shall be set forth in a amended or supplemental Indenture that complies with the TIA as then in effect.

Section 9.04. Revocation and Effect of Consents.

Until an amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective, a consent to it by a Holder of a Note is a continuing consent by the Holder of a Note and every subsequent Holder of a Note or portion of a Note that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Note, even if notation of the consent is not made on any Note. However, any such Holder of a Note or subsequent Holder of a Note may revoke the consent as to its Note if the Trustee receives written notice of revocation before the date the waiver, supplement or amendment becomes effective. An amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective in accordance with its terms and thereafter binds every Holder.

Section 9.05. Notation on or Exchange of Notes.

The Trustee may place an appropriate notation about an amendment, supplement or waiver on any Note thereafter authenticated. The Issuers in exchange for all Notes may issue and the Trustee shall, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, authenticate new Notes that reflect the amendment, supplement or waiver.

Failure to make the appropriate notation or issue a new Note shall not affect the validity and effect of such amendment, supplement or waiver.

Section 9.06. Trustee to Sign Amendments, etc.

The Trustee shall sign any amended or supplemental Indenture authorized pursuant to this Article 9 if the amendment or supplement does not adversely affect the rights, duties, liabilities or immunities of the Trustee. The Issuers may not sign an amendment or supplemental Indenture until their respective Boards of Directors approve it. In executing any amended or supplemental indenture, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive and (subject to Section 7.01) shall be fully protected in relying upon, in addition to the documents required by Section 10.04, an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, in each case from each of the Issuers, stating that the execution of such amended or supplemental indenture is authorized or permitted by this Indenture.

ARTICLE 10

## MISCELLANEOUS

Section 10.01. Trust Indenture Act Controls.

If any provision of this Indenture limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by TIA ss. 318(c), the imposed duties shall control.

Section 10.02. Notices.

Any notice or communication by the Issuers or the Trustee to the others is duly given if in writing and delivered in Person or mailed by first class mail (registered or certified, return receipt requested), telex, telecopier or overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery, to the others' address:

## If to the Issuers:

Charter Communications Holdings, LLC Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation c/o Charter Communications, Inc. 12444 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 100 St. Louis, Missouri 63131 Telecopier No.: (314) 965-8793 Attention: Secretary

With a copy to:

Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP 399 Park Avenue 31st Floor New York, New York 10022 Telecopier No.: (212) 319-4090 Attention: Leigh P. Ryan, Esq.

Irell & Manella 1800 Avenue of the Stars Suite 900 Los Angeles, California 90067 Telecopier No.: (310) 556-5393 Attention: Meredith Jackson,

If to the Trustee:

BNY Midwest Trust Company 2 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1020 Chicago, Illinois 60602 Telecopier No.: (312) 827-8542 Attention: Corporate Trust Department Esa.

The Issuers or the Trustee, by notice to the others may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

All notices and communications (other than those sent to Holders) shall be deemed to have been duly given: at the time delivered by hand, if personally delivered; five Business Days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, if mailed; when answered back, if telexed; when receipt acknowledged, if telecopied; and the next Business Day after timely delivery to the courier, if sent by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery.

Any notice or communication to a Holder shall be mailed by first class mail, certified or registered, return receipt requested, or by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery to its address shown on the register kept by the Registrar. Any notice or communication shall also be so mailed to any Person described in TIA ss. 313(c), to the extent required by the TIA. Failure to mail a notice or communication to a Holder or any defect in it shall not affect its sufficiency with respect to other Holders.

If a notice or communication is mailed in the manner provided above within the time prescribed, it is duly given, whether or not the addressee receives it.

If the Issuers mail a notice or communication to Holders, it shall mail a copy to the Trustee and each Agent at the same time.

Section 10.03. Communication by Holders of Notes with Other Holders of Notes.

Holders may communicate pursuant to TIA ss. 312(b) with other Holders with respect to their rights under this Indenture or the Notes. The Issuers, the Trustee, the Registrar and anyone else shall have the protection of TIA ss. 312(c).

Section 10.04. Certificate and Opinion as to Conditions Precedent.

Upon any request or application by the Issuers to the Trustee to take any action under this Indenture, the Issuers shall furnish to the Trustee:  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac$ 

- (a) an Officers' Certificate in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee (which shall include the statements set forth in Section 10.05) stating that, in the opinion of the signers, all conditions precedent and covenants, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been satisfied; and
- (b) an Opinion of Counsel in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee (which shall include the statements set forth in Section 10.05) stating that, in the opinion of such counsel, all such conditions precedent and covenants have been satisfied.

Section 10.05. Statements Required in Certificate or Opinion.

Each certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture (other than a certificate provided pursuant to TIA ss. 314(a)(4)) shall comply with the provisions of TIA ss. 314(e) and shall include:

- (a) a statement that the Person making such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition;
- (b) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;
- (c) a statement that, in the opinion of such Person, he or she has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been satisfied: and
- (d) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of such Person, such condition or covenant has been satisfied.

Section 10.06. Rules by Trustee and Agents.

The Trustee may make reasonable rules for action by or at a meeting of Holders. The Registrar or Paying Agent may make reasonable rules and set reasonable requirements for its functions.

Section 10.07. No Personal Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees, Members and Stockholders.

No director, officer, employee, incorporator, member or stockholder of the Issuers, as such, shall have any liability for any obligations of the Issuers under the Notes, this Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder of Notes by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes.

Section 10.08. Governing Law.

THE INTERNAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THIS INDENTURE AND THE NOTES AND ANY SUBSIDIARY GUARANTEE WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO THE APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAWS TO THE EXTENT THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION WOULD BE REQUIRED THEREBY. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO AGREES TO SUBMIT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS

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OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE OR THE NOTES OR ANY SUBSIDIARY GUARANTEE.

Section 10.09. No Adverse Interpretation of Other Agreements.

This Indenture may not be used to interpret any other indenture, loan or debt agreement of the Issuers or their Subsidiaries or of any other Person. Any such indenture, loan or debt agreement may not be used to interpret this Indenture.

Section 10.10. Successors.

All agreements of the Issuers in this Indenture and the Notes, as the case may be, shall bind their respective successors. All agreements of the Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successors.

Section 10.11. Severability.

In case any provision in this Indenture or the Notes, as the case may be, shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 10.12. Counterpart Originals.

The parties may sign any number of copies of this Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement.

Section 10.13. Table of Contents, Headings, etc.

The Table of Contents, Cross-Reference Table and Headings of the Articles and Sections of this Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part of this Indenture and shall in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions.

## ARTICLE 11

## SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

Section 11.01. Satisfaction and Discharge of Indenture.

This Indenture shall cease to be of further effect (except as to any surviving rights of registration of transfer or exchange of Notes herein expressly provided for), and the

Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Issuers, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, when

## (1) either

- (A) all Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than (i) Notes which have been destroyed, lost or stolen and which have been replaced or paid as provided in Section 2.07 and (ii) Notes for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Issuers and thereafter repaid to the Issuers or discharged from such trust,) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or
- (B) all such Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1$ 
  - (i) have become due and payable, or
  - (ii) will become due and payable at their Stated Maturity within one year, or  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{T}}$
  - (iii) are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Issuers,

and the Issuers, in the case of (i), (ii) or (iii) above, have deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust for the purpose an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on such Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, for principal (and premium, if any) and interest to the date of such deposit (in the case of Notes which have become due and payable) or to the maturity or redemption thereof, as the case may be;

- (2) the Issuers have paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable hereunder by the Issuers; and  $\,$
- (3) each of the Issuers have delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture have been complied with.

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture pursuant to this Article 11, the obligations of the Issuers to the Trustee under Section 7.07, and, if money shall

have been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to subclause (B) of clause (1) of this Section, the obligations of the Trustee under Section 11.02 shall survive.

Section 11.02. Application of Trust Money.

All money deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 11.01 shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent as the Trustee may determine, to the Persons entitled thereto, of the principal (and premium, if any) and interest for whose payment such money has been deposited with the Trustee.

[Signatures on following page]

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SIGNATURES

Dated as of January 10, 2001

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC, as an Issuer

By: /s/ Steven A. Schumm

Name: Steven A. Schumm Title: Executive Vice President

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS CAPITAL CORPORATION, as an Issuer

By: /s/ Steven A. Schumm

Name: Steven A. Schumm Title: Executive Vice President

BNY MIDWEST TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee

By: /s/ M. Callahan

Name: M. Callahan Title: Assistant Vice President

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CUSIP NO. []
13.500% Senior Discount Notes due 2011
No.
\$[]
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC
AND
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS CAPITAL CORPORATION
promise to pay to
or registered assigns,
the principal amount at maturity of Dollars
(\$) on January 15, 2011.
Interest Payment Dates: January 15 and July 15
Record Dates: January 1 and July 1
Subject to Restrictions set forth in this Note.
Dated: January 10, 2001
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC
By Name: Title:
By
Name: Title:

[Face of Note]

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100 CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS CAPITAL CORPORATION
By:
Name:
Title:
By:
Name:
Title:
This is one of the Notes referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture:
BNY MIDWEST TRUST COMPANY,
as Trustee
By:
Authorized Signatory

### 13.500% Senior Discount Notes due 2011

FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTIONS 1272, 1273 AND 1275 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, THIS SECURITY IS BEING ISSUED WITH ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT; FOR EACH \$1,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THIS SECURITY, THE ISSUE PRICE IS \$519.44, THE AMOUNT OF ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT IS \$480.56, THE ISSUE DATE IS JANUARY 10, 2001 AND THE YIELD TO MATURITY IS 13.500% PER ANNUM.

"THIS GLOBAL NOTE IS HELD BY THE DEPOSITARY (AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THIS NOTE) OR ITS NOMINEE IN CUSTODY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS HEREOF, AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANY PERSON UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES EXCEPT THAT (I) THE TRUSTEE MAY MAKE SUCH NOTATIONS HEREON AS MAY BE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.07 OF THE INDENTURE, (II) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE EXCHANGED IN WHOLE BUT NOT IN PART PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.06(a) OF THE INDENTURE, (III) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE TRUSTEE FOR CANCELLATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.11 OF THE INDENTURE AND (IV) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY WITH THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE ISSUERS."(1)

"THE NOTES EVIDENCED HEREBY HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 (THE "SECURITIES ACT") AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT (A) (1) TO A PERSON WHO THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A, (2) IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION COMPLYING WITH RULE 903 OR RULE 904 OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (3) TO AN INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT SUBJECT TO THE CERTIFICATION AND DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS OF THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THE NOTES, (4) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM

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(1) This paragraph should be included only if the Note is issued in global form.

REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144 THEREUNDER (IF AVAILABLE) OR (5) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND (B) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES."(2)

Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture referred to below unless otherwise indicated.

- 1. INTEREST. Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Charter Capital" and, together with the Company, the "Issuers"), promise to pay interest on the principal amount at maturity of this Note at the rate of 13.500% per annum. The interest rate on the Notes is subject to increase pursuant to the provisions of the Registration Rights Agreement. The Issuers will pay interest semi-annually in arrears on January 15 and July 15 of each year (each an "Interest Payment Date"), or if any such day is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day commencing on July 15, 2006. The principal amount at maturity of this Note will not bear or accrue cash interest until January 15, 2006. Cash interest on the Notes will accrue from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from January 15, 2006; provided that if there is no between a record date referred to on the face and the next succeeding Interest Payment Date, interest shall accrue from such next succeeding Interest Payment Date. The Issuers shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue Accreted Value and premium, if any, from time to time on demand at a rate that is 1% per annum in excess of the rate then in effect; they shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue installments of interest (without regard to any applicable grace periods) from time to time on demand at the same rate to the extent lawful. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.
- 2. METHOD OF PAYMENT. The Issuers shall pay interest on the Notes (except defaulted interest) to the Persons who are registered Holders of Notes at the close of business on the January 1 or July 1 next preceding the Interest Payment Date, even if such Notes are canceled after such record date and on or before such Interest Payment Date, except as provided in Section 2.12 of the Indenture with respect to defaulted interest. The Notes will be payable as to Accreted Value, premium, if any, and interest at

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(2) This paragraph should be removed upon the exchange of Notes for Exchange Notes in the Exchange Offer or upon the registration of the Notes pursuant to the terms of the Registration Rights Agreement. the office or agency of the Issuers maintained for such purpose within or without the City and State of New York, or, at the option of the Issuers, payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the Holders at their addresses set forth in the register of Holders, and provided that payment by wire transfer of immediately available funds will be required with respect to Accreted Value of and interest and premium on all Global Notes and all other Notes the Holders of which shall have provided wire transfer instructions to the Issuers or the Paying Agent. Such payment shall be in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts.

- 3. PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR. Initially, BNY Midwest Trust Company, the Trustee under the Indenture, will act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Issuers may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act in any such capacity.
- 4. INDENTURE. The Issuers issued the Notes under an Indenture dated as of January 10, 2001 (the "Indenture") between the Issuers and the Trustee. The terms of the Notes include those stated in the Indenture and those made part of the Indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (15 U.S. Code ss.ss. 77aaa-77bbbb). The Notes are subject to all such terms, and Holders are referred to the Indenture and such Act for a statement of such terms. To the extent any provision of this Note conflicts with the express provisions of the Indenture, the provisions of the Indenture shall govern and be controlling. The Notes are obligations of the Issuers limited to \$675,000,000 in aggregate principal amount at maturity, of which all \$675,000,000 in aggregate principal amount at maturity of Notes were issued on the Issue Date.

### OPTIONAL REDEMPTION.

(a) Except as set forth in clause (b) of this Paragraph 5, the Issuers shall not have the option to redeem the Notes prior to January 15, 2006. Thereafter, the Issuers shall have the option to redeem the Notes, in whole or in part, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice, at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount at maturity) set forth below plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to the applicable redemption date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on January 15 of the years indicated below:

Ye	ar			Percentage
20	06			106.750%
20	07			104.500%
20	08			102.250%
20	09 an	d therea	fter	100.00%

- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of clause (a) of this Paragraph 5, at any time prior to January 15, 2004, the Issuers may on any one or more occasions redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of the Notes originally issued under the Indenture on a pro rata basis (or as nearly pro rata as practicable), at a redemption price of 113.500% of the Accreted Value thereof, plus, after the Full Accretion Date, accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, with the net cash proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings; provided that
  - (1) at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of Notes originally issued under the Indenture remains outstanding immediately after the occurrence of such redemption (excluding Notes held by the Company and its Subsidiaries); and
  - (2) the redemption must occur within 60 days of the date of the closing of such Equity Offering.

### 6. MANDATORY REDEMPTION.

Except as otherwise provided in Paragraph 7 below, the Issuers shall not be required to make mandatory redemption payments with respect to the Notes.

### 7. REPURCHASE AT OPTION OF HOLDER.

- (a) If there is a Change of Control, the Issuers shall make an offer (a "Change of Control Offer") to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$1,000 principal amount at maturity or an integral multiple thereof) of each Holder's Notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the Accreted Value thereof plus, for any Change of Control Offer occurring after the Full Accretion Date, accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to the date of purchase (the "Change of Control Payment"). Within 10 days following any Change of Control, the Issuers shall mail a notice to each Holder describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control and offering to repurchase Notes on the Change of Control Payment Date specified in such notice, pursuant to the procedures required by the Indenture and described in such notice.
- (b) If the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary consummates any Asset Sale, when the aggregate amount of Excess Proceeds exceeds \$25.0 million, the Issuers shall commence an offer (an "Asset Sale Offer") pursuant to Section 4.11 of the Indenture to all Holders of Notes and all holders of other Indebtedness that is pari passu with the Notes containing provisions requiring offers to purchase or redeem with the proceeds of sales of assets to purchase the maximum principal amount of Notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness that may be purchased out of the Excess Proceeds (which amount includes the entire amount of the Net Proceeds). The offer price in any Asset Sale Offer will be payable in cash and equal to 100% of the Accreted Value thereof plus, after the

Full Accretion Date, accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase. If any Excess Proceeds remain after consummation of an Asset Sale Offer, the Company may use such Excess Proceeds for any purpose not otherwise prohibited by the Indenture. If the aggregate principal amount of Notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness tendered into such Asset Sale Offer exceeds the amount of Excess Proceeds, the Trustee shall select the Notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness to be purchased on a pro rata basis. Upon completion of each Asset Sale Offer, the amount of Excess Proceeds shall be reset at zero. Holders of Notes that are the subject of an offer to purchase will receive an Asset Sale Offer from the Company prior to any related purchase date and may elect to have such Notes purchased by completing the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" on the reverse of the Notes.

- 8. NOTICE OF REDEMPTION. Notice of redemption will be mailed by first class mail at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each Holder whose Notes are to be redeemed at its registered address. Notices of redemption may not be conditional. No Notes of \$1,000 principal amount at maturity or less may be redeemed in part. Notes in denominations larger than \$1,000 principal amount at maturity may be redeemed in part but only in whole multiples of \$1,000 principal amount at maturity, unless all of the Notes held by a Holder are to be redeemed. On and after the redemption date Accreted Value ceases to accrete and interest ceases to accrue, as the case may be, on Notes or portions thereof called for redemption.
- 9. DENOMINATIONS, TRANSFER, EXCHANGE. The Notes are in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$1,000 principal amount at maturity and integral multiples of \$1,000 principal amount at maturity. The transfer of Notes may be registered and Notes may be exchanged as provided in the Indenture. The Registrar and the Trustee may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and the Issuers may require a Holder to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Issuers need not exchange or register the transfer of any Note or portion of a Note selected for redemption, except for the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part. Also, the Issuers need not exchange or register the transfer of any Notes for a period of 15 days before a selection of Notes to be redeemed or during the period between a record date and the corresponding Interest Payment Date.
- 10. PERSONS DEEMED OWNERS. The registered Holder of a Note may be treated as its owner for all purposes.
- 11. AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT AND WAIVER. Subject to certain exceptions, the Indenture or the Notes may be amended or supplemented with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the Notes then outstanding (including, without limitation, consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, Notes), and any existing default

or compliance with any provision of the Indenture or the Notes may be waived with the consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the Notes then outstanding (including, without limitation, consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, Notes). Without the consent of any Holder of a Note, the Issuers and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture or the Notes to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency, to provide for uncertificated Notes in addition to or in place of certificated Notes, to provide for the assumption of an Issuers' obligations to Holders of Notes in the case of a merger or consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of the assets of either Issuer to make any change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the Holders of Notes or that does not adversely affect the legal rights under the Indenture of any such Holder, or to comply with the requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of the Indenture under the TIA or otherwise as necessary to comply with applicable law.

12. DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES. Each of the following is an Event of Default: (i) default for 30 days in the payment when due of interest on the Notes, (ii) default in payment when due of the Accreted Value of or premium, if any, on the Notes, (iii) failure by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to comply with Sections 4.16 and 5.01 of the Indenture, (iv) failure by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries for 30 days after written notice thereof has been given to the Company by the Trustee or to the Company and the Trustee by the Holders of at least 25% of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of the Notes outstanding to comply with any of their other covenants or agreements in the Indenture, (v) default under any mortgage, indenture or instrument under which there may be issued or by which there may be secured or evidenced any Indebtedness for money borrowed by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (or the payment of which is guaranteed by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries), whether such Indebtedness or guarantee now exists or is created after the date of the Indenture, if that default: (a) is caused by a Indebtedness on the date of such default (a "Payment Default"); or (b) results in the acceleration of such Indebtedness prior to the tack of such default (a "Payment Default"); or (b) results in the acceleration of such Indebtedness prior to its express maturity, and, in each case, the principal amount of any such Indebtedness, together with the principal amount of any other such Indebtedness under which there has been a Payment Default or the maturity of which has been so accelerated, aggregates \$100 million or more, (vi) failure by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to pay final judgments which are non-appealable aggregating in excess of \$100 million (net of applicable insurance which has not been denied in writing by the insurer), which judgments are not paid, discharged or stayed for a period of 60 days or (vii) certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency with respect to the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries. In the case of an Event of Default arising from certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency with respect to the Company, all outstanding Notes will become due and payable without further action or notice. If any other Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee by notice to the Issuers or the Holders of at least 25%

aggregate principal amount at maturity of the then outstanding Notes by notice to the Issuers and the Trustee may declare all the Notes to be due and payable in an amount equal to (x) the Accreted Value of the Notes outstanding on the date of acceleration, if such declaration is made prior to the Full Accretion Date or (y) the entire principal amount at maturity of all the Notes outstanding on the date of acceleration, plus accrued interest, if any, to the date of acceleration, if such declaration is made after the Full Accretion Date. Holders may not enforce the Indenture or the Notes except as provided in the Indenture. Subject to certain limitations, Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the then outstanding Notes may direct the Trustee in its exercise of any trust or power. The Trustee may withhold from Holders of the Notes notice of any continuing Default or Event of Default (except a Default or Event of Default relating to the payment of principal or interest) if it determines that withholding notice is in their interest. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the Notes then outstanding by notice to the Trustee may on behalf of the Holders of all of the Notes waive any existing Default or Event of Default and its consequences under the Indenture except a continuing Default or Event of Default in the payment of interest on, or the Accreted Value of, the Notes. The Company is required to deliver to the Trustee annually a statement regarding compliance with the Indenture. Upon becoming aware of any Default or Event of Default, the Company is required to deliver to the Trustee a statement specifying such Default or Event of Default.

- 13. TRUSTEE DEALINGS WITH ISSUERS. The Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may make loans to, accept deposits from, and perform services for the Issuers or their Affiliates, and may otherwise deal with the Issuers or their Affiliates, as if it were not the Trustee.
- 14. NO RECOURSE AGAINST OTHERS. A director, officer, employee, incorporator, member or stockholder of either of the Issuers, as such, shall not have any liability for any obligations of the Issuers under the Notes or the Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issuance of the Notes.
- 15. GOVERNING LAW. THE INTERNAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THIS NOTE AND THE INDENTURE WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO THE APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAWS TO THE EXTENT THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION WOULD BE REQUIRED THEREBY. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO AND THE HOLDERS AGREE TO SUBMIT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS NOTE.

- 16. AUTHENTICATION. This Note shall not be valid until authenticated by the manual signature of the Trustee or an authenticating agent.
- 17. ABBREVIATIONS. Customary abbreviations may be used in the name of a Holder or an assignee, such as: TEN COM (= tenants in common), TEN ENT (= tenants by the entireties), JT TEN (= joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common), CUST (= Custodian), and U/G/M/A (= Uniform Gifts to Minors Act).
- 18. ADDITIONAL RIGHTS OF HOLDERS OF RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTES AND RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTES. In addition to the rights provided to Holders of Notes under the Indenture, Holders of Restricted Global Notes and Restricted Definitive Notes shall have all the rights set forth in the Exchange and Registration Rights Agreement dated as of January 10, 2001, among the Issuers and the initial purchasers named therein (the "Registration Rights Agreement").
- 19. CUSIP NUMBERS. Pursuant to a recommendation promulgated by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures, the Issuers have caused CUSIP numbers to be printed on the Notes and the Trustee may use CUSIP numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of redemption and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers placed thereon.

The Company will furnish to any Holder upon written request and without charge a copy of the Indenture and/or the Registration Rights Agreement. Requests may be made to:

Charter Communications Holdings, LLC
Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation
c/o Charter Communications, Inc.
12444 Powerscourt Drive
Suite 100
St. Louis, Missouri 63131
Attention: Secretary

Telecopier No.: (314) 965-0555

Signature Guarantee\*:\_

### ASSIGNMENT FORM

To assign this Note, fill in the form below:
(I) or (we) assign and transfer this Note to:(Insert assignee's legal name)
(Insert assignee's soc. sec. or tax I.D. no.)
(Print or type assignee's name, address and zip code)
and irrevocably appoint to transfer this Note on the books of the Issuers. The agent may substitute another to act
for him.
Date:
Your Signature:  (Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)

\* Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

### 110 OPTION OF HOLDER TO ELECT PURCHASE

	If	you	want	t to	elect	to	have	this	Note	purcl	nased	by	the	Issuer	s p	oursuant
to	Section	n 4.	.11 (	or 4	.16 of	⁼ th	e Inde	enture	e, che	eck tl	пе ар	prop	oriat	e box	be.	low:

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If you want to elect to have only part of the Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 4.11 or Section 4.16 of the Indenture, state the amount you elect to have purchased:  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2$ 

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Date:	
	Your Signature:(Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note
	Tax Identification No.:
	Signature Guarantee*:

Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

## SCHEDULE OF EXCHANGES OF INTERESTS IN THE GLOBAL NOTE\*

The following exchanges of a part of this Global Note for an interest in another Global Note or for a Definitive Note, or exchanges of a part of another Global Note or Definitive Note for an interest in this Global Note, have been made:

Date of Exchange	Amount of decrease in Principal Amount at Maturity of this Global Note	Amount of increase in Principal Amount at Maturity of this Global Note	Principal Amount at Maturity of this Global Note following such decrease (or increase)	Signature of authorized officer of Trustee or Note Custodian

EXHIBIT B

### FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER

Charter Communications Holdings, LLC Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation c/o Charter Communications, Inc. 12444 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 100 St. Louis, Missouri 63131

BNY Midwest Trust Company 2 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1020 Chicago, Illinois 60602 Telecopier No.: (312) 827-8542 Attention: Corporate Trust Department

Re: 13.500% Senior Discount Notes due 2011

Reference is hereby made to the Indenture, dated as of January 10, 2001 (the "Indenture"), among Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (the "Company") and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation ("Charter Capital" and, together with the Company, the "Issuers"), and BNY Midwest Trust Company, as trustee. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Indenture.

(the "Trai	nsferor") owns and proposes to transfer the
Note[s] or interest in such Note[s]	specified in Annex A hereto, in the
principal amount at maturity of $\$$ _	in such Note[s]
or interests (the "Transfer"), to _	(the
"Transferee"), as further specified	in Annex A hereto. In connection with the
Transfer, the Transferor hereby cert	tifies that:

### [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

1. |\_| Check if Transferee will take delivery of a beneficial interest in the Rule 144A Global Note or a Definitive Note Pursuant to Rule 144A. The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144A under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and, accordingly, the Transferor hereby further certifies that the beneficial interest or Definitive Note is being transferred to a Person that the Transferor reasonably believed and believes is purchasing the beneficial interest or Definitive Note for its own account, or for one or more accounts with respect to which such Person exercises sole investment discretion, and such Person and each such account is a "qualified institutional buyer" within the meaning of Rule 144A in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A and such Transfer is in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the

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Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Rule 144A Global Note and/or the Definitive Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

- 2. | | Check if Transferee will take delivery of a beneficial interest in the Regulation S Global Note or a Definitive Note pursuant to Regulation S. The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act and, accordingly, the Transferor hereby further certifies that (i) the Transfer is not being made to a person in the United States and (x) at the time the buy order was originated, the Transferee was outside the United States or such Transferor and any Person acting on its behalf reasonably believed and believes that the Transferee was outside the United States or (y) the transaction was executed in, on or through the facilities of a designated offshore securities market and neither such Transferor nor any Person acting on its behalf knows that the transaction was prearranged with a buyer in the United States, (ii) no directed selling efforts have been made in contravention of the requirements of Rule 903(b) or Rule 904(b) of Regulation S under the Securities Act and (iii) the transaction is not part of a plan or scheme to evade the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will be subject to the restrictions on Transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Regulation S Global Note and/or the Definitive Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act. If the Transfer of the beneficial interest occurs prior to the expiration of the 40-day distribution compliance period set forth in Regulation S, the transferred beneficial interest will be held immediately thereafter through Euroclear or Clearstream.
- 3. |\_| Check and complete if Transferee will take delivery of a beneficial interest in a Definitive Note pursuant to any provision of the Securities Act other than Rule 144A or Regulation S. The Transfer is being effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to beneficial interests in Restricted Global Notes and Restricted Definitive Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States, and accordingly the Transferor hereby further certifies that (check one):
- (a)  $\mid$ \_ $\mid$  such Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act; or
- (b)  $\mid \_ \mid$  such Transfer is being effected to the Company or a subsidiary thereof; or
- (c) |-| such Transfer is being effected pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act and in compliance with the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act; or

- (d) |\_| such Transfer is being effected to an Institutional Accredited Investor and pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than Rule 144A, Rule 144 or Rule 904, and the Transferor hereby further certifies that it has not engaged in any general solicitation within the meaning of Regulation D under the Securities Act and the Transfer complies with the transfer restrictions applicable to beneficial interests in a Restricted Global Note or Restricted Definitive Notes and the requirements of the exemption claimed, which certification is supported by (1) a certificate executed by the Transferee in the form of Exhibit D to the Indenture and (2) an Opinion of Counsel provided by the Transferor or the Transferee (a copy of which the Transferor has attached to this certification), to the effect that such Transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Note and/or the Definitive Notes and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.
- 4. |\_| Check if Transferee will take delivery of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or of an Unrestricted Definitive Note.
- (a) |\_| Check if Transfer is pursuant to Rule 144. (i) The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act and in compliance with the transfer restrictions contained in the Indenture and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States and (ii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will no longer be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Notes, on Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture.
- (b) |\_| Check if Transfer is Pursuant to Regulation S. (i) The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act and in compliance with the transfer restrictions contained in the Indenture and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States and (ii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will no longer be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Notes, on Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture.
- (c)  $|\_|$  Check if Transfer is Pursuant to Other Exemption. (i) The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in compliance with an exemption from the registration

requirements of the Securities Act other than Rule 144, Rule 903 or Rule 904 and in compliance with the transfer restrictions contained in the Indenture and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any State of the United States and (ii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will not be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Notes or Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture. Definitive Notes and in the Indenture.

This certificate and the statements contained herein are made for your benefit and the benefit of the Issuers.

		[Insert	Name	of	Transferor]	
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	Name:					
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## ANNEX A TO CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER

1.	The T	ransfe	ror owns and proposes to transfer the following:
[CHEC	K ONE	OF (a)	OR (b)]
	(a)	1_1	a beneficial interest in the:
		(i)	$\mid$ _ $\mid$ Rule 144A Global Note (CUSIP), or
		(ii)	_  Regulation S Global Note (CUSIP), or
	(b)	_  a	Restricted Definitive Note.
2.	After	the T	ransfer the Transferee will hold:
[CHEC	K ONE]		
	(a)	1_1	a beneficial interest in the:
		(i)	$\mid$ _ $\mid$ Rule 144A Global Note (CUSIP), or
		(ii)	_  Regulation S Global Note (CUSIP), or
		(iii)	_  Unrestricted Global Note (CUSIP); or
	(b)	1_1	a Restricted Definitive Note; or
	(c)	1_1	an Unrestricted Definitive Note,
in ac	cordan	ce witl	h the terms of the Indenture.

EXHIBIT C

### FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF EXCHANGE

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BNY Midwest Trust Company 2 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1020 Chicago, Illinois 60602 Telecopier No.: (312) 827-8542 Attention: Corporate Trust Department

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(the "Owner") owns and proposes to exchange the Note[s] or interest in such Note[s] specified herein, in the principal amount at maturity of \$\_\_\_\_\_ in such Note[s] or interests (the "Exchange"). In connection with the Exchange, the Owner hereby certifies that:

- 1. Exchange of Restricted Definitive Notes or Beneficial Interests in a Restricted Global Note for Unrestricted Definitive Notes or Beneficial Interests in an Unrestricted Global Note
- (a) |\_| Check if Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note to beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note in an equal principal amount, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the beneficial interest is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Global Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the beneficial interest in an Unrestricted

Global Note is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States. If the Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Note to beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note, the Owner further certifies that it is either (x) a non-U.S. Person to whom Notes could be transferred in accordance with Regulation S or (y) a U.S. Person who purchased Notes in a transaction that did not require registration under the Securities Act.

- (b) |\_| Check if Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note to Unrestricted Definitive Note. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note for an Unrestricted Definitive Note, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the Definitive Note is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Restricted Global Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the Definitive Note is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.
- (c) |\_| Check if Exchange is from Restricted Definitive Note to beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note. In connection with the Owner's Exchange of a Restricted Definitive Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the beneficial interest is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to Restricted Definitive Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the beneficial interest is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States. If the Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Note to an Unrestricted Definitive Note, the Owner further certifies that it is either (x) a non-U.S. Person to whom Notes could be transferred in accordance with Regulation S or (y) a U.S. Person who purchased Notes in a transaction that did not required registration under the Securities Act.
- (d) |\_| Check if Exchange is from Restricted Definitive Note to Unrestricted Definitive Note. In connection with the Owner's Exchange of a Restricted Definitive Note for an Unrestricted Definitive Note, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the Unrestricted Definitive Note is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to Restricted Definitive Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the Unrestricted Definitive Note is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.

- 2. Exchange of Restricted Definitive Notes or Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes for Restricted Definitive Notes or Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes
- (a) |\_| Check if Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note to Restricted Definitive Note. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note for a Restricted Definitive Note with an equal principal amount, the Owner hereby certifies that the Restricted Definitive Note is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer. If the Exchange is from beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Note to a Restricted Definitive Note, the Owner further certifies that it is either (x) a non-U.S. Person to whom Notes could be transferred in accordance with Regulation S or (y) a U.S. Person who purchased Notes in a transaction that did not require registration under the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Exchange in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the Restricted Definitive Note issued will continue to be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Definitive Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.
- (b) Check if Exchange is from Restricted Definitive Note to beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's Restricted Definitive Note for a beneficial interest in the [CHECK ONE] | Regulation S Global Note with an equal principal amount, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the beneficial interest is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer and (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Restricted Global Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, and in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States. Upon consummation of the proposed Exchange in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the beneficial interest issued will be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the relevant Restricted Global Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

This certificate and the statements contained herein are made for your benefit and the benefit of the Issuers.

[Insert Name of Transferor]

Ву					
•	Name:				
	Title	:			
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### FORM OF CERTIFICATE FROM ACQUIRING INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR

Charter Communications Holdings, LLC Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation c/o Charter Communications, Inc. 12444 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 100 St. Louis, Missouri 63131

BNY Midwest Trust Company 2 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1020 Chicago, Illinois 60602 Telecopier No.: (312) 827-8542 Attention: Corporate Trust Department

13.500% Senior Discount Notes due 2011

Reference is hereby made to the Indenture, dated as of January 10, 2001 (the "Indenture"), among Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (the "Company") and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation ("Charter Capital" and, together with the Company, the "Issuers"), and BNY Midwest Trust Company, as trustee. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Indenture.

In connection with our proposed purchase of \$\_\_\_ principal amount at maturity of:

- |\_| a beneficial interest in a Global Note, or (a)
- (b) a Definitive Note,  $|_{-}|$

we confirm that:

- 1. We understand that any subsequent transfer of the Notes or any interest therein is subject to certain restrictions and conditions set forth in the Indenture and the undersigned agrees to be bound by, and not to resell, pledge or otherwise transfer the Notes or any interest therein except in compliance with, such restrictions and conditions and the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act").
- 2. We understand that the offer and sale of the Notes have not been 2. We understand that the offer and sale of the Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act, and that the Notes and any interest therein may not be offered or sold except as permitted in the following sentence. We agree, on our own behalf and on behalf of any accounts for which we are acting as hereinafter stated, that if we should sell the Notes or any interest therein, we will do so only (A) to the Company or any

subsidiary thereof, (B) in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act to a "qualified institutional buyer" (as defined therein), (C) to an institutional "accredited investor" (as defined below) that, prior to such transfer, furnishes (or has furnished on its behalf by a U.S. broker-dealer) to you and to the Company a signed letter substantially in the form of this letter and an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Company to the effect that such transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act, (D) outside the United States in accordance with Rule 904 of Regulation S under the Securities Act, (E) pursuant to the provisions of Rule 144(k) under the Securities Act or (F) pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, and we further agree to provide to any person purchasing the Definitive Note or beneficial interest in a Global Note from us in a transaction meeting the requirements of clauses (A) through (E) of this paragraph a notice advising such purchaser that resales thereof are restricted as stated herein.

- 3. We understand that, on any proposed resale of the Notes or beneficial interest therein, we will be required to furnish to you and the Issuers such certifications, legal opinions and other information as you and the Issuers may reasonably require to confirm that the proposed sale complies with the foregoing restrictions. We further understand that the Notes purchased by us will bear a legend to the foregoing effect.
- 4. We are an institutional "accredited investor" (as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) of Regulation D under the Securities Act) and have such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters as to be capable of evaluating the merits and risks of our investment in the Notes, and we and any accounts for which we are acting are each able to bear the economic risk of our or its investment.
- 5. We are acquiring the Notes or beneficial interest therein purchased by us for our own account or for one or more accounts (each of which is an institutional "accredited investor") as to each of which we exercise sole investment discretion.

You and the Issuers are entitled to rely upon this letter and are irrevocably authorized to produce this letter or a copy to any interested party in any administrative or legal proceedings or official inquiry with respect to the matters covered hereby.

		[Insert	Name	of	Transferor]	
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	Name: Title:					
Dated:						

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC

and

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS CAPITAL CORPORATION,

as Issuers

and

BNY MIDWEST TRUST COMPANY,

as Trustee

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INDENTURE

Dated as of January 10, 2001

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13.500% Senior Discount Notes Due 2011

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N.A. means Not Applicable.

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### February 2, 2001

Charter Communications Holdings, LLC Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation 12444 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 100 St. Louis, Missouri 63131

Re: Charter Communications Holdings, LLC

Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation

Registration Statement on Form S-4

### Ladies and Gentlemen:

This opinion is delivered in our capacity as counsel to Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation, a Delaware corporation (together, the "Issuers"), in connection with the Issuers' registration statement on Form S-4 (the "Registration Statement") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The Registration Statement relates to the offering by the Issuers of 10.750% Senior Notes due 2009, 11.125% Senior Notes due 2011 and 13.500% Senior Discount Notes due 2011 (collectively, the "Notes").

In connection with this opinion, we have examined copies or originals of such documents, resolutions, certificates and instruments of the Issuers as we have deemed necessary to form a basis for the opinion hereinafter expressed. In addition, we have reviewed certificates of public officials, statutes, records and other instruments and documents as we have deemed necessary to form a basis for the opinion hereinafter expressed. In our examination of the foregoing, we have assumed, without independent investigation, (i) the genuineness of all signatures and the authority of all persons or entities signing all documents examined by us, and (ii) the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity to authentic original documents of all copies submitted to us as certified, conformed or photostatic copies.

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With regard to certain factual matters, we have relied, without independent investigation or verification, upon statements and representations of representatives of the Issuers.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, we are of the opinion that, as of the date hereof, when the Notes have been duly authenticated by BNY Midwest Trust Company in its capacity as Trustee, and duly executed and delivered on behalf of the Issuers against payment therefor as contemplated by the registration statement, the Notes will be legally issued and will constitute binding obligations of the Issuers, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, fraudulent conveyance and transfer, moratorium or other laws now or hereafter in effect relating to or affecting the rights or remedies of creditors generally and by general principles of equity (whether applied in a proceeding at law or in equity) including, without limitation, standards of materiality, good faith and reasonableness in the interpretation and enforcement of contracts, and the application of such principles to limit the availability of equitable remedies such as specific performance.

We are members of the Bar of the State of New York, and, accordingly, do not purport to be experts on or to be qualified to express any opinion herein concerning, nor do we express any opinion herein concerning, the laws of any jurisdiction other than the laws of the State of New York.

We hereby consent to being named as counsel to the Issuers in the Registration Statement, to the references therein to our firm under the caption "Legal Matters," and to the inclusion of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act, or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP

February 2, 2001

Charter Communications Holdings, LLC Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation 12444 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 100 St. Louis, Missouri 63131

Re: Charter Communications Holdings, LLC

Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation

Registration Statement on Form S-4

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the registration statement on Form S-4 (the "Registration Statement") to be filed by Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation, a Delaware corporation (together the "Issuers"), with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The Registration Statement relates to the offer to exchange (the "Exchange Offer") by the Issuers the 10.750% Senior Notes due 2009, 11.125% Senior Notes due 2011 and 13.500% Senior Discount Notes due 2011 (collectively, the "New Notes") for any and all outstanding 10.750% Senior Notes due 2009, 11.125% Senior Notes due 2011 and 13.500% Senior Discount Notes due in 2011 of the Issuers (collectively, the "Original Notes"). Capitalized terms used herein and that are not separately defined shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Registration Statement.

We have examined the Registration Statement and such other documents as we have deemed necessary and appropriate to render our opinion expressed below. In our examination of such material, we have relied upon the current and continued accuracy of the factual matters we have considered, and we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity to all original documents of all copies of documents submitted to us. We assume that all transactions relating

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to the exchange pursuant to the Exchange Offer will be carried out in accordance with the terms of the governing documents without any amendments thereto or waiver of any terms thereof, and that such documents represent the entire agreement of the parties thereto.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, and consideration of applicable law, the discussion set forth under the caption "Material United States Federal Income Tax Considerations" in the Registration Statement, subject to the limitations described therein, constitutes our opinion with respect to the material United States federal income tax consequences of the Exchange Offer relevant to U.S. holders, and the ownership and disposition of the New Notes relevant to the U.S. holders and, in certain circumstances, non-U.S. holders. Our opinion is based on United States federal income tax laws, Treasury regulations, Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") rulings, official pronouncements and judicial decisions, all as in effect on the date hereof and all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect, or different interpretations, and we do not undertake to update or supplement this letter to reflect any such changes.

No opinion is expressed on any matters other than those specifically referred to herein. The opinion expressed herein is for your benefit and for the benefit of the holders of the New Notes and may not be relied upon in any manner or for any other purpose by any other person.

The opinion set forth in this letter has no binding effect on the IRS or the courts of the United States. We have not sought and will not seek any rulings from the IRS with respect to any matters referred to herein. No assurance can be given that, if the matter were contested, the IRS or a court would agree with the opinion set forth in this letter.

We hereby consent to being named as counsel to the Issuers in the Registration Statement, to the references therein to our firm under the caption "Material United States Federal Income Tax Considerations," and to the inclusion of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act, or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ PAUL, HASTINGS, JANOFSKY & WALKER LLP

EXHIBIT 10.2(b)

# FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED MUTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED MUTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made as of the 21st day of December, 2000 by and between Charter Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("CCI"), Charter Investment, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("CII"), and Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("CCHC").

#### **RECTTALS**

- A. CII and CCI are parties to that certain Mutual Services Agreement dated as of [November 12], 1999, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to the Mutual Services Agreement by and between CCI and CII, dated as of June 30, 2000 (as so amended, the "Original Agreement") providing for among other things the availability of officers and employees of each of CCI and CII to the other to provide certain services
- B. CCI is the sole manager of CCHC. CCI is a party to a series of Management Agreements, including with CCHC, pursuant to which it manages the Cable Systems owned by the subsidiaries of CCHC (the "Cable Systems").
- C. The parties intend that the common law employees of CII shall become the common law employees of CCHC on or about January 1, 2001.
- D. CCI and CII desire to amend and restate in its entirety the Original Agreement in order to add CCHC as a party and to effect certain other changes as necessary to reflect the transfer of employees described in recital C and to maintain the services necessary to operate the Cable Systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

- 1. Services. Each of the parties hereto agrees to provide such rights and services to the one or both of the others as may be reasonably requested in order for CCI to manage CCHC and to manage and operate the Cable Systems, including but not limited to:
- (a) assistance by management and employees of either party to the other party;

(b) use by CCI of such office space, administrative and support facilities and other rights and services as CCI may reasonably request; and

- (c) review, consultation and advice by any party to any other party with respect to the management and operations of the Cable Systems.
- Term. The term of this Agreement shall be until November 12, 2009, commencing on the Effective Date. This Agreement may be terminated at any time by any of the parties upon thirty days' written notice to the other parties.
- Effective Date. This Agreement shall become effective only upon the date of transfer of CII's employees to CCHC (the "Effective Date").
- 4. Payments. CCHC may request reimbursement by CCI of all or any portion of expenses and costs incurred with respect to the services provided  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left($ hereunder, including without limitation, wages, salaries, payroll taxes and other labor costs. CCI will promptly reimburse any such requested amounts.
- Indemnity. Each party shall indemnify and hold harmless the other party and its directors, officers and employees from and against any and all claims that may be made against any of them in connection with this Agreement except due to its or their gross negligence or willful misconduct.
- 6. Notices. All notices, demands, requests or other communications required or that may be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be given to the other party by personal delivery, overnight air courier (with receipt signature) or facsimile transmissions (with confirmation of transmission) sent:

#### If to CII:

Charter Investment, Inc. 12444 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 400 St. Louis, Missouri 63131 Attention: Jerald L. Kent Fax: 314-965-8793

#### If to CCI:

Charter Communications, Inc. 12444 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 400 St. Louis, Missouri 63131 Attention: Jerald L. Kent

Fax: 314-965-8793

If to CCHC:

Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC 12444 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 400 St. Louis, Missouri 63131 Attention: Jerald L. Kent Fax: 314-965-8793

- 7. Governing Law. This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder and the persons subject hereto shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to the choice of law principals thereof.
- 8. Further Assurances. Each of the parties to this Agreement agrees to execute and deliver such other documents and to take such other action as may be necessary or convenient to consummate the purposes and subject matter of this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the day and year first above written and effective as of the Effective Date.

> CHARTER INVESTMENT, INC., a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Curtis S. Shaw

Name: Curtis S. Shaw

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC., a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Curtis S. Shaw

Name: Curtis S. Shaw Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDING COMPANY, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

By: /s/ Curtis S. Shaw

Name: Curtis S. Shaw Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and

Secretary

#### CONSULTING AGREEMENT

This CONSULTING AGREEMENT made and entered into as of the 31st day of December, 2000, by and between Vulcan Ventures Incorporated, a Washington corporation ("Vulcan"), Charter Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("CCI"), and Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Charter Holdco"). CCI, Charter Holdco and their present and future subsidiaries and affiliates are referred to herein collectively as the "Companies."

#### **RECITALS**

- A. Vulcan has certain knowledge and experience in evaluating, negotiating and implementing Acquisitions (as herein defined).
- B. The Companies desire to avail themselves of Vulcan's expertise for the benefit of the Companies on the terms and conditions set forth herein.
- C. Vulcan is willing to render services to the Companies in connection with Acquisitions on the terms and conditions set forth herein.
- NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and the mutual covenants herein contained and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

#### 1. Retention of Vulcan.

- a. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Companies hereby retain Vulcan, and Vulcan hereby agrees to render services to the Companies as a consultant in respect of all Acquisitions made by any of the Companies; and
- b. Vulcan shall at all times be and conduct itself as an independent contractor in respect of the Companies, and shall not, under any circumstances, create or purport to create any obligation on behalf of the Companies.
- 2. Duties of Vulcan. Vulcan shall provide advisory, financial and other consulting services with respect to acquisitions of the business, assets or stock (whether by merger or otherwise) of other companies by any of the Companies ("Acquisitions"). Such services for the Companies shall include participation in the evaluation, negotiation and implementation of Acquisitions as requested by the Companies.

- 3. Fees. As consideration for Vulcan's services hereunder, the Companies shall pay to Vulcan with respect to each Acquisition made by any of the Companies during the term hereof a fee equal to one percent (1%) of the aggregate enterprise value of each such Acquisition, payable in cash at the closing of each such Acquisition (or, if payable with respect to any contingent portion of the aggregate consideration, payable when such contingent payment is made). For purposes of determining the enterprise value of an Acquisition, such value shall be deemed to include all cash paid together with the value of any non-cash consideration (including securities and the value of any assets exchanged for assets being acquired) and the amount of any indebtedness and other liabilities assumed, by operation of law or otherwise, in connection with the Acquisition.
- 4. Expenses. All reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Vulcan in connection with its services hereunder shall be borne by the Companies or reimbursed to Vulcan.
- 5. Duration. This Agreement shall become effective as of the date hereof and shall continue in effect until December 31, 2001, but this agreement shall automatically renew for successive one year terms unless written notice of termination is given by the Companies to Vulcan at the direction of members of the Board of Directors who would be entitled to approve this Agreement at the time such notice is given or by Vulcan to the Companies, in each case at least 120 days prior to the close of the then current one-year period.
- 6. Notices. All notices relating to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be addressed to the other party at its address stated below, or to such changed address as such other party may have given by notice. All notice shall be effective upon receipt:

#### If to VULCAN:

VULCAN VENTURES INCORPORATED 505 Union Station 505 Fifth Avenue South, Suite 900 Seattle, WA 98104 Attn: William D. Savoy, President Telephone: 206 342 2000 Facsimile: 206 342 3000

If to CCI:

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 12444 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 100 St. Louis, MO 63131 Attn: Jerald Kent, President Telephone: 314 965 0555 Facsimile: 314 965 8793

If to Charter Holdco:

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDING COMPANY, LLC c/o Charter Communications, Inc. 12444 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 100 St. Louis, MO 63131 Attn: Jerald Kent, President Telephone: 314 965 0555 Facsimile: 314 965 8793

7. Binding Effect; Assignability. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors. This Agreement and the rights and obligations hereunder shall not be assignable or delegable by the parties hereto other than to their affiliates.

- 8. Indemnification. CCI and Charter Holdco agree, severally but not jointly, to indemnify and hold harmless Vulcan, the officers, directors and stockholders of Vulcan and its agents, employees and affiliates from and against all claims, actions or demands that arise out of this Agreement and the services provided hereunder or in connection herewith and any expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), losses or damages resulting from such claims, actions and demands, including amounts paid in settlement or compromise thereof; provided, however, that this indemnity shall not extend to the conduct of such indemnified parties not undertaken in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Companies.
- 9. Entire Agreement. This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof. None of the terms, covenants or conditions hereof may be waived or amended except by a written instrument signed by the party to be charged therewith.
- 10. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of Delaware.  $\,$

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first set forth above.

VULCAN VENTURES INCORPORATED, a Washington corporation

By: \_\_\_ Name: Title:

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDING COMPANY, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

By: \_\_\_ Name: Title:

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC., a Delaware corporation

By: \_\_ Name: Title:

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# CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES CALCULATION (In thousands)

	1996	1997	1/1/98 through   12/23/98   	12/24/98 through 12/31/98	1999	ended 9/30/00 
EARNINGS Loss before income taxes, minority interest and extraordinary item	<b>\$</b> (2,723)	\$(4,623)	                 	<b>\$</b> (5,277)	<b>\$</b> (639,884)	\$(1,473,995)
Fixed Charges	4,442	5,283	17,614	2,374	485,021	799,964
Earnings	\$ 1,719	\$ 660	\$ 392	\$(2,903)	\$(154,863)	\$ (674,031)
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FIXED CHARGES						
Interest Expense Amortization of Debt Costs Interest Element of Rentals	\$ 4,415  27	\$ 5,120 123 40	\$ 17,277   267   70	\$ 2,353  21	\$ 471,871 10,300 2,850	\$ 780,111 16,363 3,490
Total Fixed Charges	\$ 4,442 ======	\$ 5,283 ======	\$ 17,614   =======	\$ 2,374 ======	\$ 485,021 =======	\$ 799,964 =======
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges (1)						
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<sup>(1)</sup> Earnings for the years ended December 31, 1996 and 1997, for the periods from January 1, 1998 through December 23, 1998, and for the period from December 24, 1998 through December 31, 1998; for the year ended December 31,1999; and for the nine months ended September 30, 2000; were insufficient to cover fixed charges by \$2,723; \$4,623; \$17,222; \$5,277; \$639,884; and \$1,473,995, respectively. As a result of such deficiencies, the ratios are not presented.

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EXHIBIT 21.1

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC AND CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS CAPITAL CORPORATION
SUBSIDIARIES OF REGISTRANTS

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CC Michigan, LLC
CC New England, LLC
CC V Holdings, LLC
CC VI Holdings, LLC
CC VI Operating, LLC
CC VIII Holdings, LLC
CC VIII Operating, LLC
CC VIII, LLC
CCG VIII, LLC
CCG VIII, LLC
Cencom Cable Entertainment, LLC
Charter Cable Operating Company, LLC
Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC
Charter Communications Entertainment II, LLC
Charter Communications Entertainment, LLC
Charter Communications Holdings, LLC
Charter Communications Operating, LLC
Charter Communications Properties LLC
Charter Communications VI, LLC
Charter Communications VII, LLC
Charter Communications, LLC
Falcon Cable Communications, LLC
Interlink Communications Partners, LLC
Marcus Cable Associates, L.L.C.
Rifkin Acquisition Partners, LLC
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As independent public accountants, we hereby consent to the use of our reports covering the audited financial statements of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries, CCA Group, CharterComm Holdings, L.P. and subsidiaries, Long Beach Acquisition Corp., Sonic Communications Cable Television Systems, Greater Media Cablevision Systems, Marcus Cable Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries for the three months ended March 31, 1999, Helicon Partners I, L.P. and affiliates for the seven months ended July 30, 1999, and CC V Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries for the periods from January 1, 1999 through November 14, 1999 and November 15, 1999 through December 31, 1999, and to all references to our firm included in or made a part of this registration statement.

/s/ ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

St. Louis, Missouri February 2, 2001

The Board of Directors Charter Communications, Inc.:

We consent to the inclusion in this registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation of our report on the consolidated balance sheets of Marcus Cable Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1998 and 1997 and the related consolidated statements of operations, members' equity/partners' capital and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 1998 included herein and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the registration statement.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Dallas, Texas February 2, 2001

We consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Experts" and to the use of our report dated February 22, 1999 (except for Note 11, as to which the date is February 24, 1999), with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Renaissance Media Group LLC included in the Registration Statement on Form S-4 and related Prospectus of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation for the registration of \$2,075,000,000 Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

We consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Experts" and to the use of our report dated February 22, 1999, with respect to the combined financial statements of the Picayune MS, Lafourche LA, St. Tammany LA, St. Landry LA, Pointe Coupee LA and Jackson TN cable television systems included in the Registration Statement on Form S-4 and related Prospectus of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation for the registration of \$2,075,000,000 Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

The Board of Directors Charter Communications, Inc.:

We consent to the inclusion in this registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation of our report relating to the combined balance sheets of Helicon Partners I, L.P. and affiliates as of December 31, 1997 and 1998 and the related combined statements of operations, changes in partners' deficit, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 1998 included herein and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the registration statement.

/s/ KPMG LLP

We hereby consent to the use in this Registration Statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holding Capital Corporation, of our report dated January 6, 2000, relating to the combined financial statements of InterMedia Cable Systems which appear in such Registration Statement. We also consent to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

/s/ PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

San Francisco, California February 2, 2001

We hereby consent to the use in this Registration Statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation of:

- \* Our reports dated March 19, 1999, relating to the financial statements of Rifkin Acquisition Partners, L.L.L.P., and Rifkin Cable Income Partners L.P. for the year ended December 31, 1998, which appear in such Registration Statement; and
- \* Our reports dated February 15, 2000, relating to the financial statements of Rifkin Acquisition Partners, L.L.L.P., Rifkin Cable Income Partners L.P., Indiana Cable Associates, Ltd. and R/N South Florida Cable Management Limited Partnership for the period ended September 13, 1999, which appear in such Registration Statement.

We also consent to the references to us under the headings "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

/s/ PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP Denver, Colorado February 2, 2001

We consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Experts" and to the use of our reports dated February 19, 1999, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of R/N South Florida Cable Management Limited Partnership and Indiana Cable Associates, Ltd. included in the Registration Statement on Form S-4 and related Prospectus of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation for the registration of \$2,075,000,000 Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

#### Consent Of Independent Accountants

We hereby consent to the use in this Registration Statement on Form S-4 for Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation (i) of our report dated March 30, 1999, except as to the agreement with Charter Communications, Inc. under which Charter Communications, Inc. agreed to purchase Avalon Cable LLC's cable television systems and assume some of their debt described in Note 12 which is as of May 13, 1999, relating to the financial statements of Avalon Cable LLC as of December 31, 1998 and 1997 and for the year ended December 31, 1998 and for the period from September 4, 1997 (inception) through December 31, 1997; (ii) of our report dated March 30, 1999, except as to the agreement with Charter Communications, Inc. under which Charter Communications, Inc. agreed to purchase Avalon Cable LLC's cable television systems and assume some of their debt described in Note 13 which is as of May 13, 1999, relating to the financial statements of Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc., as of December 31, 1998 and 1997 and for the year ended December 31, 1998 and for the period from September 4, 1997 (inception) through December 31, 1997; and (iii) of our report dated March 30, 1999 relating to the consolidated financial statements of Cable Michigan, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1997 and November 5, 1998 and for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 1997 and for the period from January 1, 1998 through November 5, 1998 which appear in such Registration Statement. We also consent to the references to us under the headings "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

/s/ PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

#### Consent of Independent Accountants

We hereby consent to the use in this Registration Statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation of our report dated March 30, 1999 relating to the combined financial statements of the Combined Operations of Pegasus Cable Television of Connecticut, Inc. and the Massachusetts Operations of Pegasus Cable Television, Inc. as of December 31, 1996, and 1997 and June 30, 1998 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1997 and the period from January 1, 1998 through June 30, 1998 which appear in such Registration Statement. We also consent to the references to us under the headings "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

/s/ PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania February 2, 2001

#### Consent Of Independent Accountants

We hereby consent to the use in this Registration Statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation of our report dated February 13, 1998, relating to the financial statements of Amrac Clear View, a Limited Partnership, as of December 31, 1997 and 1996 and for the three years in the period ended December 31, 1997 which appear in such Registration Statement. We also consent to the references to us under the headings "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

/s/ Greenfield, Altman, Brown, Berger & Katz, P.C.

Canton, Massachusetts February 2, 2001

#### Consent Of Independent Accountants

We hereby consent to the use in this Registration Statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation of our report dated September 11, 1998, relating to the financial statements of Amrac Clear View, a Limited Partnership, as of May 28, 1998 and for the period January 1, 1998 through May 28, 1998 which appear in such Registration Statement. We also consent to the references to us under the headings "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

/s/ PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

Boston, Massachusetts February 2, 2001

#### EXHIBIT 23.14

#### CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

We consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Experts" and to the use of our report dated March 2, 2000, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Falcon Communications, L.P. included in the Registration Statement on Form S-4 and related Prospectus of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation for the registration of \$2,075,000,000 of Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes.

We also consent to the use of our report dated March 2, 2000, with respect to the combined financial statements of CC VII Holdings, LLC - Falcon Systems not separately included in the Registration Statement on Form S-4 and related Prospectus of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation for the registration of \$2,075,000,000 of Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Los Angeles, California February 1, 2001

The Board of Directors Charter Communications, Inc:

We consent to the inclusion in this registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation of our report on the combined balance sheets of the TCI Falcon Systems (as defined in Note 1 to the combined financial statements) as of September 30, 1998 and December 31, 1997, and the related combined statements of operations and parent's investment, and cash flows for the nine-month period ended September 30, 1998 and for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 1997 included herein and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the registration statement.

/s/ KPMG LLP

The Board of Directors Charter Communications, Inc.:

We consent to the inclusion in this registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation of our reports on the consolidated balance sheets of Bresnan Communications Group LLC and its subsidiaries as of February 14, 2000 and December 31, 1998 and 1999 and the related consolidated statements of operations and members' equity (deficit), and cash flows for the period from January 1, 2000 to February 14, 2000 and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 1999, included herein and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the registration statement.

/s/ KPMG LLP

We consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Experts" and to the use of our report dated January 28, 2000, with respect to the combined financial statements of Fanch Cable Systems Sold to Charter Communications, Inc. (comprised of Components of TWFanch-one Co., Components of TWFanch-two Co., Mark Twain Cablevision, North Texas Cablevision LTD., Post Cablevision of Texas L.P., Spring Green Communications L.P., Fanch Narragansett CSI L.P., Cable Systems Inc., ARH, and Tioga) included in the Registration Statement on Form S-4 and related Prospectus of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation for the registration of \$2,075,000,000 Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes.

We also consent to the use of our report dated February 11, 2000, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Charter Communications VI Operating Company, LLC and subsidiaries not separately included in the Registration Statement on Form S-4 and related Prospectus of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation for the registration of \$2,075,000,000 Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

We consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Experts" and to the use of our report dated March 16, 1998, with respect to the combined financial statements of the Picayune MS, Lafourche LA, St. Tammany LA, St. Landry LA, Pointe Coupee LA and Jackson TN cable television systems included in the Registration Statement on Form S-4 and related Prospectus of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation for the registration of \$2,075,000,000 Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

We consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Experts" and to the use of our report dated June 4, 1999 (except for Note 11, as to which the date is June 29, 1999), with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Renaissance Media Group LLC included in the Registration Statement on Form S-4 and related Prospectus of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation for the registration of \$2,075,000,000 Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

We consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Experts" and to the use of our reports dated March 9, 1999, with respect to the financial statements of Cable Systems, Inc. and Fanch Narragansett CSI Limited Partnership, the consolidated financial statements of North Texas Cablevision, Ltd. and our report dated March 10, 1999 for the financial statements of Spring Green Communications, L.P. included in the Registration Statement on Form S-4 and related Prospectus of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation for the registration of \$2,075,000,000 Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes.

/s/ Shields & Co.

Englewood, Colorado February 2, 2001 FORM T-1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY
UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 OF A
CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE

CHECK IF AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY OF A TRUSTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 305(b)(2) |\_\_|

BNY MIDWEST TRUST COMPANY (formerly known as CTC Illinois Trust Company) (Exact name of trustee as specified in its charter)

Illinois
(State of incorporation
if not a U.S. national bank)

36-3800435 (I.R.S. employer identification no.)

2 N. LaSalle Street Suite 1020 Chicago Illinois

Chicago, Illinois (Address of principal executive offices) 60602 (Zip code)

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC (Exact name of obligor as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 43-1843179 (I.R.S. employer identification no.)

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS CAPITAL CORPORATION (Exact name of obligor as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 43-1843177 (I.R.S. employer identification no.)

12444 Powerscourt Drive St. Louis, Missouri (Address of principal executive offices)

63131 (Zip code)

10-3/4% Senior Notes due 2009 11-1/8% Senior Notes due 2011 13-1/2% Senior Notes due 2011 (Title of the indenture securities)

. GENERAL INFORMATION. FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS TO THE TRUSTEE:

(a) NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH EXAMINING OR SUPERVISING AUTHORITY TO WHICH IT IS SUBJECT.

Name

Address

Office of Banks & Trust Companies of the State of Illinois

500 E. Monroe Street Springfield, Illinois 62701-1532

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

230 S. LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois 60603

(b) WHETHER IT IS AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE CORPORATE TRUST POWERS.

Yes.

AFFILIATIONS WITH OBLIGOR.

IF THE OBLIGOR IS AN AFFILIATE OF THE TRUSTEE, DESCRIBE EACH SUCH AFFILIATION.

None.

- 16. LIST OF EXHIBITS.
  - A copy of Articles of Incorporation of BNY Midwest Trust Company (formerly CTC Illinois Trust Company, formerly Continental Trust Company) as now in effect. (Exhibit 1 to Form T-1 filed with the Registration Statement No. 333-47688.)
  - 2,3. A copy of the Certificate of Authority of the Trustee as now in effect, which contains the authority to commence business and a grant of powers to exercise corporate trust powers. (Exhibit 2 to Form T-1 filed with the Registration Statement No. 333-47688.)
  - 4. A copy of the existing By-laws of the Trustee. (Exhibit 4 to Form T-1 filed with the Registration Statement No. 333-47688.)
  - 6. The consent of the Trustee required by Section 321(b) of the Act. (Exhibit 6 to Form T-1 filed with the Registration Statement No. 333-47688.)
  - A copy of the latest report of condition of the Trustee published pursuant to law or to the requirements of its supervising or examining authority.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the Trustee, BNY Midwest Trust Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, has duly caused this statement of eligibility to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in The City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, on the 1st day of February, 2001.

BNY Midwest Trust Company

By: /S/ MARY CALLAHAN

Name: MARY CALLAHAN
Title: ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT

### OFFICE OF BANKS AND REAL ESTATE BUREAU OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF CONDITION OF

BNY MIDWEST TRUST COMPANY 208 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD SUITE 700 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606

Including the institution's domestic and foreign subsidiaries completed as of the close of business on September 30, 2000, submitted in response to the call of the Office of Banks and Real Estate of the State of Illinois.

	ASSETS	THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS
1.	Cash and Due from Depository Institutions	23,538
2.	U.S. Treasury Securities	- 0 -
3.	Obligations of States and Political Subdivisions	- 0 -
4.	Other Bonds, Notes and Debentures	- 0 -
5.	Corporate Stock	- 0 -
6.	Trust Company Premises, Furniture, Fixtures and Other	
	Assets Representing Trust Company Premises	234
7.	Leases and Lease Financing Receivables	- 0 -
8.	Accounts Receivable	3,706
9.	Other Assets	
	(Itemize amounts greater than 15% of Line 9)	
	Goodwill and Intangibles	49,497
		49,681
10.	TOTAL ASSETS	77,159

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### CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF CONDITION OF

BNY MIDWEST TRUST COMPANY 208 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD SUITE 700 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606

	LIABILITIES	THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS
11. 12. 13. 14.	Accounts Payable	- 0 - - 0 - 7,000
	Reserve for Taxes	2,853
15.	TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,289 10,289
16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21.	Preferred Stock Common Stock Surplus Reserve for Operating Expenses Retained Earnings (Loss) TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL	- 0 - 2,000 62,130 - 0 - 2,740 66,870 77,159

6 I, Robert L. De Paola, Vice President
(Name and Title of Officer Authorized to Sign Report)
of BNY Midwest Trust Company certify that the information contained in this statement is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that submission of false information with the intention to deceive the Commissioner or his Administrative officers is a felony.
(Signature of Officer Authorized to Sign Report) Sworn to and subscribed before me is day of October , 2000
My Commission expires .
, Notary Public
(Notary Seal)
(Notary Seal)  Person to whom Supervisory Staff should direct questions concerning this report.

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