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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

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

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CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS CAPITAL CORPORATION\*
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN THEIR CHARTERS)

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(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF
INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)

43-1843179 43-1843177 (I.R.S. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.)

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SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OF THE ACT: NONE SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(g) OF THE ACT: NONE

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

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. [ ]

Aggregate market value of the registrant of equity securities held by non-affiliates of the registrants: There is no public trading market for the equity securities of the Registrants.

Number of shares of common stock of Charter Communications Holding Capital Corporation outstanding as of March 28, 2001: 100.

\*Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation meets the conditions set forth in General Instruction I(1)(a) and (b) to Form 10-K and is therefore filing with the reduced disclosure format.

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## CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS CAPITAL CORPORATION

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This Annual Report on Form 10-K is for the year ended December 31, 2000. This Annual Report modifies and supersedes documents filed prior to this Annual Report. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) allows us to "incorporate by reference" information that we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you directly to those documents. Information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this Annual Report. In addition, information that we file with the SEC in the future will automatically update and supersede information contained in this Annual Report. In this Annual Report, "we," "us" and "our" refer to Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and its subsidiaries.

#### CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report 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 Annual Report may be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "should," "planned," "will," "may," "intend," "estimate," and "potential," among others. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements we make in this Annual Report are set forth in this Annual Report and in other reports or documents that we file from time to time with the SEC and include, but are not limited to:

- Our plans to offer advanced products and services;
- Our anticipated capital expenditures for our upgrades and new equipment and facilities;
- Our beliefs regarding the effects of governmental regulation on our business:
- Our ability to effectively compete in a highly competitive and changing environment;
- Our ability to fund anticipated capital expenditures and any future acquisitions; and
- Our ability to obtain equipment, inventory and programming as needed and at a reasonable price.

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

PART I

#### ITEM 1. BUSINESS.

#### INTRODUCTION

Charter Communications Holdings, operating through its subsidiaries, is the fourth largest operator of cable systems in the United States. Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation is a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Holdings and was formed and exists solely as a co-issuer of our public debt. Through our broadband network of coaxial and fiber optic cable, we provide video, data, interactive and private business network services, to approximately 6.4 million customers in 40 states. All of our systems offer traditional analog cable television. We also offer digital television, along with an array of advanced products and services such as high-speed Internet access, interactive video programming and video-on-demand, in an increasing number of our systems. We continue to explore opportunities to offer telephony through our broadband network. The introduction and roll-out of new products and 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 enables it to serve as the primary platform for the delivery of new services to the home and workplace.

We are wholly owned by our parent company, Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC. Charter Communications, Inc. is a holding company whose principal asset is an approximate 40% equity interest and a 100% voting interest in Charter Communications Holding Company. Charter Communications, Inc.'s only business is to act as the sole manager of Charter Communications Holding Company and its subsidiaries, including us. As sole manager, Charter Communications, Inc. controls the affairs of Charter Communications Holding Company and its subsidiaries, including us. Certain of our subsidiaries commenced operations under the "Charter Communications" name in 1994. Our principal executive offices are located at 12444 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 100, St. Louis, Missouri 63131. Our telephone number is (314) 965-0555. Our parent, Charter Communications, Inc., has a web site accessible at http://www.charter.com. The information posted on that web site is not incorporated into this Annual Report.

## GENERAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENTS IN 2000

In 2000, we focused on integrating the operations of our newly acquired systems and improving the cable systems we acquired. In 16 acquisitions completed in 1999 and 2000, we added approximately 3.9 million customers. These acquisitions are identified in a chart included in "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations." We implemented core operating strategies to achieve our high standards for customer satisfaction and financial and operating performance in each of the newly acquired systems.

We also focused in 2000 on the upgrade of our cable systems to more quickly provide advanced products and services and improve service reliability. Our upgrade plan emphasizes higher bandwidth capacity and two-way communication capability, as well as reduction of the number of headend control centers. As a result of this rebuild effort, by year-end 2002, we expect that 93% of our customers will be served by systems with bandwidth of 550 megahertz or more. Complementing our system upgrade in 2000, we emphasized the roll-out of our digital services, which we believe will serve as the platform for interactive and other advanced services.

To finance our acquisitions and the upgrade of our systems, as well as to pay off certain debt, we issued additional long-term debt, refinanced some of our existing debt and received capital contributions from our parent.

We will continue to evaluate opportunities for new acquisitions and swaps of our cable systems for systems of other cable operators. Our primary criterion in considering these opportunities is the potential financial benefits we expect to ultimately realize as a result of the acquisition or swap. We consider each acquisition or swap in the context of our overall existing and planned operations. In particular, we focus on the

impact the acquisition or swap may have on our ability to enhance our operations in existing markets or to develop major new markets for our operations.

#### ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

We are an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc. Charter Communications, Inc.'s principal asset is an approximate 40% equity interest and a 100% voting interest in our direct 100% parent, Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC. Charter Communications, Inc. provides management services to Charter Communications Holding Company and its subsidiaries, including us. As sole manager, Charter Communications, Inc. controls our affairs and those of our subsidiaries.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Paul G. 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 primarily from his ownership of Charter Communications, Inc.'s high vote Class B common stock, which gives him voting rights that reflect investments by his affiliates (Charter Investment, Inc. and Vulcan Cable III Inc.) in Charter Communications, Inc.'s direct subsidiary, Charter Communications Holding Company.

The following table sets forth information as of March 15, 2001 with respect to the outstanding shares of common stock of Charter Communications, Inc. and pro forma for the exchange of membership units in two of its subsidiaries (Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC and CC VIII, LLC), which are exchangeable for shares of Charter Communications, Inc. Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis at any time.

	AS OF MARCI	H 15, 2001	PRO FORMA FOR EXCHANGE OF EQUITY IN SUBSIDIARIES		
		PERCENT OF TOTAL SHARES OUTSTANDING	NUMBER OF SHARES OUTSTANDING	SHARES	
Class A Common Stock	233,745,869 50,000	99.98% .02	233,718,422 50,000		
Total Common Stock Outstanding	233,795,869	100.00% =====	233,768,422	39.15% =====	
Exchangeable Equity in Subsidiaries: Charter Investment, Inc.(a) Vulcan Cable III Inc.(a) Sellers of Bresnan cable systems(b)			217,585,246 106,715,233 39,011,744		
Total Pro Forma Common Stock Outstanding			597,080,645 =======	100.00% =====	

- (a) Assumes exchange of units in Charter Communications Holding Company held by such entity. Both Charter Investment, Inc. and Vulcan Cable III, Inc. are controlled by Paul G. Allen.
- (b) Assumes exchange of membership units in Charter Communications Holding Company and CC VIII, LLC held by such persons.

VULCAN CABLE III INC. Vulcan Cable III has an 18.6% equity interest and no voting rights in Charter Communications Holding Company. Vulcan Cable III's membership units in Charter Communication Holding Company are exchangeable for shares of Charter Communications, Inc. Class B common stock on a one-for-one basis at any time. Mr. Allen owns 100% of the outstanding stock of Vulcan Cable III.

CHARTER INVESTMENT, INC. Charter Investment, Inc. has a 38.0% equity interest and no voting rights in Charter Communications Holding Company. Charter Investment's membership units in Charter Communications Holding Company are exchangeable for shares of Charter Communications, Inc. Class B common stock at any time on a one-for-one basis. Mr. Allen owns approximately 96.8% of the outstanding capital stock

of Charter Investment. The remaining 3.2% equity is beneficially owned by our founders, Jerald L. Kent, Howard L. Wood and Barry L. Babcock.

SELLERS OF BRESNAN CABLE SYSTEMS. Upon the closing of the Bresnan acquisition, some of the sellers received a portion of their purchase price in the form of equity interests in subsidiaries of Charter Communications, Inc. rather than in cash. The common membership units in Charter Communications Holding Company and the preferred membership units in CC VIII, LLC which were issued to these sellers are exchangeable for shares of Charter Communications, Inc. Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis at any time.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDING COMPANY, LLC. Charter Communications Holding Company is the direct 100% parent of Charter Holdings. Charter Communications Holding Company is owned as follows:

	EQUITY OWNERSHIP	VOTING POWER
Charter Communications, Inc		100%
Vulcan Cable III Inc	18.6%	
Charter Investment, Inc	38.0%	
Sellers of Bresnan cable systems	2.6%	
	100.0%	100%
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CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC. Charter Holdings is a co-issuer of publicly held Charter Holdings notes. Charter Holdings owns 100% of Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation, the co-issuer of these notes, and owns the subsidiaries that conduct all of our operations, including the Charter, CC V, CC VI, CC VII and CC VIII Companies described below.

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

OPERATING SUBSIDIARIES. These companies are subsidiaries of Charter Holdings and own or operate all of our cable systems. There are separate credit facilities for each of four groups of these operating subsidiaries. As indicated below, these groups include systems acquired in the acquisitions listed in "Item 13. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations." These groups consist of:

- the Charter Companies, including Charter Operating and its subsidiaries, which own or operate all of the cable systems formerly operated by Charter Investment, Inc. under the "Charter Communications" name, and the cable systems acquired in the following 1999 and 2000 transactions: Marcus, American Cable, Greater Media, Helicon, Vista, Rifkin, South Miami, Farmington and Capital Cable. The Charter Companies also include the issuers of outstanding publicly held notes of a subsidiary acquired in the Renaissance acquisition;
- the CC V and CC VIII Companies, which own or operate all of the cable systems acquired in the Avalon, Interlake and Bresnan acquisitions, and include co-issuers of outstanding publicly held notes;
- the CC VI Companies, which own or operate all of the cable systems acquired in the Fanch and Kalamazoo acquisitions; and
- the CC VII Companies, which own or operate all of the cable systems acquired in the Falcon acquisition.

## ACQUISITIONS COMPLETED IN 2000

BRESNAN. In February 2000, Charter Communications Holding Company and Charter Holdings 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 CC VIII, our indirect subsidiary, and \$963.3 million in assumed debt. Charter Communications Holding Company transferred its ownership interest to us. The cable

systems acquired in the Bresnan acquisition are located in Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Nebraska and served approximately 697,400 customers as of December 31, 2000. For the year ended December 31, 2000, these systems had revenues of approximately \$334.7 million.

KALAMAZOO. In September 2000, Charter Communications, Inc. completed a stock-for-stock merger with Cablevision of Michigan, Inc., the owner of a cable system in Kalamazoo, Michigan in which Charter Communications, Inc. issued shares of its Class A common stock valued at \$170.6 million. After the merger, Charter Communications, Inc. contributed 100% of the equity interests it acquired to Charter Communications Holding Company in exchange for membership units. Charter Communications Holding Company in turn contributed these equity interests to us and we in turn contributed the equity interests to a subsidiary. The Kalamazoo system served approximately 52,100 customers as of December 31, 2000 and had revenues of approximately \$21.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2000.

OTHER ACQUISITIONS. In 2000, we completed several other acquisitions for an aggregate purchase price of \$88 million in cash. These systems served approximately 34,200 customers as of December 31, 2000 and had revenues of approximately \$14.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2000.

#### PENDING AT&T TRANSACTIONS

In February 2001, Charter Communications, Inc. entered into several agreements with AT&T Broadband, LLC involving several strategic cable system transactions that will result in a net addition of approximately 512,000 customers for the Charter cable systems. In the pending AT&T transactions, Charter Communications, Inc. expects to acquire cable systems from AT&T Broadband serving approximately 574,000 customers in Missouri, Alabama, Nevada and California for a total of \$1.79 billion. It is expected that the acquired systems will be contributed by Charter Communications, Inc. to us immediately after closing. A portion of the purchase price will consist of Charter cable systems valued at \$249 million serving approximately 62,000 customers in Florida. Of the balance of the purchase price, up to \$501.5 million will be paid in shares of Charter Communications, Inc. Class A common stock and the remainder will be paid in cash. Charter Holdings and Charter Capital have a commitment for a bridge loan from Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc. and Goldman Sachs Credit Partners LP for temporary financing of the cash portion of the purchase price. Charter Communications, Inc. expects to obtain permanent financing through one or more debt or equity financing transactions or a combination thereof. The acquisition transactions are expected to close in the second and/or third quarters of 2001, subject to certain closing conditions and regulatory review.

Unless otherwise stated in this Annual Report, the operating and financial data provided do not include the effect of the pending AT&T transactions.

## BUSINESS STRATEGY

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

BUILD AND OPERATE A TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED BROADBAND NETWORK. We are upgrading the technical quality and capacity of our existing systems. We will build out new systems to a minimum bandwidth of 550 megahertz or greater, which will allow us to:

- offer advanced products and services, such as digital television, high-speed Internet access and other interactive services;
- increase channel capacity up to 82 analog channels, and add even more channels and services when our bandwidth is used for digital signal transmission; and
- permit two-way communication, so that Internet access does not require a separate telephone line and our systems can provide telephony services.

By year-end 2002, when we anticipate that the upgrade of our existing systems will be substantially complete, we expect that approximately 93% of our customers will be served by cable systems with at least 550

megahertz bandwidth capacity, 88% of our customers will be served by cable systems with at least 750 megahertz bandwidth capacity and 89% of our customers will have two-way communication capability.

It is anticipated that upon completion of our upgrade, approximately 87% of our customers will be served by headends serving at least 10,000 customers. Headends are the control centers of a cable television system, where incoming signals are amplified, converted, processed and combined for transmission to the customer. Reducing the number of headends will reduce headend equipment and maintenance expenditures and, together with our other upgrades, will provide enhanced picture quality and system reliability.

In 2001, we plan to complete a national network operations center to monitor and control all aspects of our network to enhance the reliability of our upgraded systems and support our high-speed Internet access and other advanced products.

As we complete our planned upgrade and build out new systems, we will be well positioned to migrate our customers to the digital platform and deploy new technologically advanced products and services as they are developed.

OFFER AN ARRAY OF ADVANCED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES. We offer an array of advanced products and services to our customers, consistent with our Wired World(TM) vision. Using digital technology, we offer additional channels on our standard service packages, create new service packages, introduce multiple packages of premium services, increase the number of pay-per-view channels, and offer programming of local interest. We also offer digital music services and interactive program guides that are comprehensive guides to television program listings that can be accessed by channel, time, date or programming type. In addition, we offer interactive video programming, high-speed Internet access, including Internet access over the television, and video-on-demand. We also are currently exploring opportunities for telephony. We have entered into the Digeo Broadband joint venture to deliver high-speed Internet television portal services to our customers.

FOCUS ON THE CUSTOMER. To maximize customer satisfaction and loyalty, we operate our business to provide reliable, high-quality products and services and superior customer care. We tailor our product and service packages to suit the diverse communities we serve and satisfy local preferences for programming and value. We maintain a strong management presence at the local system level to improve our customer service and respond to local customer needs. We have launched one state-of-the-art regional customer contact center that provides customers with 24 x 7 access to specialized customer care representatives. Our objective is to have a customer contact center serving each of our 12 operating regions. 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 advanced products and services.

EMPLOY INNOVATIVE MARKETING. We have developed and successfully implemented a variety of innovative marketing techniques to attract new customers, win back former customers, and increase revenue per customer. Our marketing efforts focus on offering Charter-branded entertainment and information services that provide value, choice, convenience and quality to our customers. We offer our expanded product and service offerings on a stand-alone basis and in varied packages that result in an attractive price/value relationship. We utilize database marketing to target audiences through direct mail and telemarketing. In addition, we promote our services in media advertising, by door-to-door selling and through e-marketing. We are implementing a retail sales strategy in coordination with consumer electronics retailers and other retailers. In addition, we have a retention and loyalty program for retaining customers that includes televised advertising to reinforce the link between quality service and the Charter brand name.

## PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

We offer our customers traditional cable television services and programming as well as new and advanced high bandwidth services such as digital television and high-speed Internet access. We plan to continue to enhance and upgrade these services by adding new programming and other advanced products and services as they are developed. In 2001, we plan to focus on our digital television and high-speed Internet services, both of which are increasingly desired by customers. We will also increase the number of markets where we offer video-on-demand services.

TRADITIONAL CABLE TELEVISION SERVICES. Customers subscribing to both "basic" and "expanded basic" service generally receive a line-up of between 33 and 82 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, as add-ons to the basic channels. 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 a package of basic programming, which generally consists of local broadcast television, local community programming, including governmental and public access, and limited satellite-delivered or non-broadcast channels (such as C-Span, religious and home shopping).
- EXPANDED BASIC CABLE. This expanded programming level includes a package of satellite-delivered or non-broadcast channels (such as ESPN, CNN and Lifetime Television) in addition to the basic channel line-up.
- PREMIUM CHANNELS. These channels provide commercial-free movies, sports and other special event entertainment programming. Home Box Office, Cinemax, Showtime, the Movie Channel, Starz and Encore are examples of premium channels. Although we offer subscriptions to premium channels on an individual basis, we are offering an increasing number of premium channel packages and are bundling premium channels with our advanced services.
- PAY-PER-VIEW CHANNELS. These channels allow customers to pay on a per event basis to view a single showing of a recently released movie, a one-time special sporting event or concert on a commercial-free basis.

ADVANCED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES. Cable's high bandwidth is a key factor in the successful delivery of advanced products and services. A variety of emerging technologies and increasing Internet usage by our customer base have presented us with substantial opportunities to expand our sources of revenue. In an increasing number of our systems, we now offer a variety of advanced products and services, including:

- digital television and its related enhancements, such as an interactive programming guide;
- high-speed Internet access via cable modems;
- television-based Internet access, which allows customers to access the Internet through the use of our two-way cable plant without the need for a personal computer;
- video-on-demand;
- interactive services, such as Wink, which adds interactivity and electronic commerce opportunities to traditional programming and advertising; and
- private network services such as voice and data transmission services to a network of interconnected locations of a single customer.

The following table summarizes our customer statistics for our analog and digital cable and advanced products and services. The pro forma statistics as of December 31, 1999 reflect all acquisitions closed since that date as if such acquisitions occurred on January 1, 1999:

	AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED		
	ACTUAL DECEMBER 31, 2000	DECEMBER 31, 1999	
VIDEO SERVICES Basic cable (Analog signal) Homes passed(a)	10,225,000 6,350,900 62.1%	9,970,000 6,193,700 62.1%	
Digital cable Homes passed(a) Digital customers Penetration(c) Number of digital terminals deployed	8,793,000 1,069,500 12.2% 1,336,900	4,675,000 155,400 3.3% 176,600	
INTERNET AND OTHER DATA SERVICES Cable modem high-speed Internet access Homes passed(a)	5,550,800 252,400 4.5%	4,422,000 84,400 1.9%	
Television-based Internet access Homes passed(a) TV Internet customers Penetration	472,100 9,700 2.1%	429,000 7,100 1.7%	
INTERACTIVE TELEVISION (WINK) Homes passed(a)	3,271,430 304,362	983,239 39,477	
		THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,	
	2000	1999	
Average monthly pro forma revenue per basic customer(b)(d)	\$43.31	\$39.70	
basic customer(b)(e)	\$20.52	\$17.67	

<sup>(</sup>a) 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 to which we offer the named service.

<sup>(</sup>b) Basic customers are customers who receive basic cable service. All of our customers, including those receiving digital or advanced services, receive basic cable service.

<sup>(</sup>c) Penetration represents customers as a percentage of homes passed.

<sup>(</sup>d) Average pro forma monthly revenue per basic customer represents pro forma revenues from all sources, adjusted to illustrate the effect of all 1999 and 2000 acquisitions as if they had closed on January 1, 1999, divided by twelve, divided by the number of basic customers at the end of the year (actual for December 31, 2000 and pro forma for December 31, 1999, reflecting all acquisitions closed since this date).

(e) Average pro forma monthly operating cash flow per basic customer represents operating cash flow (defined as revenues less the sum of operating, general and administrative expenses and corporate expense charges-related party), adjusted to illustrate the effect of all 1999 and 2000 acquisitions as if they had closed on January 1, 1999, divided by twelve, divided by the number of basic customers at the end of the year (actual for December 31, 2000 and pro forma for December 31, 1999, reflecting all acquisitions closed since this date).

DIGITAL TELEVISION. As part of our systems upgrade, we are installing headend equipment capable of delivering digitally encoded cable transmissions to a two-way digital-capable set-top terminal 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. The increased channel capacity will allow us to increase both programming and service offerings, including offering video-on-demand to pay-per-view customers.

We offer digital service to our customers in several different service combination packages. All digital packages include a digital set-top terminal, an interactive electronic programming guide, 45 channels of CD quality digital music, an expanded menu of pay-per-view channels and at least thirty additional digital channels. Certain digital packages also offer customers one or more premium channels of their choice with "multiplexes." Multiplexes give customers access to several different versions of the same premium channel which are varied as to time of broadcast (such as east and west coast time slots) or programming content theme (such as westerns or romance). Other digital packages bundle digital television with other advanced services, such as Internet access.

We expect to increase our digital customers to approximately two million and our digital penetration to over 30% of digital homes passed by December 31, 2001.

CABLE MODEM-BASED HIGH-SPEED INTERNET ACCESS. We offer high-speed data and Internet access to our residential customers primarily via cable modems attached to personal computers, at speeds of up to approximately 50 times the speed of a conventional telephone modem. By December 31, 2001, we expect to have approximately 500,000 cable-modem high-speed Internet customers.

We generally offer high-speed Internet access services under the Charter Pipeline(TM) brand. In some of our markets, however, our cable modem and Internet access service is a co-branded service with an Internet service provider.

TRADITIONAL DIAL-UP MODEM INTERNET ACCESS. Traditional dial-up Internet access is available upon customer request in a limited number of our markets where two-way cable modem Internet access is not yet available.

TV-BASED INTERNET ACCESS. We also have agreements with WorldGate, ICTV and Digeo to offer our residential customers high-speed Internet access over the television.

Our WorldGate television-based Internet access service offers easy, low-cost Internet access to customers at connection speeds ranging up to 128 kilobits per second. This service, with its user-friendly interface, appeals to first-time Internet users and does not require the use of a PC, an existing or additional telephone line, or any additional equipment. 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.

During 2001, we expect to offer Digeo Broadband's television-based Internet access service in several markets. The Digeo product is designed to blend the power of the Internet with the convenience of the television. Through the use of an advanced digital set-top terminal, customers will be able to access Internet-based streaming media on the television, including both local and national news, sports and entertainment. The Internet domain name of customers using this service will be "Charter TV." The Digeo product is a "portal," which 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.

We plan to use Digeo as our television-based portal for an initial six-year period. A Charter subsidiary and an affiliate of Mr. Allen own equity interests in Digeo. See "Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions -- Business Relationships."

VIDEO-ON-DEMAND. In 2000, we began the roll-out of video-on-demand (VOD) service to digital customers in some of our markets. With VOD service, customers can access hundreds of movies and other programming at any time, with digital picture quality. VOD allows full VCR functionality, including the ability to pause, rewind and fast-forward programs. Customers can also stop a program and resume watching it several hours later during the rental period. In addition, the VOD programming available in a particular market can be customized for market-based or customer preferences and local interest. For example, foreign language or other local programming could be offered in markets where such programming is likely to appeal to customers. Generally, customers pay for VOD (such as movies) on a per-selection basis. Some VOD programming is also available on a category basis (such as children's programming) for a single monthly fee.

At December 31, 2000, VOD was available to approximately 170,000 homes in our Los Angeles and Atlanta markets with approximately 450 titles available to customers. We expect VOD to be available to approximately 2.2 million homes passed by the end of 2001. In systems where VOD is available, it is included as a standard feature of our digital service packages. We utilize DIVA Systems Corporation, a company providing interactive VOD products and services to the cable industry, to provide us with hardware, software, programming and operational support.

INTERACTIVE VIDEO PROGRAMMING. We provide interactive programming using technology developed by Wink Communications, Inc. The Wink technology embeds interactive features, such as additional information and statistics about a television program or the option to order an advertised product, into programming and advertisements. A customer with a Wink-enabled set-top terminal 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 to the customer. A company controlled by Mr. Allen has a 3.2% equity interest in Wink.

Various programming networks, including CNN, NBC, ESPN, HBO, Showtime, Lifetime, VH1, the Weather Channel and Nickelodeon, together currently produce over 2,000 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 advertised products. Our customers average approximately 246,000 clicks per week on Wink icons.

PRIVATE BUSINESS NETWORKS. During 2000, we established Charter Business Networks as a separate division to offer integrated network solutions for data, video, Internet, and private voice communications to commercial and institutional customers in certain of our markets. These solutions include virtual local area and wide area networks with bandwidth and Internet access capacity based on customer needs, supported by remote monitoring.

TELEPHONY/VOICE SERVICES. We expect to be able to offer cable telephony services by the end of 2003 in selected markets using our systems' direct, two-way connections to homes and other buildings. We are exploring technologies using Internet protocol telephony to transmit digital voice signals over our systems. We have already begun an Internet protocol (IP) telephony trial in Wisconsin, and expect to launch a second trial in St. Louis in 2001. We have marketed 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 states.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS INITIATIVES. We are seeking to provide our customers in 2001 with advanced digital set-top terminals that include digital video recording capabilities (commonly referred to as "DVR"). Built-in DVR capability in the set-top terminal will enable customers to store video, audio and Internet content. We are also exploring deployment of wireless networking technology for our cable modem customers.

SALE OF LOCAL ADVERTISING. We receive revenue from the sale of local advertising on satellite-delivered networks such as MTV, CNN, ESPN. In any particular system, we generally insert local advertising on a minimum of twelve networks, and have covered up to 40 channels. Our system rebuild and additional digital services launches have increased the number of channels, and made it possible to insert local advertising.

HOME SHOPPING. In 2000, we also received revenues from channels devoted exclusively to home shopping (such as HSN) and other channels that allow us to insert infomercials during off-peak hours.

PRICING FOR OUR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES. Our revenues are derived principally from the monthly fees our customers pay for cable services. The rates we charge vary based on the market served and level of service selected, and are usually adjusted on an annual basis. As of December 31, 2000, the average monthly fee was \$13.16 for basic service and \$17.93 for expanded basic service. 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."

In accordance with the Federal Communications Commission's rules, the rates we charge for cable-related equipment, such as set-top terminals and remote control devices, and installation services are based on actual costs plus a permitted rate of return.

Although our service offerings vary according to market because of differences in the bandwidth capacity of the cable systems in each of our markets, competitive and regulatory factors, when offered on a stand-alone basis, our services are typically offered at monthly price ranges as follows:

SERVICE	PRICE RANGE
Basic cable	 \$ 9.95 - \$14.00
Expanded basic cable	
Premium channel	 \$10.95 - \$13.50
Pay-Per-View (per movie or event)	 \$ 2.95 - \$50.95
Digital cable video packages	 \$45.95 - \$59.95
High-speed Internet access by cable modem	 \$24.95 - \$34.95
Video-on-Demand (per selection)	 \$ 0.99 - \$ 9.95

MANAGEMENT OF OUR SYSTEMS. Our operating philosophy emphasizes decentralized management, with decisions being made as close to the customer as possible. We are organized into two divisions that contain a total of twelve operating regions. Each of the two divisions is managed by a Senior Vice President, who is responsible for overall supervision of the operating regions within the division. Each operating region is managed by a Senior Vice President or a Vice President, supported by operational, marketing and engineering personnel at the regional and local system level. Our consolidation of certain functions at the regional level has resulted in numerous operating efficiencies and superior customer care. At the same time, our centralized financial management by the corporate office enables us to set financial and operating benchmarks and monitor system performance on an ongoing basis. 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.

The following table indicates the states covered by, and customer data for, each of our operating regions as of December 31, 2000.

REGION	STATES COVERED	NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS
WESTERN DIVISION		
Central	Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Arkansas	486,800
North Central	Wisconsin, Minnesota	806,400
Southern California	Central and Southern California	642,200
Northwest	Northern California, Idaho, Oregon,	
	Washington	486,200
Michigan	Michigan	621,300
National	Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico,	
	Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, Arizona,	
	Nevada	461,200
EASTERN DIVISION		
Southeast	North Carolina, South Carolina	568,400
South-Atlantic	Georgia, Florida	391,400
Mid-South	Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee	557,800
Northeast	Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York,	
	Vermont, New Hampshire	364,100
Gulf Coast	Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi	427,400
Mid-Atlantic	Maryland, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania	
	Virginia, W. Virginia, Delaware	537,700

#### CUSTOMER CARE

Maximizing customer satisfaction is a key element of our business strategy. In support of our commitment to customer satisfaction, we operate a 24-hour customer service hotline for nearly all of our systems and offer on-time installation and service quarantees.

To better serve our customers, we are consolidating some of our local customer care functions at the regional level. At December 31, 2000, we maintained 22 call centers handling approximately 56% of our customers, including our first state-of-the-art regional customer contact center that was established in 2000. We expect to complete six additional state-of-the-art regional customer contact centers in 2001. By establishing regional customer contact centers, we are able to service our customers 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with highly trained personnel. These regional centers utilize state-of-the-art equipment that enhances all interactions with our customers and provides a high-performance employee environment. Our customer care specialists receive extensive training to develop customer contact skills and product knowledge critical to high rates of customer retention as well as to selling additional services and higher levels of service to our customers. We expect that our customer care functions will benefit from the additional technologies available when our national and regional network operations centers are opened. We utilize surveys, focus groups and other research tools as part of our efforts to determine and respond to customer needs.

Consistent with our focus on customer satisfaction, we have implemented stringent customer care standards that we believe meet or exceed those established by the National Cable Television Association, the Washington, D.C.-based trade association for the cable industry. 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.

## OUR NETWORK TECHNOLOGY

As of December 31, 2000, our cable systems consisted of approximately 220,347 sheath miles, including approximately 29,829 sheath miles of fiber optic cable, passing approximately 10.2 million households and serving approximately 6.4 million customers. Fiber optic cable is a communications medium that uses glass fibers to transmit signals over long distances with minimal signal loss or distortion.

The following table describes the technological state of our systems as of December 31, 2000 and the anticipated progress of planned upgrades through year-end 2002, based on the percentage of our customers who will have access to the bandwidths listed below and two-way capability.

		550 MEGAHERTZ			
	LESS THAN	TO	750	870	TWO-WAY
	550 MEGAHERTZ	660 MEGAHERTZ	MEGAHERTZ	MEGAHERTZ	CAPABILITY
December 31, 2000	33.4%	12.6%	37.5%	16.5%	57.1%
December 31, 2001	19.6%	12.8%	39.3%	28.3%	70.8%
December 31, 2002	6.9%	5.5%	43.8%	43.8%	89.0%

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 with coaxial cable. Fiber optic cable has excellent broadband frequency characteristics, noise immunity and physical durability and can carry hundreds of video, data and voice channels over extended distances. Coaxial cable is less expensive and 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 from the headend to a group of nodes, and use coaxial cable to deliver the signal from individual nodes to the homes passed served by that node. Our system design enables a maximum of 500 homes passed to be served by a single node. Currently, our average node serves approximately 380 homes passed. Our system design provides for six strands of fiber to each node, with two strands activated and four strands reserved for future services (sometimes referred to as "dark fiber"). We believe that this hybrid network design provides high capacity and superior signal quality, and will enable us to provide the newest forms of telecommunications services to our customers. It also provides reserve capacity for the addition of future services.

- increased bandwidth capacity, for more channels and other services;
- dedicated bandwidth for two-way services, which avoids reverse signal interference problems that can otherwise occur with two-way communication canability;
- improved picture quality and service reliability; and
- operating efficiencies resulting from a reduced number of headends.

In 2001, we will have a fully operational national network operations center to monitor our networks and ensure maximum quality of service. Monitoring becomes increasingly important as we increase the number of customers utilizing two-way high-speed data service. We plan to open regional operations centers in the future to augment our national center on an as-needed basis.

## SALES AND MARKETING

We have a centralized team responsible for overseeing the sales and marketing strategies 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, quick information flow and sharing of best practices between our corporate office, which handles programs and administration, and our regional offices, which implement the various programs. In addition, we constantly monitor the regulatory arena, customer perception, competition, pricing and product preferences to increase our responsiveness to our customers.

Our long-term marketing objective is to increase our cash flow through deeper market penetration and growth in revenue per household. We hope that customers will come to view their cable connection as the best "pipeline" to the home for a multitude of services. To achieve this objective, we are pursuing the following strategies:

 increase the number of residential consumers who subscribe to digital service, which enables them to receive a greater number of television channels and interactive services;

- introduce new advanced products and services:
- design product offerings to enable greater opportunity for customer entertainment and information choices;
- package product offerings to promote the sale of premium services and niche programming, providing an attractive price/value relationship with our customers;
- target marketing opportunities based on geodemographic data and past purchasing behavior;
- develop specialized programs to attract former customers, households that have never subscribed and customers of competitive services; and
- employ Charter branding of products to promote customer awareness and loyalty.

We invest significant amounts of time, effort and financial resources in marketing new and existing services. To increase customer penetration and increase the level of services used by our customers, we use coordinated marketing techniques, including door-to-door solicitation, telemarketing, media advertising, e-marketing 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.

In 2001, we have begun to sell our services through consumer electronics retailers and other retailers that sell televisions or cable modems.

## 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 a wide range of programming that we believe will appeal to both existing and potential 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. Our programming contracts generally continue for a fixed period of time, usually from three to ten years, and are subject to negotiated renewal. Some program suppliers offer financial support for the launch of a new channel and ongoing marketing support. We also try to negotiate volume discount pricing structures.

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. For home shopping channels, we receive a percentage of the amount spent in home shopping purchases by our customers on channels we carry.

- system acquisitions that increase the number of customers;
- additional programming being provided to customers as a result of system rebuilds that increase channel capacity;
- increased cost to produce or purchase cable programming; and
- inflationary or negotiated annual increases.

In every year we have operated, our costs to acquire programming have substantially exceeded customary inflationary and cost-of-living type increases. In particular, 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.

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."

#### FRANCHISES

As of December 31, 2000, our systems operated under a total of approximately 4,520 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 as defined by the franchise agreements, which is the maximum amount that may be charged under the applicable law.

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. Approximately 44% of our franchises covering approximately 42% of our basic cable customers expire within five years after December 31, 2000.

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. 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. 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 are not expected to have a 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.

Our key competitors 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, is a significant competitor 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 15 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 are required 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. 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 available 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 also 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 December 31, 2000, we were aware of overbuild situations in some of our cable systems. Approximately 139,000 basic customers, or approximately 2% 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 systems. Approximately 253,000 or 4% 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 1996 Telecom Act, 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 of established cable systems.

As we expand our offerings to include Internet access 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 MDUs, which may preclude operators of franchise systems from serving residents of the private complexes. Private cable systems can offer both improved reception of local television stations and many of the same satellite-delivered program services that 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.

#### 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 encouraged 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 not typically 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 December 31, 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 December 31, 2000, we had cable programming service tier rate complaints relating to approximately 414,000 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 expired 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 until March 31, 1999. We do not believe any adjudications regarding these 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 expires in 2002.

As noted above, Federal Communications Commission regulation of cable programming service tier rates for all systems, regardless of size, expired pursuant to the 1996 Telecom Act on March 31, 1999. As a result, the regulatory requirements just discussed are 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, and certain utilities have already proposed vastly higher pole attachment rates based in part on the existing court decision. The

United States Supreme Court is now reviewing this 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 access rules designed for video programming service providers to gain access to cable system delivery. 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.

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. 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 (OVS). 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 recently struck down these vertical and horizontal ownership limits as unconstitutional, concluding that the FCC had not adequately justified the specific rules (i.e., the 40% and 30% figures) adopted. As a result, an existing divestiture requirement on AT&T was suspended.

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 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 terminating 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 set-top terminals 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 have been 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.

#### **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, including us. Effective January 1, 2001, Charter Investment personnel became employees of Charter Communications Holding Company and 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.

Charter Communications, Inc. currently has only 15 employees, all of whom are senior management. The corporate office also includes employees of Charter Communications Holding Company. The corporate officer is 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.

As of December 31, 2000, we had approximately 13,490 full-time equivalent employees of which approximately 300 were represented by collective bargaining agreements. We believe we have a good relationship with our employees and have never experienced a work stoppage.

## ITEM 2. 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 or lease the real property and buildings for our regional data and call centers and our regional and divisional administrative offices. Our subsidiaries generally have leased space for business offices throughout our operating regions, although an increasing number of our systems are now purchasing property for system offices. 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.

## ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are involved from time to time in routine legal matters and other claims incidental to our business. We believe that the resolution of such matters, taking into account established reserves and insurance, will not have a material adverse impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

## ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

No matters were submitted to the vote of our sole equity holder during the fourth quarter of the year ended December 31, 2000.

#### PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS.

## (A) MARKET INFORMATION

Our equity interests are not publicly traded.

#### (B) HOLDERS

All of the membership interests of Charter Holdings are owned by Charter Communications Holding Company. All of the outstanding capital stock of Charter Communications Holding Capital Corporation is owned by Charter Holdings.

## (C) DIVIDENDS

None.

## (D) RECENT SALES OF UNREGISTERED SECURITIES

On January 10, 2001, Charter Holdings and Charter Capital issued \$900 million of 10.75% senior notes due 2009, \$500 million of 11.125% senior notes due 2011, and \$350.6 million 13.50% senior discount notes due 2011 with a principal amount at maturity of \$675 million to certain qualified institutional buyers based on the exemptions from registration contained in Rule 144A, promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The principal underwriters for this offering were Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. The aggregate gross proceeds of these notes were \$1.75 billion and the aggregate underwriting commissions and discounts were approximately \$27.2 million. The net proceeds totaling \$1.72 billion, \$272.5 million were used to repay all remaining amounts outstanding under the Charter Holdings 2000 senior bridge loan facility and a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Charter Operating and Falcon revolving credit facilities and to pay expenses related to the offering.

#### CHARTER HOLDINGS

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		1/1/98 THROUGH	12/24/98 THROUGH	YEAR E DECEMBE	R 31,
	1996	1997	12/23/98	12/31/98	1999	2000
					(DOLLARS IN EXCEPT PER S	
Statement of Operations:	***	***				
Revenues	\$14,881	\$18,867		\$ 13,713	\$ 1,428,090	\$ 3,249,222
Operating Expenses: Operating, general and						
administrative  Depreciation and amortization		11,767 6.103	25,952 16,864	7,134 8,318	737,957 745,315	1,650,918 2,462,544
Option compensation expense Management fees/corporate expense				845	79,979	40,978
charges	446	566	6,176	473	51,428	55,243
Total operating expenses		18,436	48,992	16,770		4,209,683
<pre>Income (loss) from operations</pre>	1,719	431	739		(186,589)	(960,461)
Interest expense	(4,415) 20	(5,120) 41	(17,277) 44	(2,353)	(471,871) 18,821	(1,065,236) 6,679
Loss on equity investments						(10,963)
Other income (expense)	(47)	25	(728)		(245)	(6,540)
Loss before income taxes, minority						
interest and extraordinary items	(2,723)	(4,623)	(17,222)	(5,277)	(639, 884)	(2,036,521)
Income tax expense					(1,030)	
Loss before minority interest and	(0. =00)	(4.000)	(	(= 0==)	(242 244)	(0.000.00)
extraordinary items Minority interest expense	(2,723)	(4,623)	(17,222)	(5,277)	(640,914)	(2,036,521)
Loss before extraordinary item Extraordinary item Loss on early	(2,723)	(4,623)	(17,222)	(5,277)	(640,914)	(2,047,559)
extinguishment of debt					(7,794)	
Net loss	\$(2,723) ======	\$(4,623) ======			\$ (648,708) ======	\$(2,047,559) =======
Balance sheet data (at end of period)	407.004	<b>AFF</b> 044	<b>****</b>	<b>44</b> 005 507	<b>440.000.477</b>	<b>****</b>
Total assets Total debt	\$67,994 59,222	\$55,811 41.500		\$4,335,527 2,002,206	\$18,939,477 8,936,455	\$22,982,177 12,310,455
Minority interest	´					640,526
Member's equity (deficit)	2,648	(1,975)	(8,397)	830	8,047,953	8,383,863

ITEM 7. 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 audited consolidated financial statements of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and its subsidiaries as of and for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999 and for the period from December 24, 1998 through December 31, 1998 and the period from January 1, 1998 to December 23, 1998.

## INTRODUCTION

We do not believe that our historical financial condition and results of operations are accurate indicators of future results because of certain significant past events. Those events include numerous mergers, acquisitions and debt financing transactions over the last few years.

#### ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

Our organizational structure is very complex and is described in more detail in the forepart of this Form 10-K. 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 CHARTER COMPANIES

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. Later, the operating companies comprising CCA Group became 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 of us on December 23, 1998, some of the non-operating subsidiaries, including CharterComm Holdings, were merged out of existence.

The 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, 1999, we completed 16 acquisitions for an aggregate purchase price of \$14.3 billion including aggregate cash payments of \$9.1 billion, \$3.3 billion of assumed debt and \$1.9 billion of equity interests issued. These acquisitions were funded through the issuance of long-term debt, bank borrowings, capital contributions from our parent companies, the assumption of outstanding debt amounts, equity issuances to certain sellers and internally generated funds. In 2000, Charter Communications Holding Company transferred the cable systems it acquired in three of those acquisitions (Fanch, Falcon and Avalon) to Charter Holdings. All acquisitions were accounted for under the purchase method of accounting and results of operations were included in our consolidated financial statements from their respective dates of acquisition.

The following table sets forth information on our acquisitions in 1999 and 2000.

		PURCHASE PRICE (IN MILLIONS)					REVENUES SINCE ACQUISITION DATE		
	ACQUISITION DATE	CASH PAID	ASSUMED DEBT	SECURITIES ISSUED	TOTAL PRICE	ACQUIRED CUSTOMERS	1999	2000	
							(IN IH	OUSANDS)	
Renaissance	4/99	\$ 348	\$ 111		\$ 459	134,000	\$ 42,032	\$ 70,312	
American Cable	5/99	240			240	69,000	24,904	42,151	
Greater Media Systems	6/99	500			500	176,000	32,313	95,988	
Helicon	7/99	410	115	25(a)	550	171,000	35,658	89,872	
Vista	7/99	126			126	26,000	5,751	14,253	
Cable Satellite	8/99	22			22	9,000	1,917	4,750	
Rifkin	9/99	1,200	128	133(b)	1,461	463,000	67,514	236,370	
InterMedia	10/99	873			873(c)	278,000	54,850	229,489	
Total 1999									
Acquisitions		\$3,719	\$ 354	\$ 158	\$ 4,231	1,326,000	\$264,939	\$ 783,185	
Fanch	1/00	2,400			2,400	535,600	32,281	266,031	
Falcon	1/00	1,250	1,700	550(d)	3,500	977,200	56,051	456,999	
Avalon	1/00	558	274		832	270,800	13,929	124,068	
Interlake	1/00	13			13	6,000		1,713	
Bresnan	2/00	1,100	963	1,015(e)	3,078	695,800		297,080(g)	
Capital Cable	4/00	60			60	23,200		7,513	
Farmington	4/00	15			15	5,700		1,571	
Kalamazoo	9/00			171(f)	171	50,700		7,360	
Total 2000									
		F 206	2 027	1 706	10 060	2 565 000	100 061	1 160 005	
Acquisitions Total 1999 & 2000		5,396	2,937	1,736	10,069	2,565,000	102,261	1,162,335	
Acquisitions		\$9,115	\$3,291	\$1,894	\$14,300	3,891,000	\$367,200	\$1,945,520	

(a) Purchase price component represents a preferred limited liability company interest in Charter-Helicon, LLC, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary.

(b) Purchase price component relates to equity in Charter Communications Holding Company.

(c) As part of this transaction, we agreed to "swap" some of our non-strategic cable systems serving customers in Indiana, Montana, Utah & Northern Kentucky. At the closing we retained a cable system located in Indiana for which we were unable to timely obtain 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.

(d) Purchase price component relates to common membership units in Charter Communications Holding Company issued to certain of the Falcon sellers.

(e) Purchase price component is comprised of \$385 million in equity in Charter Communications Holding Company and \$630 million of equity in CC VIII.

(f) In connection with this transaction, we acquired all of the outstanding stock of Cablevision of Michigan in exchange for 11,173,376 shares of Charter's Class A common stock.

(g) Includes revenues of approximately \$.6 million related to the cable systems acquired by Bresnan since December 31, 1999.

## PENDING AT&T TRANSACTIONS

In February 2001, Charter Communications, Inc. entered into several agreements with AT&T Broadband, LLC involving several strategic cable system transactions that will result in a net addition of approximately 512,000 customers for the Charter cable systems. In the pending AT&T transactions, Charter Communications, Inc. expects to acquire cable systems from AT&T Broadband serving approximately 574,000 customers in Missouri, Alabama, Nevada and California for a total of \$1.79 billion. It is expected that the acquired systems will be contributed to us immediately after closing. A portion of the purchase price will

consist of Charter cable systems valued at \$249 million serving approximately 62,000 customers in Florida. Of the balance of the purchase price, up to \$501.5 million will be paid in shares of Charter Communications, Inc. Class A common stock and the remainder will be paid in cash. Charter Holdings and Charter Capital have a commitment for a bridge loan from Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc. and Goldman Sachs Credit Partners LP for temporary financing of the cash portion of the purchase price. Charter Communications, Inc. expects to obtain permanent financing through one or more debt or equity financing transactions or a combination thereof. The acquisition transactions are expected to close in the second and/or third quarters of 2001, subject to certain closing conditions and regulatory review.

#### OVERVIEW OF OPERATIONS

Approximately 87% of our revenues for the year ended December 31, 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. The remaining 13% of revenue is derived 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 and franchise revenues. We have generated increased revenues in each of the past three years, primarily through customer growth from acquisitions, internal customer growth, basic and expanded tier rate increases and revenues from new services and products.

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.

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 table sets forth the percentages of revenues that items in the statements of operations constitute for the indicated periods (dollars in thousands).

## CHARTER HOLDINGS

	CHARLER INCESTINGS							
	PERIC JANUARY 1, TO DECEMBE 1998	DD 1998 ER 23,	PERIO DECEMBER 1 TO DECEMI 1998	24, 1998 BER 31, 8	YEAR END DECEMBER 1999	DED 31,	YEAR ENDE DECEMBER 3 2000	ED 31,
STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS: Revenues		100.0%	\$13,713	100.0%	\$1,428,090	100.0%	\$ 3,249,222	100.0%
Operating expenses: Operating, general and administrative costs	25, 952	52.2%	7,134	52.0%	737,957	51.7%	1,650,918	50.8%
Depreciation and Amortization Option compensation	16,864	33.9%	8,318	60.7%	745,315	52.2%	2,462,544	75.8%
expense Management fees/corporate			845	6.2%	79,979	5.6%	40,978	1.3%
expense charges	6,176	12.4%	473	3.4%	51,428	3.6%	55,243	1.7%
Total operating expenses	48,992	98.5%	16,770	122.3%	1,614,679	113.1%	4,209,683	129.6%
Income (loss) from operations Interest expense Interest income Loss on equity investments Other expense	739 (17,277) 44	1.5% (34.7)% .1%	(3,057) (2,353) 133	(22.3)% (17.2)% 1.0%	(186,589) (471,871) 18,821	(13.1)% (33.0)% 1.3%	(960, 461) (1,065, 236) 6,679 (10,963) (6,540)	. 2%
Loss before income taxes, minority interest and extraordinary item	(17, 222)	(34.6)%	(5,277)	(38.5)%	(639,884)	(44.8)%	(2,036,521)	(62.7)%
Income tax expense					(1,030)	(.1)%		
Loss before minority interest and extraordinary item	(17, 222)		(5,277)	(38.5)%			(2,036,521)	. ,
Minority interest expense							(11,038)	(.3)%
Loss before extraordinary item	(17, 222)		(5,277)	(38.5)%	(640,914)		(2,047,559)	
Extraordinary item Loss on early extinguishment of debt					(7,794)	(.5)%		
Net loss			\$(5,277) ======	(38.5)%		(45.4)%	\$(2,047,559) =======	

#### FISCAL 2000 COMPARED TO FISCAL 1999

REVENUES. Revenues increased by \$1,821.1 million or 128% from \$1,428.1 million in 1999 to \$3,249.2 million in 2000. System operations acquired after January 1, 1999 accounted for \$1,578.3 million or 87% of the increase in 2000, while systems acquired before January 1, 1999 accounted for \$242.8 million or 13%. Revenues by service offering are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	2000		1999	9	2000 OVER 1999	
	BALANCE	% OF REVENUES	BALANCE	% OF REVENUES	CHANGE	% CHANGE
Basic	\$2,249,339	69%	\$1,002,954	70%	\$1,246,385	124%
Premium	226,598	7%	124,788	9%	101,810	82%
Pay-per-view	28,590	1%	27,537	2%	1,053	4%
Digital	91,115	3%	8,299	. 5%	82,816	998%
Data services	63,330	2%	10,107	. 5%	53,223	527%
Advertising sales	220, 205	7%	71,997	5%	148,208	206%
Other	370,045	11%	182,408	13%	187,637	103%
	\$3,249,222	100%	\$1,428,090	100%	\$1,821,132	
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In 2000, we added 898,300 basic customers from 5,452,600 to 6,350,900, of which approximately 741,100 was a result of acquisitions. The remaining 157,200 relates to internal growth, which is an increase of approximately 2.5% compared to the prior year on a pro forma basis.

Premium units increased by 2,094,700 from 2,844,400 to 4,939,100, of which approximately 300,100 was a result of acquisitions. The remaining increase of 1,794,600 is the result of aggressive marketing and pricing of premium products related to upgrades.

In 2000, we added 943,300 digital customers from 126,200 to 1,069,500. Of the total increase, approximately 29,200 was the result of acquisitions and 914,100 was the result of internal growth or upgrades. The pace of growth increased throughout the year as we upgraded our systems. We surpassed our expectations throughout the year, with an average of 17,500 digital installations per week during 2000 which increased to 40,000 digital installations per week in December 2000. Growth was a result of intense marketing efforts and strong demand for this service.

Data customers increased by 180,400 from 72,000 to 252,400 of which 12,400 was the result of acquisitions and 168,000 was the result of internal growth. Our system upgrades facilitated interactive capability necessary to offer high-speed interactive service. Growth in data services was also the result of strong marketing efforts coupled with increased demand for such services.

Advertising revenues increased \$148.2 million from \$72.0 million in 1999 to \$220.2 million in 2000 of which approximately \$101.8 million was the result of operations acquired after January 1, 1999. In addition, as a result of our rebuild efforts, we experienced increased capacity due to expanded channel line-ups and thus, increased advertising. The significant level of political campaign advertising in 2000 also contributed to increased advertising revenues.

OPERATING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. Operating, general and administrative expenses increased by \$913.0 million from \$738.0 million in 1999 to \$1,650.9 million in 2000. System operations acquired after January 1, 1999 accounted for \$813.8 million or 89% of the increase in 2000 while systems

acquired before January 1, 1999 accounted for \$99.6 million or 11%. Key expense components as a percentage of revenues are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	2000			1999		2000 OVER 1999	
	BALANCE		% OF REVENUES	BALANCE	% OF REVENUES	CHANGE	% CHANGE
Programming General and Administrative Service Marketing Advertising sales Other	\$	736,043 543,430 192,603 63,789 56,499 58,554	23% 17% 6% 2% 2% 2%	\$330,754 237,480 99,486 23,447 31,281 15,509	23% 17% 7% 2% 2% 1%	\$405,289 305,950 93,117 40,342 25,218 43,045	123% 129% 94% 172% 81% 278%
	\$1 ==	,650,918 ======		\$737,957 ======		\$912,961 ======	

Of the \$405.3 million increase in programming, approximately \$355.7 million or 88% relates to operations acquired after January 1, 1999. The remaining \$49.6 million increase is due to continued inflationary or negotiated increases, particularly in sports programming, coupled with increased channel capacity. The increase in general and administrative costs of \$306.0 million reflects an increase of \$275.0 million or 90% related to operations acquired after January 1, 1999. The remaining increase of \$31.0 million is due to increases in corporate and regional resources to support our growth. Service expenses increased \$93.1 million, of which \$87.0 million or 93% relates to operations acquired after January 1, 1999 and \$6.1 million or 7% is a result of internal growth. Marketing expenses increased \$40.3 million to \$63.8 million in 2000, of which approximately \$20.1 million or 50% relates to operations acquired after January 1, 1999. The remaining increase of \$20.2 million relates to promotions of advanced product offerings, including Charter Digital Cable and TV-based high-speed Internet service. Advertising expenses increased \$25.2 million, of which the majority relates to operations acquired after January 1, 1999. Other operating expenses increased by \$43.0 million from \$15.5 million in 1999 to \$58.6 million in 2000, of which the majority relates to operations acquired after January 1, 1999.

MANAGEMENT FEES/CORPORATE EXPENSE CHARGES. Corporate expense charges increased by \$3.8 million from \$51.4 million in 1999 to \$55.2 million in 2000. The increase was primarily a result of continued growth from acquisitions.

DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION. Depreciation and amortization expense increased by \$1,717.2 million from \$745.3 million in 1999 to \$2,462.5 million in 2000. This increase was due to a full year of expense on the fixed assets and franchises of our 1999 acquisitions, a partial year of expense on 2000 acquisitions and capital expenditures of \$2.8 billion to rebuild and upgrade our cable systems in 2000. Related to the rebuild and upgrade of our plant, the useful lives of certain depreciable assets were shortened. As a result, an additional \$508.5 million of depreciation expense was recorded during 2000. These increases were partially offset by the elimination of depreciation and amortization expense related to dispositions of cable systems.

OPTION COMPENSATION EXPENSE. Option compensation expense decreased by \$39.0 million from \$80.0 million in 1999 to \$41.0 million in 2000. The expense relates to option grants at the time of the initial public offering of Charter Communications, Inc. at prices less than the estimated fair market value of Charter Communications Class A common stock resulting in compensation expense to be accrued over the vesting period of the options.

INTEREST EXPENSE. Interest expense increased by \$593.4 million from \$471.9 million in 1999 to \$1,065.2 million in 2000. The increase in interest expense was a result of increased average debt outstanding in 2000 of \$12,281.2 million compared to \$7,108.5 million in 1999, coupled with an increase in our average borrowing rate of .66% from 8.36% in 1999 to 9.02% in 2000. The increased debt was used for acquisitions, capital expenditures and for other corporate purposes.

INTEREST INCOME. Interest income decreased by \$12.1 million from \$18.8 million in 1999 to \$6.7 million in 2000. The decrease in interest income was a result of lower cash on hand in 2000 due to required credit facility draw downs in 1999 which were not required in 2000.

LOSS ON EQUITY INVESTMENTS. The loss in 2000 was primarily due to losses of \$7.0 million on investments carried under the equity method of accounting and other than temporary losses of \$4.7 million on investments carried under the cost method partially offset by realized gains of \$.7 million on sales of marketable securities.

MINORITY INTEREST EXPENSE. Minority interest expense represents the 2% accretion of the preferred membership units in our indirect subsidiary, CC VIII, LLC, issued to certain Bresnan sellers. These membership units are exchangeable on a one-for-one basis for shares of Class A common stock of Charter Communications. Inc.

NET LOSS. Net loss increased by \$1,398.9 million from \$648.7 million in 1999 to \$2,047.6 million in 2000 as a result of the combination of factors discussed above.

FISCAL 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 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 acquisition of the 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 the 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 were \$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 disposition 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 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 in 1998 compared to 1999 was the result of the acquisitions of CCA Group and CharterComm Holdings, Marcus Holdings and 1999 acquisitions.

INTEREST INCOME. Interest income increased by \$18.8 million, from \$.04 million 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, the initial public offering and the sale of the March 1999 Charter Holdings notes.

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.

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 and Marcus Holdings was not sufficient to offset the operating expenses associated with the acquired systems.

#### 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, borrowings under our credit facilities and debt and equity transactions. Our cash flows from operating activities were \$1.1 billion, \$460.4 million and \$7.6 million in 2000, 1999 and 1998, respectively. As of December 31, 2000, we had availability of \$805.6 million under our bank credit facilities. Since January 1, 1999, we have incurred significant debt to fund our capital expenditures and growth through acquisition. 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.

#### 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 set-top terminals.

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, telephony and interactive services.

We made capital expenditures, excluding acquisitions of cable systems, of \$2.78 billion and \$741.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 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.

Excluding the pending AT&T transactions, for 2001, 2002 and 2003, we expect to spend a total of approximately \$2.9 billion, \$1.75 billion and \$950,000, respectively, to upgrade and rebuild our systems in order to offer advanced services to our customers. In addition, we anticipate rebuild costs associated with the AT&T systems we expect to acquire to total approximately \$350 million. In 2001, our capital expenditures will include extensions of systems, development of new products and services, purchases of converters, system improvements and the build out of six new advanced customer call centers in 2001. 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. Currently, a projected \$500 million to \$750 million funding shortfall exists through late 2002 or early 2003 when we expect to become cash flow positive. If we borrow the full amount available under the Charter Holdings 2001 bridge loan commitment, our planned capital expenditures are funded through the end of 2002 and our funding shortfall will be \$300 million to \$500 million through 2003. We expect to fund our projected shortfall with additional bank debt, high yield debt, or contributions from any parent company equity offering or any combination thereof. 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

HIGH SPEED ACCESS CORP. In December 2000, Vulcan Ventures, Inc., an entity controlled by Mr. Allen, and Charter Communications Ventures, LLC, our subsidiary 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 December 31, 2000, our total debt was approximately \$12.3 billion. Actual debt outstanding at December 31, 2000 and pro forma for the issuance of the January 2001 Charter Holdings notes and the application of the net proceeds from these notes is summarized below (dollars in thousands):

	ACTUAL BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2000	PRO FORMA BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2000
LONG-TERM DEBT Charter Holdings: 8.250% Senior Notes, due 2007	\$ 600,000 1,500,000	\$ 600,000 1,500,000
9.920% Senior Notes, due 2011	1,475,000 675,000 325,000	1,475,000 675,000 325,000
11.75% Senior Discount Notes, due 2010	532,000  	532,000 900,000 500,000
13.5% Senior Discount Notes, due 2011	272,500	675,000
10.00% Senior Discount Notes, due 2008	114,413	114,413
11.875% Senior Discount Notes, due 2006	179,750	179,750
Other long-term debt  CREDIT FACILITIES	1,971	1,971
Charter Operating	4,432,000	3,555,000
CC V Avalon	213,000	213,000
CC VI Fanch	895,000	825,000
CC VII Falcon	1,050,000	565,000
CC VIII Bresnan	712,000	712,000
Unamortized discount	12,977,634 (667,179)	13,348,134 (992,338)
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	\$12,310,455	\$12,355,796
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MARCH 1999 CHARTER HOLDINGS NOTES. In March 1999, Charter Holdings and Charter Capital 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 \$2.9 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 December 31, 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 \$1.08 billion.

JANUARY 2000 CHARTER HOLDINGS NOTES. In January 2000, Charter Holdings and Charter Capital 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 \$1.25 billion were used to consummate change of control offers for certain of the Falcon, Avalon and Bresnan notes and debentures.

As of December 31, 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 \$335.5 million.

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 \$2.45 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 \$400.0 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% (8.39% to 9.27% as of December 31, 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. As of December 31, 2000, outstanding borrowings were approximately \$4.4 billion, and the unused availability was \$268.0 million.

RENAISSANCE NOTES. In connection with the acquisition of Renaissance in April 1999, we assumed \$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 December 31, 2000, the accreted value of the Renaissance notes that remained outstanding was approximately \$94.6 million.

FALCON DEBENTURES. Charter Communications Holding Company 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 as of the acquisition date. Falcon was transferred to Charter Holdings in January

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 \$196.0 million that matures June 2007 (Term B), and the other with the principal amount of \$294.0 million that matures becember 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. 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% (8.14% to 9.50% as of December 31, 2000). A quarterly commitment fee of between 0.25% and 0.375% per annum is payable on the unborrowed balance. As of December 31, 2000, unused availability was \$196.1 million.

AVALON CREDIT FACILITIES. In December 2000, two of our subsidiaries, Bresnan and Avalon, were merged. Upon completion of the Bresnan/Avalon Combination in January 2001, all amounts outstanding under the Avalon credit facilities were repaid and the Avalon credit facilities were terminated. The Bresnan credit facilities were amended and restated to among other things, increase borrowing availability by \$550.0 million.

AVALON NOTES. Charter Communications Holding Company 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. Avalon was transferred to us in January 2000. 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 December 31, 2000, Avalon 11.875% notes with an aggregate principal amount of \$179.8 million at maturity remained outstanding with an accreted value of \$128.4 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 the proceeds from the 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% (8.15% to 9.55% as of December 31, 2000). A quarterly commitment fee of between 0.250% and 0.375% per annum is payable on the unborrowed balance. \$850.0 million of the credit facilities were used to fund a portion of the Fanch purchase price. As of December 31, 2000, outstanding borrowings were \$895.0 million, and unused availability was \$305.0 million. However, debt covenants limit the amount that can be borrowed to \$153.5 million at December 31, 2000.

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 completion of the Bresnan/Avalon combination in January 2001, the Bresnan credit facilities were amended and restated. As amended, 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, supplemental 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 \$30.0 million to fund a portion of the Bresnan purchase price. As of December 31, 2000, outstanding borrowings were \$712.0 million and unused availability was \$188.0 million.

CHARTER HOLDINGS 2000 SENIOR BRIDGE LOAN FACILITY. On August 4, 2000, Charter Holdings and Charter Capital 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.

The net proceeds, totaling \$727.5 million, from the sales in October and November 2000 of Charter Communications, Inc.'s convertible senior notes were contributed as equity to Charter Holdings. We used all of the net proceeds therefrom to repay \$727.5 million of the amount outstanding under the Charter Holdings 2000 senior bridge loan facility. As of January 5, 2001, the remaining balance of \$272.5 million on the senior bridge loan facility was paid down with the proceeds from the sale of the Charter Holdings January 2001 notes.

JANUARY 2001 CHARTER HOLDINGS NOTES. In January 2001, Charter Holdings and Charter Capital issued \$900 million 10.75% senior notes due 2009, \$500 million 11.125% senior notes due 2011 and \$350.6 million 13.5% senior discount notes due 2011 with a principal amount at maturity of \$675 million. The net proceeds were approximately \$1.72 billion, after giving effect to discounts, commissions and expenses. The net proceeds from the January 2001 Charter Holdings notes were used to repay all remaining amounts outstanding under the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility and the Fanch revolving credit facility, a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Charter Operating and Falcon revolving credit facilities, and for general corporate purposes.

The 10.75% senior notes are not redeemable prior to maturity. Interest is payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1, beginning October 1, 2001 until maturity.

The 11.125% senior notes are redeemable at the option of the issuers at amounts decreasing from 106.750% to 100% of par value beginning on January 15, 2006, plus accrued and unpaid interest, to the date of redemption. At any time prior to January 15, 2004, the issuers may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 11.125% senior notes at a redemption price of 111.125% of the principal amount under certain conditions. Interest is payable semi-annually in arrears on January 15 and July 15, beginning on July 15, 2001, until maturity.

The 13.5% senior discount notes are redeemable at the option of the issuers at amounts decreasing from 105.563% to 100% of the accreted value beginning January 15, 2006. At any time prior to January 15, 2004, the issuers may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 13.5% senior notes at a redemption price of 113.5% of the accreted value under certain conditions. Interest is payable in arrears on January 15 and July 15, beginning on July 15, 2006, until maturity. The discount on the 13.5% senior discount notes is being accreted using the effective interest method.

These notes rank equally with the current and future unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of Charter Holdings, including the March 1999 and January 2000 senior notes and senior discount notes, and trade payables. The notes are structurally subordinated to all existing and future liabilities, including trade payables of our subsidiaries.

CHARTER HOLDINGS 2001 SENIOR BRIDGE LOAN COMMITMENT. On February 26, 2001, Charter Holdings and Charter Capital signed a commitment with Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc. and Goldman Sachs Credit Partners LP, to provide senior increasing rate bridge loans of up to \$2 billion for capital expenditures, general corporate purposes, and to fund the cash portion of the pending AT&T transactions. If any of the pending AT&T transactions is not completed, the commitment would be reduced by the amount of the commitment allocated to such portion of the transaction, up to \$1 billion.

The bridge loans would bear interest initially at a rate equal to the bid-side yield of the 11.125% senior notes, less 25 basis points. The rate would increase by 125 basis points at the end of the first 90 days after funding, and 50 basis points for each 90-day period after the first 90 days.

The commitment expires on December 31, 2001 unless the bridge loan agreement has been signed. The bridge loans would mature one year from the date of first funding, but can, at the borrowers' election, be converted into senior term loans that would be due nine years after such conversion. Interest on the senior term loans would initially be the rate then in effect for the bridge loans, plus 50 basis points, and would increase by 50 basis points after every 90 days' period after such conversion.

Following any conversion of the bridge loans into senior term loans, the lenders would have the right to request that their notes be exchanged for notes that would be issued under an indenture with covenants and events of default similar to those in the 11.125% senior notes, but may not be redeemed until the fifth anniversary of the first funding of the bridge loan. After the fifth anniversary, the notes would be redeemable at a premium of one-half of the coupon on the note, declining ratably annually to zero on the date that is two years prior to the maturity date. The bridge loan agreement would require that the borrowers file a shelf registration statement with respect to the exchange notes and to use commercially reasonable efforts to have the statement become effective and available to allow for unrestricted resales of the exchange notes. The exchange notes would bear interest at the higher of the rate of interest applicable to the senior term loans and the bid-side yield of the 11.125% senior notes.

Interest on the bridge loans, senior term loans or exchange notes would not be lower than 9% and may not exceed 15% annually.

The prospective lenders' commitments to us are subject to a number of conditions. We cannot assure you that such conditions will be met. If these conditions are not met, these funds will not be available to us and we will need to obtain alternative financing. If we are unable to obtain replacement financing, we could be unable to consummate the pending AT&T transactions.

### OUTLOOK

We believe we are uniquely positioned in the forefront of our industry going into 2001. In 2001, we will continue to aggressively roll out our advanced services, focusing on digital cable and high speed data. We expect to complete the AT&T transactions in the second and/or third quarters of 2001. The effect of these transactions is not included in this Outlook discussion.

With "same store" systems running smoothly and major 1999 and 2000 acquisitions successfully integrated, we expect 2001 revenue growth of 14-16% and operating cash flow growth after corporate overhead expense of 12-14%. Basic customer growth is expected to exceed 2% in 2001, consistent with 2000 growth. Digital revenues are expected to increase dramatically from 1.07 million customers at December 31, 2000 with 2 million customers by the end of 2001. In addition, we expect VOD to be available to approximately 2.2 million homes passed by the end of the year. Telephony initiatives will continue to be tested and developed during 2001 with targeted market entry in 2002 or 2003. Furthermore, we will continue our focus on interactive TV, with trials currently in process and expected launches in several markets beginning in 2001. Our advanced technology team is working on DVR capability in advanced digital set-top terminals and wireless home networking. Set-top terminals with built-in DVR functionality should be available to our digital customers in 2001.

Operating expenses are expected to increase 18%-19% in 2001, driven primarily by increased digital and data sales, as well as higher programming and general and administrative costs. Programming costs are expected to increase approximately 25%. The year over year increase on a per channel basis is approximately 12-13%. Sports programming is the largest portion of the expected increase. The remainder of the increase is due to digital and basic customer growth, new channel launches and higher premium rates. The primary drivers for increased general and administrative costs are higher property taxes of approximately \$22 million, resulting from the network upgrades and approximately \$11 million of expenses associated with new customer call centers.

We will continue to evaluate strategic acquisitions and "swaps" of cable systems in order to enlarge the coverage of our current areas of operations. This approach will allow us to generate higher growth in revenues and operating cash flow.

Customer care will remain a priority at Charter. We plan to build six new customer contact centers in 2001 with capital expenditures of \$66 million in 2001. These new centers will serve our customer base with state-of-the-art technology to further improve customer satisfaction. Eventually, each of our twelve regions will have its own customer contact center.

We will continue our system rebuilds and upgrades so that our customers have access to the latest advanced service technology. We will aggressively evaluate funding opportunities, including bank, equity or high-yield financing, to meet the needs of our future growth plans, including future strategic acquisitions.

#### CERTAIN TRENDS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The following discussion highlights a number of trends and uncertainties, in addition to those discussed elsewhere in this Form 10-K, that could materially impact our business, results of operations and financial condition.

SUBSTANTIAL LEVERAGE. As of December 31, 2000, pro forma for the sale of the January 2001 Charter Holdings notes and the application of the net proceeds therefrom, our total debt was approximately \$12.4 billion. We anticipate incurring significant additional debt in the future, including the Charter Holdings 2001 senior bridge loan commitment, to fund future acquisitions and 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 December 31, 2000, approximately 53% 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 December 31, 2000, our weighted-average rate on outstanding bank commitments is approximately 8.33% and approximately 9.50% on high-yield debt, resulting in a blended weighted-average rate of 8.94%. 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 our publicly held debt.

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 be assured 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 set-top terminals 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 recently issued a tentative decision against such dual carriage.

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, two federal district courts in Virginia and a federal circuit court in California struck down as unlawful open-access requirements imposed by three different franchising authorities. The federal circuit court ruling reversed an earlier district court decision that had upheld an open-access requirement. In response, the FCC has initiated a new proceeding to categorize cable-delivered Internet service and perhaps establish an appropriate regulatory scheme. Company-specific open access requirements were imposed on Time Warner cable systems in connection with the AOL merger.

Although cable system attachments to public utility poles historically have been regulated at the federal or state level, the provision of non-traditional cable services, like the provision of Internet access, may endanger that regulatory protection. The 11th Circuit Court of Appeals recently ruled such services left cable attachments ineligible for regulatory protection, and certain utilities already have proposed vastly higher put attachment rates. The 11th Circuit decision is now scheduled to be reviewed by the United States Supreme Court.

#### 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 designated for hedging purposes and are not held or issued for speculative purposes.

At December 31, 2000, we had outstanding \$1.9\$ billion, \$15.0\$ million and \$520 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 years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, was not significant.

The fair value of fixed-rate debt at December 31, 2000, was \$5.5 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 \$7.3 billion at December 31, 2000, since this debt bears interest at current market rates.

### ACCOUNTING STANDARDS NOT YET IMPLEMENTED

SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, as amended by SFAS 137, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities -- Deferral of the Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 133, and SFAS 138, Accounting for Certain Derivative Instruments and Certain Hedging Activities, is effective for the Registrants as of 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. Adoption of these new accounting standards is expected to result in a cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle that increases net loss by approximately \$23.9 million.

# SUPPLEMENTAL UNAUDITED PRO FORMA DATA

The following Supplemental Unaudited Pro Forma Data is based on the historical financial data of Charter Holdings and does not include the effect of the pending AT&T transactions or any borrowings under the Charter Holdings 2001 senior bridge loan commitment. Our financial data, on a consolidated basis, is

adjusted on a pro forma basis to illustrate the estimated effects of the following transactions as if they had occurred on January 1, 2000:

- the acquisitions by Charter Holdings and its subsidiaries completed since January 1, 2000, including the Bresnan and Kalamazoo acquisitions;
- borrowings under the Charter Holdings 2000 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;
- the repayment of a portion of the Charter Holdings 2000 senior bridge loan facility with net proceeds from the issuance and sale of Charter Communications, Inc.'s convertible senior notes, which proceeds were contributed to us; and
- the issuance and sale of the January 2001 Charter Holdings notes and the application of the net proceeds to repay all remaining amounts outstanding under the Charter Holdings 2000 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 pro forma impact of the issuance and sale of the January 2000 Charter Holdings notes, issued on January 10, 2000, is not significant and is therefore not taken into account in the pro forma adjustments below.

The Supplemental Unaudited Pro Forma Data reflects the application of the principles of purchase accounting to the acquisitions completed since January 1, 2000. The purchase price allocations are 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 price allocation will not have a material impact on our results of operations or financial position.

The Supplemental Unaudited Pro Forma Data does not purport to be indicative of what our 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.

SUPPLEMENTAL UNAUDITED PRO FORMA DATA
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

	CHARTER HOLDINGS	PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS(A)	
		THOUSANDS, EXCEPT	
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS DATA REVENUES:			
Basic	\$ 2,249,339 226,598 28,590 91,115 220,205 63,330	\$ 36,382 5,152 474 736 2,519 1,643	\$ 2,285,721 231,750 29,064 91,851 222,724 64,973
Other	370,045	2,846	372,891
Total revenues	3,249,222	49,752	3,298,974
Programming. General and administrative. Service. Marketing. Advertising Sales. Other. Depreciation.	736,043 543,430 192,603 63,789 56,499 58,554 1,205,049	13,144 2,300 6,766 541 5,222 1,339 15,592	749,187 545,730 199,369 64,330 61,721 59,893 1,220,641
Amortization. Option compensation expense. Corporate expense charges.	1,257,495 40,978 55,243	31,253  707	1,288,748 40,978 55,950
Total operating expenses	4,209,683	76,864	4,286,547
Loss from operations.  Interest expense.  Interest income.  Other expense.	(960,461) (1,065,236) 6,679 (17,503)	(27, 112) (24, 165) (49) (77)	(987,573) (1,089,401) 6,630 (17,580)
Loss before minority interest expense Minority interest expense(b)	(2,036,521) (11,038)	(51,403) (1,551)	(2,087,924) (12,589)
Net loss	, , ,	\$(52,954)	\$(2,100,513)
OTHER FINANCIAL DATA: EBITDA(c)	1,484,580 45.7% 1,598,304	19,656 39.5% 20,440	1,504,236 45.6% 1,618,744

SUPPLEMENTAL UNAUDITED PRO FORMA DATA AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

CHARTER PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS(A) HOLDINGS ------(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

62.1%

OPERATING DATA

(at end of period, except for average) Homes passed(f)..... 10,225,000 6,350,900 Basic customers(g)..... Basic penetration(h)..... 4,939,100 77.8% Average monthly revenue per basic customer(k)..... 43.29

- (a) Comprised of: (1) Our acquisitions' results of operations from January 1, 2000 to their respective acquisition dates (Interlake -- January 31, 2000; Bresnan -- February 14, 2000; Capital Cable and Farmington -- April 1, 2000; Kalamazoo -- September 7, 2000), as well as the sale of 4,715 customers in Dickinson, North Dakota, completed on December 31, 2000; (2) borrowings under the Charter Holdings 2000 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; (3) repayment of a portion of the Charter Holdings 2000 senior bridge loan facility with net proceeds from the issuance and sale of the Charter Communications, Inc. convertible senior notes; and (4) the issuance and sale of the January 2001 Charter Holdings notes and the application of the net proceeds to repay all remaining amounts outstanding under the Charter Holdings 2000 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.
- (b) Represents the accretion of the preferred membership units in our indirect subsidiary, CC VIII, LLC, issued to certain Bresnan sellers. These membership units are exchangeable on a one-for-one basis for shares of Class A common stock of Charter Communications, Inc.
- (c) EBITDA represents earnings (loss) before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, and minority interest. 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 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 and other 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.

- (f) 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.
- (q) Basic customers are customers who receive basic cable service.
- (h) Basic penetration represents basic customers as a percentage of homes passed.
- Premium units represent the total number of subscriptions to premium channels.
- (j) Premium penetration represents premium units as a percentage of basic customers.
- (k) 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 period end.

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.

#### 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 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.

The table set forth below summarizes the fair values and contract terms of financial instruments subject to interest rate risk maintained by us as of December 31, 2000 (dollars in thousands):

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	THEREAFTER	TOTAL	FAIR VALUE AT DECEMBER 31, 2000
DEBT								
Fixed Rate Average Interest	\$	\$ 495	\$ 67,247	\$ 279	\$750,000	\$5,607,613	\$6,425,634	\$5,496,923
Rate		7.5%	11.8%	7.5%	5.8%	9.7%	9.3%	
Variable Rate Average Interest	\$	\$129,645	\$286,170	\$418,593	\$590,332	\$5,877,260	\$7,302,000	\$7,302,000
Rate INTEREST RATE INSTRUMENTS Variable to Fixed		7.6%	7.7%	7.7%	7.7%	8.3%	8.2%	
Swaps	\$720,000	\$330,000	\$ 80,000	\$140,000	\$300,000	\$ 372,713	\$1,942,713	\$ 5,236
Average Pay Rate	7.8%	7.5%	6.8%	6.8%	7.8%	7.7%	7.6%	
Average Receive Rate	7.8%	7.7%	7.7%	7.8%	7.8%	7.9%	7.8%	
Cap		\$ 15,000					\$ 15,000	
Average Cap Rate		9.0%					9.0%	

The notional amounts of interest rate instruments, as presented in the above table, are used to measure interest to be paid or received and do not represent the amount of exposure to credit loss. The estimated fair value approximates the costs (proceeds) to settle the outstanding contracts. Interest rates on variable debt are estimated using the average implied forward London Interbank Offering Rate (LIBOR) rates for the year of maturity based on the yield curve in effect at December 31, 2000. While swaps, caps and collars represent an integral part of our interest rate risk management program, their incremental effect on interest expense for the years ended December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998 was not significant.

In addition to the interest rate instruments listed in the table above, we maintain collars with an aggregate \$520 million notional amount maturing in 2004. The collar agreements are structured so that if LIBOR falls below 5.3%, we pay 6.7%. If the LIBOR rate is between 5.3% and 8.0%, we pay LIBOR. The LIBOR rate is

capped at 8.0% if LIBOR falls between 8.0% and 9.9%. If rates go above 9.9%, the cap is removed. As of December 31, 2000, the fair value of the collars was a liability of \$10.8\$ million.

In January 2001, Charter Holdings and Charter Capital issued \$900 million 10.75% senior notes due 2009, \$500 million 11.125% senior notes due 2011 and \$675 million 13.5% senior discount notes due 2011. The net proceeds from the selling of these notes, approximately \$1.72 billion, were used, in part, to repay all remaining amounts outstanding under the Charter Holdings 2000 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.

#### ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA.

Our consolidated financial statements, predecessor financial statements and certain financial statements of entities or cable systems we acquired (as required to comply with the application of Rule 3-05 of Regulation S-X and Staff Accounting Bulletin 80), the related notes thereto, and the reports of independent auditors are included in this Annual Report beginning on page F-1.

ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE.

None.

PART III

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT.

#### 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 March 1999, January 2000 and January 2001 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 "Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions."

Charter Holdings has two directors, Jerald L. Kent and William D. Savoy. The persons listed below are directors of Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company, Charter Holdings or Charter Capital, as indicated. All of Charter Communications, Inc.'s directors are elected annually.

DIRECTORS	POSITION

Paul G. Allen	Chairman of the Board of Directors of Charter Communications, Inc. and Director of Charter Communications Holding Company
William D. Savoy	Director of Charter Communications, Inc., Charter
•	Communications Holding Company and Charter Holdings
Jerald L. Kent	Director of Charter Communications, Inc., Charter
	Communications Holding Company, Charter Holdings and Charter
	Capital
Marc B. Nathanson	Director of Charter Communications, Inc.
Ronald L. Nelson	Director of Charter Communications, Inc.
Nancy B. Peretsman	Director of Charter Communications, Inc.
Howard L. Wood	Director of Charter Communications, Inc.

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

PAUL G. ALLEN, 48, 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, Inc. since December 1998. Mr. Allen, a co-founder of Microsoft Corporation, has been a private investor for more than five years, with interests in over 140 companies, each contributing to the Wired World vision that we share. Mr. Allen's

investments include Vulcan Ventures Incorporated, Portland Trail Blazers NBA team, Seattle Seahawks NFL franchise, Vulcan Programming, Inc. and Vulcan Cable III Inc., and he has investments in USA Networks, Inc., TechTV, L.L.C., Dreamworks SKG, High Speed Access Corp., Wink Communications, Inc. and Oxygen Media, LLC. He is a director of USA Networks, Inc., TechTV, L.L.C. and numerous privately held companies.

JERALD L. KENT, 44, has been the President, Chief Executive Officer and a director of Charter Communications, Inc. since July 1999 and of Charter Investment (a predecessor to, and currently an affiliate of, Charter Communications, Inc.) 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 the National Cable Television Association. Mr. Kent, a certified public accountant, received his undergraduate and M.B.A. degrees from Washington University (St. Louis). Mr. Kent's employment agreement provides that he serve on the Board of Directors of Charter Communications, Inc. See "Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions -- Employment and Consulting Agreements."

MARC B. NATHANSON, 55, 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, from 1975 until 1999. 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 1995, he was appointed by the President of the United States, and since 1998 has served as chairman of The Broadcasting Board of Governors. Pursuant to a May 1999 letter agreement, Mr. Nathanson serves as Vice-Chairman and as a director of Charter Communications, Inc. See "Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions -- Employment and Consulting Arrangements."

RONALD L. NELSON, 48, has been a director of Charter Communications, Inc. since November 1999. Mr. Nelson is a founding member of DreamWorks 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. He currently serves as a member of the board of directors of Advanced Tissue Sciences, Inc. and Centre Pacific, L.L.C., a registered investment advisor. 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, 47, 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 Paul G. 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 has a B.A. degree from Princeton University and an M.P.P.M. degree from Yale University.

WILLIAM D. SAVOY, 36, 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 vice president and a director of Vulcan Ventures Incorporated, president of Vulcan Northwest, Inc., and president and a director of Vulcan Programming, Inc. and Vulcan Cable III Inc. Mr. Savoy also serves on the advisory board of Dreamworks SKG and as a director of drugstore.com, High Speed Access Corp., Metricom, Inc., Peregrine Systems, Inc., RCN Corporation, Telescan, Inc., USA Networks, Inc., TechTV, L.L.C., Digeo Broadband, 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, 61, 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.

#### **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

The following persons are executive officers of each of Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company and Charter Holdings:

# EXECUTIVE OFFICERS POSITION

Jerald L. Kent..... President and Chief Executive Officer Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Senior Vice President -- Marketing and Charter Media Senior Vice President -- Administration Thomas R. Jokerst..... Senior Vice President -- Advanced Technology Development Kent D. Kalkwarf..... Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Ralph G. Kelly..... Senior Vice President -- Treasurer Senior Vice President of Operations -- Eastern Division Senior Vice President -- Engineering Michael E. Riddle..... Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer Steven A. Schumm..... Executive Vice President, Assistant to the President Curtis S. Shaw..... Stephen E. Silva.... Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary Senior Vice President -- Corporate Development and Technology James (Trey) H. Smith, III...... Senior Vice President of Operations -- Western Division

Information regarding our executive officers is set forth below.

DAVID C. ANDERSEN, 52, Senior Vice President -- Communications. Prior to joining Charter Communications, Inc. in May 2000, Mr. Andersen served as vice president of Communications for 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, 42, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Barford was promoted to his current position in July 2000, having previously served 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, 45, Senior Vice President -- Marketing and Charter Media. 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, 48, 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 bachelor's degrees from the University of Iowa and a master's degree from Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management.

THOMAS R. JOKERST, 51, 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. Mr. Jokerst is a graduate of Ranken Technical Institute and of Southern Illinois University.

KENT D. KALKWARF, 41, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Kalkwarf was promoted to the position of Executive Vice President in July 2000, having previously served as Senior Vice President. 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, 44, 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 Investment 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.

JERALD L. KENT, 44, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director. 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., Digeo Broadband Inc., Cable Television Laboratories, Inc., Com21 Inc. and C-Span. He is also a member of the executive committee and the board of directors of the National Cable Television Association. Mr. Kent, a certified public accountant, received his undergraduate and M.B.A. degrees from Washington University (St. Louis).

DAVID L. MCCALL, 45, Senior Vice President of Operations -- Eastern Division. Prior to joining Charter Investment in 1995, Mr. McCall was associated with Crown Cable and its predecessor company, Cencom Cable Associates, Inc., from 1983 to 1994. Mr. McCall is a member of the Southern Cable Association's Tower Club.

JOHN C. PIETRI, 51, 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, 42, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer. Prior to joining Charter Communications, Inc. in December 1999, Mr. Riddle was director, 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, 48, 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 for 14 years. He had joined Ernst & Young in 1974. 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, 52, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary. From 1988 until he joined Charter Investment in 1997, Mr. Shaw served as corporate counsel to NYNEX. Since 1973, Mr. Shaw has practiced 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, 41, Senior Vice President -- Corporate Development and Technology. Mr. Silva joined Charter Investment in 1995 and has also served as vice president responsible for billing services and new product development. Mr. Silva previously served in various management positions at U.S. Computer

Services, Inc., a billing service provider specializing in the cable industry. He is a member of the board of directors of High Speed Access Corp. and Diva Systems Corporation.

JAMES (TREY) H. SMITH, III, 53, 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 chief executive officer of Rogers Cablesystems Ltd., senior vice president of the Western Region for MediaOne/Continental Cable and executive vice president of operations for 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.

#### ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.

#### DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

The employee directors of Charter Holdings, Charter Capital, Charter Communications Holding Company and Charter Communications, Inc. are not entitled to any additional compensation for serving as director nor are they paid any fees for attendance at any Board meetings. Each non-employee director of Charter Communications, Inc., other than Mr. Allen, was issued 40,000 fully vested options for agreeing to join the Board of Directors of Charter Communications, Inc. All non-employee directors of Charter Communications, Inc. received an annual grant of 10,000 vested options in February 2001. All directors of Charter Communications, Inc. are entitled to reimbursement for costs incurred in connection with attendance at Board and committee meetings and may receive additional compensation to be determined.

Mr. Kent is a party to an employment agreement with Charter Communications, Inc. Mr. Wood is a party to a consulting agreement with Charter Communications, Inc. and Mr. Nathanson is a party to a letter agreement with Charter Communications, Inc. These agreements are summarized in "Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions -- Employment and Consulting Arrangements."

#### **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

### Summary Compensation Table

None of the executive officers listed in Item 10 above has ever received any compensation from Charter Holdings or Charter Capital, nor do such individuals expect to receive compensation from Charter Holdings or Charter Capital at any time in the future.

The following table sets forth information regarding the compensation paid for services rendered in 2000 to executive officers of Charter Holdings for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1998, 1999 and 2000, including the Chief Executive Officer and each of the other four most highly compensated executive officers as of December 31, 2000. Through the beginning of November 1999, such executive officers had received their compensation from Charter Investment. Since November 1999, such officers receive their compensation from Charter Communications, Inc.

	YEAR		ANNUAL COMPENS	ATION	LONG-TERM COMPENSATION AWARD SECURITIES	
NAME AND PRINCIPAL POSITION	ENDED DEC. 31	SALARY(\$)	BONUS(\$)(1)	OTHER ANNUAL COMPENSATION(2)	UNDERLYING OPTIONS(#)	ALL OTHER COMPENSATION(\$)(3)
Jerald L. Kent President and Chief Executive Officer	2000 1999 1998	1,250,000 1,250,000 790,481	1,000,000 625,000 641,353	127,005(4) 76,799(5)	  7,044,127	5,250 4,000 18,821
Steven A. Schumm(6) Executive Vice President	2000 1999 1998	410,000 400,000 12,307	444,000 60,000 12,300	  	782,681 	2,040 1,920 
David G. Barford Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer	2000 1999 1998	255,000 235,000 220,000	250,500 80,000 225,000(7)	  	40,000 200,000 	5,250 7,000 8,395,235(8)
Kent D. Kalkwarf Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2000 1999 1998	225,000 180,000 135,000	250,500 80,000 55,000	  	40,000 200,000 	5,250 2,586 7,768,091(8)
David L. McCall Senior Vice President of Operations Eastern Division	2000 1999 1998	225,000 149,656 133,414	283,625 108,800 107,180	  	25,000 200,000 	4,237 505 4,193,495(8)

(1) Includes "stay" bonus of \$321,000 for Mr. Schumm and \$160,500 for each of Messrs. Barford, Kalkwarf and McCall in the form of principal and interest forgiven during 2000 under employee's promissory note, as more fully described in "Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions -- Employment and Consulting Arrangements."

(2) Includes other annual non-cash compensation, such as company-paid health, disability and life insurance premiums pursuant to plans covering all employees, unless the aggregate amount does not exceed the lesser of \$50,000 or 10% of such officer's total annual salary and bonus shown in the table.

(3) Includes matching contributions under Charter Communications, Inc.'s 401(k) plan.

(4) Includes \$35,499 attributed to personal use of corporate airplane and \$85,214 as reimbursement for purchase of a car.

(5) Includes \$55,719 paid for club membership and dues and \$20,351 attributed to personal use of corporate airplane.

(6) Mr. Schumm became affiliated with Charter Investment on December 16, 1998.

(7) Includes \$150,000 received as a one-time bonus.

(8) 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 Mr. Allen's acquisition of control on December 23, 1998, but was income for 1999.

#### 2000 OPTION GRANTS

The following table shows individual grants of options made to executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table during 2000. All such grants were made under the 1999 Option Plan and the exercise price was based upon the fair market value of the underlying securities on the date of grant.

	NUMBER OF SECURITIES UNDERLYING	% OF TOTAL OPTIONS GRANTED TO	EVEDOTOE	EVDTD4TTQ1	OF STO	ANNUAL RATES OCK PRICE CATION FOR I TERM(2)
NAME	OPTIONS GRANTED(1)	EMPLOYEES IN 2000	EXERCISE PRICE	EXPIRATION DATE	5%	10%
Jerald L. Kent						
Steven A. Schumm						
David G. Barford	40,000	0.4	\$19.47	2/15/10	489,783	2,020,007
Kent D. Kalkwarf	40,000	0.4	\$19.47	2/15/10	489,783	2,020,007
David L. McCall	25,000	0.2	\$19.47	2/15/10	306,114	1,262,504

POTENTIAL REALIZABLE VALUE

- (1) These options are exercisable as to 25% of the underlying securities at the fifteenth month after grant, and thereafter, as to 1/45 of the remaining securities in each of the next 45 months. These options were granted under the 1999 Option Plan and, when vested, are exercisable for membership units of Charter Communications Holding Company, which are immediately exchanged on a one-for-one basis for shares of Charter Communications Inc.'s Class A common stock.
- (2) 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.

#### 1999 OPTION PLAN

Charter Holdings adopted an option plan on February 9, 1999, which was assumed by Charter Communications Holding Company in May 1999. This plan provides for the grant of options to purchase up to 25,009,798 membership units in Charter Communications Holding Company 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. Membership units received upon exercise of any options are immediately exchanged for shares of Charter Communications, Inc. Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis

As of March 15, 2001, a total of 20,913,384 options to purchase membership units in Charter Communications Holding Company were outstanding under the plan. One-fourth of the options vest on the 15-month anniversary of the date of grant and the remaining vest 1/45 on each month anniversary following the 15-month anniversary of the date of grant. The options expire after ten years from the date of grant. The plan administrator has the discretion to accelerate the vesting of any options.

### 2001 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN

In February 2001, the Board of Directors of Charter Communications, Inc. unanimously adopted the Charter Communications, Inc. 2001 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2001 Incentive Plan"). This plan provides for the grant of Nonqualified Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Dividend Equivalent Rights, Performance Units and Performance Shares, Share Awards, Phantom Stock and Restricted Stock (as each term is defined in the 2001 Incentive Plan. The number of shares of Class A Common Stock of Charter Communications, Inc. available for stock-based options and awards under this plan is such that the combined number of shares available under the 1999 Option Plan and the 2001 Incentive Plan will be 60,000,000. The 2001 Incentive Plan extends to employees (including future employees who have received a formal offer of employment), officers, consultants and directors of Charter Communications, Inc., as well as subsidiaries and affiliates of Charter Communications, Inc.

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As of March 15, 2001, options to purchase 6,823,450 shares of Class A common stock have been granted, subject to approval of the plan by Charter Communications, Inc.'s shareholders, which is expected to occur in June 2001.

Each option and award under the 2001 Incentive Plan will be evidenced by an agreement that sets forth the terms of the grant. Under the 2001 Incentive Plan, the Committee administering the plan has the authority to, among other things: (i) select the individuals to whom options and awards will be granted, (ii) determine the type, size and terms and conditions of options and awards and (iii) establish the terms for treatment of options and awards upon a termination of employment.

2000 AGGREGATED OPTION EXERCISES AND DECEMBER 31, 2000 OPTION VALUE TABLE

There were no option exercises by executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table in 2000. The following table sets forth, for such officers, information concerning options, including the number of securities for which options were held at December 31, 2000, 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, 2000) and the value of unexercised options as of December 31, 2000.

	SECURITIES		SECURITIES OPTIO	BER OF S UNDERLYING DNS AT 31, 2000(1)	VALUE OF UNEXERCISED IN-THE-MONEY OPTIONS AT DECEMBER 31, 2000(2)		
	ACQUIRED ON EXERCISE	VALUE REALIZED	EXERCISABLE	UNEXERCISABLE	EXERCISABLE	UNEXERCISABLE	
erald L. Kent			3,522,063	3,522,064	\$80,901,787	\$80,901,810	
teven A. Schumm			300,027	482,654	6,981,620	11,086,103	
avid G. Barford			76,666	163,334	1,761,018	3,751,782	
ent D. Kalkwarf			76,666	163,334	1,761,018	3,751,782	
avid L. McCall			76,666	148,334	1,761,018	3,407,232	

- (1) These options are exercisable as to 25% of the underlying securities at the fifteenth month after grant, and thereafter, as to 1/45 of the remaining securities in each of the next 45 months. These options were granted under the 1999 Option Plan and, when vested, are exercisable for membership units of Charter Communications Holding Company, which are immediately exchanged on a one-for-one basis for shares of Charter Communications Inc.'s Class A common stock.
- (2) Based on a per share market value of \$22.97 for Charter Communications Inc.'s Class A common stock.

### COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION

In February 2000, the Board of Directors of Charter Communications, Inc. appointed a Compensation Committee comprised of Messrs. Allen, Savoy, Nathanson and Wood, and executive officer compensation matters, including option grants, were delegated to the Compensation Committee. In June 2000, the Board of Directors of Charter Communications, Inc. appointed Nancy B. Peretsman and Ronald L. Nelson to serve as a separate committee to administer the 1999 Option Plan.

During 2000 and through the date hereof, no member of the Compensation Committee or the Option Plan Committee was an officer or employee of Charter Communications, Inc. or any of its subsidiaries. Mr. Wood served as an officer of Charter Communications, Inc. for several months in 1999, and served as a consultant to Charter Communications, Inc. in 2000. Mr. Nathanson served as an officer of certain of Charter Communications, Inc.'s subsidiaries prior to their acquisition by Charter Communications, Inc. Transactions between Charter Communications, Inc. and certain members of the Compensation Committee are more fully described in "Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions."

None of the executive officers of Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company, Charter Holdings or Charter Capital serve on the compensation committee of any other company

that has an executive officer currently serving on the Board of Directors of Charter Communications Inc. or any of its affiliates, the Compensation Committee or the Option Plan Committee.

#### ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT.

The following table sets forth certain information regarding beneficial ownership of Charter Communications, Inc.'s Class A common stock as of March 15, 2001 by:

- each of our directors and the directors of Charter Communications, Inc.;
- each of our executive officers and the executive officers of Charter Communications, Inc. named in the Summary Compensation Table;
- all directors and executive officers of Charter Holdings and Charter Communications, Inc. as a group; and
- each person known by us to own beneficially 5% or more of the outstanding Charter Communications, Inc. Class A common stock.

With respect to the percentage of voting power set forth in the following table:

- each holder of Charter Communications, Inc. Class A common stock is entitled to one vote per share; and
- each holder of Charter Communications, Inc. Class B common stock is entitled to a number of votes based on the number of such holder's and his affiliates' shares of Class B common stock and membership units of Charter Communications Holding Company 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 of Charter Communications Holding Company held by him or his affiliates.

	SHARES RECEIVABLE ON		CLASS A	COMMON STOCK	госк		
NAME AND ADDRESS OF BENEFICIAL OWNER	NUMBER OF CLASS A SHARES OWNED(1)	EXERCISE OF VESTED OPTIONS(2)	SHARES ISSUABLE UPON EXCHANGE OR CONVERSION(3)	% OF EQUITY(4)	% OF VOTING POWER(5)		
Paul G. Allen(6)	8,900,883	10,000	324,300,479(7)	48.21%	93.5%		
Charter Investment, Inc.(8)			217,585,246(9)	48.20%	*		
Vulcan Cable III Inc.(6)			106,715,233(11)	31.34%	*		
Jerald L. Kent	22,000	4,109,074		1.74%	*		
Howard L. Wood		155,000		*	*		
Marc B. Nathanson(10)	9,967,435	50,000		4.28%	*		
Ronald L. Nelson	17,500	50,000		*	*		
Nancy B. Peretsman	10,000	50,000		*	*		
William D. Savoy		50,000	735,126(11)	*	*		
Steven A. Schumm(12)	3,700	339,161	, , ,	*	*		
David G. Barford	2,500	86,666		*	*		
Kent D. Kalkwarf	9,000	86,666		*	*		
David L. McCall	4,700	86,666		*	*		
All current directors and executive officers as a group (21							
persons)	19,040,893	5,645,315	324,300,479	61.91%	93.9%		
TCID of Michigan, Inc			15,117,743	6.1%	*		

<sup>\*</sup> Less than 1%.

- (1) Includes shares for which the named person has:
  - Sole voting and investment power; or
  - Shared voting and investment power with a spouse.

Does not include shares that may be acquired through exercise of options.

- (2) Includes shares of Charter Communications, Inc. Class A common stock issuable upon exercise of options vested on or before May 14, 2001 under the 1999 Option Plan. Furthermore, because the controlling shareholder of Charter Communications, Inc. has advised Charter Communications, Inc. of his intent to vote to approve the 2001 Incentive Plan, this number also includes options granted to directors under the 2001 Incentive Plan, which were fully vested upon grant but the exercise of which is conditioned on the Charter Communications, Inc. shareholders' approval of the plan at the upcoming annual meeting.
- (3) Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with Rule 13d-3. The beneficial owners of Charter Communications, Inc.'s Class B common stock, Charter Communications Holding Company membership units and CC VIII, LLC membership units are deemed to be beneficial owners of an equal number of shares of the Charter Communications, Inc.'s Class A common stock because such holdings are either convertible into Class A shares (in the case of Class B shares) or exchangeable (directly or indirectly) into Class A shares (in the case of the membership units) 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.
- (4) The calculation of this percentage assumes for each person that:
  - 233,745,869 shares of Class A common stock are currently issued and outstanding;
  - 50,000 shares of Class B common stock held by Mr. Allen have been converted into shares of Class A common stock;
  - the acquisition by such person of all shares of Class A common stock that such person or affiliates of such person has the right to acquire upon exchange of membership units in subsidiaries;

- the acquisition by such person of all shares that may be acquired upon exercise of options to purchase shares or exchangeable membership units that have vested or will vest by May 14, 2001; and
- that none of the other listed persons or entities has received any shares of Class A common stock that are issuable to any of such persons pursuant to the exercise of options or otherwise.

A person is deemed to have the right to acquire shares of Class A common stock with respect to vested options under the 1999 Option Plan. When vested, these options are exercisable for membership units of Charter Communications Holding Company, which are immediately exchanged on a one-for-one basis for shares of Charter Communications, Inc.'s Class A common stock. A person is also deemed to have the right to acquire shares of Class A common stock issuable upon the exercise of vested options under the 2001 Incentive Plan.

- (5) 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 both Vulcan Cable III Inc. and Charter Investment have not been exchanged for shares of Class A common stock); and that outstanding membership units of CC VIII, LLC owned by TCID of Michigan, Inc. have not been exchanged for shares of Class A common stock.
- (6) The address of these persons is 505 Fifth Avenue, Suite 900, Seattle, WA 98104.
- (7) The total listed is comprised of:
  - 217,585,246 membership units in Charter Communications Holding Company held by Charter Investment;
  - 106,715,233 membership units in Charter Communications Holding Company held by Vulcan Cable III Inc.; and
  - 50,000 shares of Class B common stock held directly by Mr. Allen (100% of the Class B common stock issued and outstanding).
- (8) Includes 217,585,246 membership units in Charter Communications Holding Company which are exchangeable for shares of Class B common stock on a one-for-one basis, which are convertible to shares of Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis. The address of this person is 12444 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 100, St. Louis, MO 63131.
- (9) These membership units in Charter Communications Holding Company are exchangeable for shares of Class A common stock at any time on a one-for-one basis.
- (10) Consists of the following shares:
  - 4,023,336 shares for which he has sole investment and voting power;
  - 5,543,654 shares for which he has shared investment and voting power; and
  - 400,445 shares for which he has sole investment power and shared voting power.
- (11) Includes 735,126 shares of Class A common stock that may be acquired by Mr. Savoy upon exercise of options from Vulcan Cable III Inc. to purchase membership units in Charter Communications Holding Company that have vested or will vest by May 14, 2001.
- (12) Includes 3,700 shares for which Mr. Schumm has shared investment and voting power.

# ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS.

The following sets forth certain transactions in which we and our directors, executive officers and affiliates 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.

#### MANAGEMENT AND CONSULTING ARRANGEMENTS

MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS. Charter Communications, Inc. has entered into management arrangements with Charter Communications Holding Company and certain of its subsidiaries. Under these agreements, Charter Communications, Inc. provides management services for and operates the cable television systems owned or to be acquired. The management agreements covering the CC VI and CC VII Companies limit management fees payable to Charter Communications, Inc. to 5% of gross revenues. Under the arrangement covering all of our other operating subsidiaries, there is no limit on the dollar amount or percentage of revenues payable as management fees. However, the aggregate amount paid by Charter Communications Holding Company and all of its subsidiaries is limited to the amount necessary to reimburse Charter Communications, Inc. 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 various management agreements. The expenses subject to reimbursement include any fees that Charter Communications, Inc. is obligated to pay under the mutual services agreement described below. Payment of management fees by Charter Communications, Inc.'s operating subsidiaries is subject to certain restrictions under the credit facilities of such subsidiaries. In the event any portion of the management fee due and payable is not paid, 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.

In 2000, we paid an aggregate of \$4,957,000 as management fees, exclusive of amounts paid to Charter Investment pursuant to the mutual services agreement described below.

MUTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CHARTER INVESTMENT AND CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDING COMPANY. Charter Communications, Inc. has only 15 employees, all of whom are also executive officers of Charter Communications Holding Company. Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Investment and Charter Communications Holding Company are parties to a mutual services agreement. The mutual services agreement provides that each party shall provide rights and services to the others as may be reasonably requested for the management of Charter Communications Holding Company and Charter Holdings and the cable systems owned by their subsidiaries. The officers and employees of each party are available to the other parties to provide these rights and services, and all expenses and costs incurred in providing these rights and services 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 may be terminated at any time by any party upon thirty days' written notice to the other. During 2000, Charter Communications, Inc. paid \$50,285,700 to Charter Investment for services rendered pursuant to the mutual services agreement. All such amounts are reimbursable to Charter Communications, Inc. pursuant to a management arrangement with its subsidiaries. See "-- Management Arrangements.

CONSULTING AGREEMENT. Charter Communications Holding Company is a party to a consulting agreement with Vulcan Northwest and Charter Investment. Pursuant to this consulting agreement, Vulcan Northwest and Charter Investment provide advisory, financial and other consulting services with respect to the acquisitions by Charter Communications Holding Company of the business, assets or stock of other companies. Such services include participation in the evaluation, negotiation and implementation of these acquisitions. The original agreement had an expiration date of December 31, 2000, but automatically renewed by its terms and automatically renews for successive one-year terms unless otherwise terminated. For services rendered, the consulting agreement provides for payment of a fee equal to 1% of the aggregate value of the acquisition for services rendered for each acquisition made by Charter Communications Holding Company or any of its affiliates, reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred and indemnification. In 2000, no fees were paid with respect to consulting services by an affiliate of Mr. Allen.

PREVIOUS MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CHARTER INVESTMENT. Prior to November 12, 1999, Charter Investment provided management and consulting services to our operating subsidiaries for a fee equal to 3% of the gross revenues of the systems then owned plus reimbursement of expenses. The balance of management fees payable under the previous management agreement was accrued with payment at the discretion of

Charter Investment, with interest payable on unpaid amounts. During 2000, Charter Communications, Inc.'s subsidiaries paid \$5,369,000 to Charter Investment to reduce management fees payable. At December 31, 2000 total management fees payable to Charter Investment were \$13,751,000, exclusive of any interest that may be charged.

### ALLOCATION OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES WITH MR. ALLEN

As described under "Business Relationships" in this section, Mr. Allen and a number of his affiliates have interests in various entities that provide services or programming to 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 terminal; the purchase of investment in 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 Interactive Broadcaster Services Corporation (Chat TV); and incidental businesses engaged in as of the closing of Charter Communications, Inc.'s initial public offering. This restriction will remain in effect until all of the shares of high-vote Class B common stock in Charter Communications, Inc. have been converted into shares of Class A common stock due to Mr. Allen's equity ownership in Charter Communications, Inc. falling below specified thresholds.

Should Charter Communications, Inc. or Charter Communications Holding Company or any of their subsidiaries 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 pursue the business transaction and consents to Charter Communications, Inc. or its subsidiaries engaging in the business transaction, they 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 other types of business opportunities to Charter Communications, Inc. and they may exploit such opportunities for their own account.

# INTERCOMPANY LOANS

From time to time, there are intercompany borrowings and repayments between or among Charter Communications, Inc. and its subsidiaries and between or among its subsidiaries. For amounts borrowed, our practice is for the borrowing party to pay interest to the lending party based on the borrower's cost of funds on its revolving credit facility, which is based on a spread over LIBOR. On occasion, indebtedness between companies has been forgiven in lieu of a contribution to capital. The average month-end principal balance of indebtedness from our subsidiaries to our parent companies during 2000 was \$250 million. The aggregate interest paid by our operating subsidiaries for parent company indebtedness was \$22.8 million, and accrued interest on such debt at December 31, 2000 was \$2.3 million.

#### EMPLOYMENT AND CONSULTING ARRANGEMENTS

Jerald L. Kent is employed by Charter Communications, Inc. pursuant to an employment agreement that terminates on December 23, 2001 with automatic one-year renewals. 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. The agreement provides that during the initial term, Mr. Kent would receive 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 and 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. Charter Communications, Inc. also agreed to cause Mr. Kent to be elected to Charter Communications, Inc. is Board of Directors as additional compensation. Effective for 2001, Mr. Kent's base salary was increased to \$1,500,000. Also in 2001, he received a \$1,000,000 bonus for services rendered in 2000.

Under the agreement, Mr. Kent is entitled to participate in any disability insurance, pension or other benefit plan afforded to employees generally or to executives of Charter Communications, Inc. Mr. Kent will be reimbursed by Charter Communications, Inc. for life insurance premiums of 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. In 2000, Mr. Kent did not avail himself of reimbursement for life insurance premiums or country club dues.

In connection with this agreement, 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 Charter Communications, Inc. Board of Directors will consider additional amounts, if any, to be paid to Mr. Kent; and
- any unvested options held by Mr. Kent shall immediately vest.

Pursuant to an automatically renewing consulting agreement between Charter Communications, Inc. and Howard L. Wood, Mr. Wood provides consulting services to Charter Communications, Inc. and also is responsible for such other duties as the Chief Executive Officer determines. Mr. Wood receives annual cash compensation at a rate of \$60,000, and is entitled to receive health benefits as well as use of an office and a full-time secretary. The cost of the office and secretary in 2000 was \$40,000. 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.

Charter Investment issued 1999 "stay bonuses" and Charter Communications, Inc. issued 2000 "stay 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 at the end of each of the first three anniversaries of the issue date, as long as the employee is still employed by the issuer of the bonus or any of its

affiliates. Generally, the promissory notes bear interest at 7% per year. The following table provides certain information about such notes as of December 31,

INDIVIDUAL	ISSUE DATE	OUTSTANDING BALANCE AS OF 12/31/00
David C. Andersen	April, 2000	\$150,000
David G. Barford	January, 1999	300,000
Mary Pat Blake	January, 1999	300,000
Eric A. Freesmeier	January, 1999	300,000
Thomas R. Jokerst	January, 1999	300,000
Kent D. Kalkwarf	January, 1999	300,000
Ralph G. Kelly	January, 1999	300,000
David L. McCall	January, 1999	300,000
John C. Pietri	January, 1999	150,000
Steven A. Schumm	January, 1999	600,000
Curtis S. Shaw	January, 1999	300,000
Stephen E. Silva	January, 1999	200,000
James (Trey) H. Smith	September, 2000	200,000

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 serves as Vice-Chairman and as a director of Charter Communications, Inc. During the term of this agreement, Mr. Nathanson receives a benefit equal to \$193,197 per year, which amount is being paid by Charter Communications, Inc. 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.

### OTHER RELATIONSHIPS

David L. McCall, Senior Vice President of Operation -- Eastern Division, is a partner in a partnership that leases office space to us. In 2000, the partnership received approximately \$126,470 pursuant to such lease and related agreements. In addition, approximately \$457,000 was paid to a construction company controlled by Mr. McCall's brother and \$270,695 to a construction company controlled by Mr. McCall's son.

A company controlled by Mr. Wood occasionally leases an airplane to Charter Communications, Inc. and its subsidiaries and affiliates for business travel. An hourly time share rate is paid for such usage. Mr. Wood's affiliated company reimburses Charter Communications, Inc. for the full annual cost of two individuals qualified to operate the plane and who are otherwise available to Charter Communications, Inc. in connection with its own flight operations, which amount was \$123,843 in 2000. Charter Communications, Inc. paid Mr. Wood's affiliate \$2,200 in 2000 for time share usage of the airplane. In addition, Mr. Wood has also used Charter Communications, Inc.'s airplane for occasional personal use in 2000, a benefit valued at \$19,900.

In addition, Mr. Wood's daughter, a Vice President of Charter Communications Holding Company, 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 our subsidiary at the end of each of the first three anniversaries of the issue date in February 1999. The amount of principal and interest forgiven on this note in 2000 was \$80,250 and the outstanding balance on the note as of December 31, 2000 was \$150,000.

In addition, companies controlled by Mr. Nathanson lease certain office space in Pasadena, California, and warehouse space in Riverside, California, to our subsidiaries. Mr. Nathanson's affiliates received total annual rent in 2000 of \$430,918 and \$122,581, respectively, for these premises.

#### BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS

Mr. Allen or his affiliates own equity interests or warrants to purchase equity interests in various entities with which we do business or which provide us with services or programming. Among these entities are High Speed Access Corp., WorldGate Communications, Inc., Wink Communications, Inc., TechTV, L.L.C., USA Networks, Inc., Oxygen Media, Inc., Digeo Broadband, Inc., RCN Corporation and Interval Research Corporation. 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 agreements governing our relationship with Digeo Broadband, Inc. are an example of a cooperative business relationship among his affiliated companies. We can give no assurance, nor should you expect, that any of these business relationships will be successful, that we will realize any benefits from these relationships or that we will enter into any 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.

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.

VULCAN VENTURES. Vulcan Ventures Incorporated, Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Investment and Charter Communications Holding Company are parties to an agreement dated September 21, 1999 regarding the right of Vulcan Ventures to use up to eight of our digital cable channels. Specifically, we will provide Vulcan 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 owned, operated, controlled or managed by Charter Communications, Inc. now or in the future 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.

HIGH SPEED ACCESS. High Speed Access is a provider of high-speed Internet access over cable modems. Charter Communications Holding Company is a party to a systems access and investment agreement with Vulcan Ventures and High Speed Access and a related network services agreement with High Speed Access. These agreements provide High Speed Access with exclusive access to at least 750,000 of our homes that have either 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 network services agreement is, as to a particular cable system, five years from the date revenue billing commences for that cable system. 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. Net receipts received from High Speed Access in 2000 were approximately \$461,000.

In connection with the above-described agreements, Vulcan Ventures invested an aggregate of \$45 million in High Speed Access and now holds 22,224,688 shares of High Speed Access common stock.

Additionally, Charter Communications Holding Company, as the assignee of Vulcan Ventures, now holds warrants that were amended and restated on May 12, 2000, giving Charter Communications, Inc. the

right to purchase up to 12,000,000 shares of High Speed Access common stock at an exercise price of \$3.23 per share. A portion of the warrants 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 December 31, 2000, Charter Communications, Inc. has earned 1,932,931 warrants under the agreements described above.

On May 12, 2000, Charter Communications, Inc. entered into a separate agreement with High Speed Access, which was assigned by Charter Communications, Inc. to Charter Communications Holding Company on August 1, 2000. Under the agreement, it was agreed that homes passed by our cable television systems would be committed 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 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.

An agreement has been made to commit an aggregate of 5,000,000 homes passed, including all homes passed in systems previously committed, to High Speed Access (other than full turnkey systems), on or prior to May 12, 2003. Additional homes passed may also be committed in excess of the initial 5,000,000. With respect to each system launched or intended to be launched, a per customer fee will be paid to High Speed Access according to agreed pricing terms. In addition, High Speed Access will also be compensated for services that exceed certain minimum thresholds.

Warrants that may be earned under the new agreement become vested at the time High Speed Access is authorized to proceed 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 years from the date they are earned. Such warrants are generally not subject to forfeiture, even if the new agreement is terminated. 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.

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 five 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 five-year term and each five-year renewal term.

Either party may terminate the new agreement, in whole or in part, if the other party defaults, 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.

Vulcan Ventures owns 47.4% of the outstanding stock of High Speed Access. Jerald L. Kent, the 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 Holding Company and Charter Communications, Inc.; and Mr. Savoy, a member of the boards of directors of Charter Communications Holding Company and Charter Communications, Inc., are all members of the board of directors of High Speed Access.

Additionally, on December 5, 2000, one of our subsidiaries, Charter Communications Ventures, LLC, and Vulcan 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 will 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. Charter Communications Ventures and Vulcan Ventures were granted certain preemptive, first refusal, registration and board representation rights as part of the transaction.

WORLDGATE. WorldGate is a provider of Internet access through cable systems. Charter Communications, Inc. has an affiliation agreement with WorldGate for an initial term which expired in November 2000. The agreement automatically renews for additional successive two-year periods upon expiration of the initial five-year term, unless terminated by either party for failure of the other party to perform any of its obligations or undertakings required under the agreement. We started offering WorldGate service in 1998. 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, to the extent we determine that it is economically practical, 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. 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. For the year ended December 31, 2000, we paid WorldGate approximately \$5,089,200 consisting of \$4,985,200 for equipment purchases and \$104,000 for subscriber access fees. We charged our subscribers approximately \$393,830 for the year ended December 31, 2000. Charter Communications, Inc. also owns 138,765 shares of WorldGate's common stock for which it paid an aggregate of \$2,000,000.

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 interest 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, Charter Communications Holding Company 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 Communications, Inc. 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. The existing agreement between Wink and Charter Communications Holding Company expired in October 2000 and a new agreement is being negotiated. 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 generated by Wink from all fees collected for transactions generated by our customers. The amount of revenue shared is based on the number of transactions per month. For the year ended December 31, 2000, minimal revenue and expenses have been recognized as a result of this agreement. Vulcan Ventures owns 985,200 shares of Wink's stock and warrants to purchase shares of common stock and has a 3.2% equity interest in Wink.

TECHTV. TechTV, L.L.C. operates a cable television channel which broadcasts shows about technology and the Internet. Pursuant to a carriage agreement terminating in 2008, TechTV has provided us with programming for broadcast via our cable television systems at no cost. Carriage fee amounts per subscriber are determined based on the percentage of subscribers in a particular system receiving the services. These fees will be waived for systems with higher penetration levels until December 31, 2003, and for systems with lower penetration levels through April 30, 2001. In certain circumstances, we are entitled to a percentage of TechTV's net product revenues from infomercials and home shopping and attributed to our carriage of the service. Additionally, we receive incentive payments for channel launches through December 31, 2003. 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.

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 approximately 98.7%. The remaining 1.3% of TechTV is owned by its management and employees. Mr. Allen is a director of TechTV and Mr. Savoy is vice president of TechTV.

USA NETWORKS. USA Networks, Inc. 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. Pursuant to an agreement terminating in 2005, Charter Communications Holding Company is a party to a non-exclusive affiliation agreement with USA Networks for the cablecast of USA Network programming. Mr. Allen and Mr. Savoy are also directors of USA Networks. As of March 15, 2001, Mr. Allen owned approximately 8.2% 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 \$50 million in 1999 in Oxygen Media. Vulcan Ventures has made equity investments in Oxygen Media of \$50 million in 2000, with an additional investment of \$100 million contemplated in 2001. In addition, by mid-year 2001, Charter Communications Holding Company expects to enter into a carriage agreement with Oxygen Media 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 19% 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 paid approximately \$1.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2000 in connection with the cable broadcast of Portland Trail Blazers basketball games under the cable television agreement.

DIGEO BROADBAND, INC. During 2001, we expect to offer Digeo Broadband's television-based Internet access service in several markets. The Digeo product is designed to blend the power of the Internet with the convenience of the television. Through the use of an advanced digital set-top terminal, customers will be able to access Internet-based streaming media on the television, including both local and national news, sports and entertainment. The Internet domain name of customers using this service will be "Charter TV." The Digeo product is a "portal," which 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 and a portal guide, it directs users through the World Wide Web. In addition, the portal generates revenues from advertising on it own web pages and by sharing revenues generated by linked or featured web sites.

On March 5, 2001, Charter Communications, Inc. finalized a carriage agreement with Digeo Broadband, which will function as its television-based Internet portal for an initial six-year period. In connection with the execution of the carriage agreement on March 5, 2001, Charter Communications, Inc. (through Digeo Broadband Holdings, LLC ("Digeo Holdings")) also received an equity interest in Digeo Broadband funded by Vulcan's contribution to Digeo Holdings of approximately \$21.2 million, which is subject to a priority return of capital to Vulcan up to the amount so funded. Vulcan also agreed to make, through January 24, 2004, certain additional contributions through Digeo Holdings to acquire Digeo Broadband equity in order to maintain Charter Communications, Inc.'s pro rata interest in Digeo in the event of certain future Digeo equity financings by Digeo's founders. These additional equity interests will also be subject to a priority return of capital to Vulcan up to the amount so contributed. Mr. Allen and Mr. Savoy are directors of Digeo Broadband.

RCN CORPORATION. Vulcan Ventures, an entity controlled by Mr. Allen, owns an approximate 26% equity interest in RCN Corporation, including its investment of \$1.65 billion in 2000. In October 1999, Charter Communications Holding Company entered into a term sheet with RCN containing the principal terms of a non-exclusive joint venture to provide telephony services to customers in our Los Angeles cable systems. 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. To date, we have had only preliminary discussions with RCN and have not entered into definitive agreements.

JOINT VENTURE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL VIDEO RECORDER SET-TOP TERMINAL. In September 2000, our subsidiary, Charter Communications Ventures, entered into a joint venture with General Instrument Corporation (doing business as the Broadband Communications Sector of Motorola, Inc.), ReplayTV, Inc. and Interval Research Corporation, an entity controlled by Mr. Allen, to develop and integrate digital video recording capabilities in digital set-top terminals. 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.

PART IV

# ITEM 14. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES, AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K.

- (a) The following documents are filed as part of this Annual Report:
  - (1) Financial Statements.

A listing of the financial statements, notes and reports of independent public accountants required by Item 8 begins on page F-1 of this Annual Report.

(2) Financial Statement Schedules.

No financial statement schedules are required to be filed by Items 8 and 14(d) because they are not required or are not applicable, or the required information is set forth in the applicable financial statements or notes thereto.

(3) Exhibits (listed by numbers corresponding to the Exhibit Table of Item 601 in Regulation S-K).

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))
2.6(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))

DESCRIPTION **EXHIBIT** Asset Exchange Agreement, dated April 20, 1999, among 2.6(e) 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)) Comporation Tiled on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499))
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 2.6(f) 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)) 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 2.7(b) 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))
RAP Indemnity Agreement, dated April 26, 1999, by and among 2.7(c) 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.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))

# DESCRIPTION **EXHIBIT** Amendment to the Purchase Agreement with InterLink 2.7(g) 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)) Contribution Agreement, dated as of September 14, 1999, by 2.7(h) and among Charter Communications Operating, LLC, Charter Communications Holding Company, 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)) Form of First Amendment to the Contribution Agreement dated 2.7(i)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)) Contribution and Sale Agreement dated as of December 30, 2.8 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)) Assignment Agreement effective as of June 16, 1999, by and 2.10(c) 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))

75 DESCRIPTION **EXHIBIT** First Amendment to Purchase and Contribution Agreement, 2.11(b) dated as of June 22, 1999, by and among Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Command, 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)) Form of Second Amendment to Purchase And Contribution 2.11(c) 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)) Third Amendment to Purchase and Contribution Agreement dated 2.11(d) 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)) 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 2.12(a) L.P., Blackstone TWF Family Investment Partnership, L.P., 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 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 2.13 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))

2.14(a) Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 26, 2001, among Marcus Cable of Alabama, L.L.C., on the one hand, and TCI of Selma, Inc., TCI of Lee County, Inc., TCI Cablevision of Alabama, Inc., Alabama T.V. Cable, Inc. and TCI Southeast, Inc., on the other hand. (Incorporated by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on March 6, 2001 (File No.

2.14(b) Reorganization Agreement, dated as of February 26, 2001, among Charter Communications, Inc., on the one hand, and TCI TKR of Alabama, Inc. and TCI Southeast, Inc., on the other hand. (Incorporated by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on March 6, 2001 (File No. 27927))

DESCRIPTION **EXHIBIT** Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 26, 2001, 2.14(c) among Falcon Cable Systems Company II, L.P., on the one hand, and AT&T Broadband, LLC, Communication Services, Inc., Ohio Cablevision Network, Inc., TCI Cablevision of California, Inc. and TCI Washington Associates, L.P., on the other hand. (Incorporated by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on March 6, 2001 (File No. 27927)) Reorganization Agreement, dated as of February 26, 2001, 2.14(d) among Charter Communications, Inc., on the one hand, and TCI Cablevision of Nevada, Inc. and TCI West, Inc., on the other hand. (Incorporated by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on March 6, 2001 (File No. 27927)) Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 26, 2001, 2.14(e) among Charter Communications, Inc., Interlink Communications Partners, LLC, Charter Communications, LLC and Falcon Cable Media, on the one hand, and TCI Cable Partners of St. Louis, L.P. and TCI Cablevision of Missouri, Inc., on the other hand. (Incorporated by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on March 6, 2001 (File No. 27927)) Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 26, 2001, 2.14(f) among Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC, on the one hand, and St. Louis Tele-Communications, Inc., TCI Cable Partners of St. Louis, L.P., TCI Cablevision of Missouri, Inc., TCI of Illinois, Inc., TCI TKR of Central Florida, Inc. and TCI Holdings, Inc., on the other hand.
(Incorporated by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on March 6, 2001 (File No. 27927)) 2.14(q) Agreement Regarding Closing Matters, dated as of February 26, 2001, among Charter Communications, Inc., on behalf of itself, Marcus Cable of Alabama, L.L.C., Falcon Cable Systems Company II, L.P., Interlink Communications Partners, LLC, Charter Communications, LLC, Falcon Cable Media, and Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC, on the one hand, and AT&T Broadband, LLC, on behalf of itself, TCI TKR of Alabama, Inc., TCI of Selma, Inc., TCI of Lee County, TCI Cablevision of Alabama, Inc. and Alabama T.V. Cable, Inc., TCI Southeast, Inc., TCI Cablevision of Nevada, Inc., TCI West, Inc., Communications Services, Inc., Ohio Cablevision Network, Inc., TCI Cablevision of California, Inc., TCI Washington Associates, LP., TCI of Illinois, Inc., TCI Cablevision of Missouri, Inc., St. Louis
Tele-Communications, Inc., TCI Cable Partners of St. Louis,
L.P., TCI TKR of Central Florida, Inc. and TCI Holdings, Inc., on the other hand. (Incorporated by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on March 6, 2001 (File No. 27927)) Certificate of Formation of Charter Communications Holdings, 3.1 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))

Form of Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Charter 3.3 Communications 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))

**EXHIBIT** DESCRIPTION Form of Bylaws of Charter Communications Capital Corporation 3.4 (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)) Indenture relating to the 10.00% Senior Notes due 2009, 4.1(a) 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)) Form of 10.00% Senior Note due 2010 (included in Exhibit No. 4.1(b) 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 4.1(c)12, 2000, by and among Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation, 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)) Indenture relating to the 10.25% Senior Notes due 2010, 4.2(a) 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)) Form of 10.25% Senior Note due 2010 (included in Exhibit No. 4.2(b) 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)) Exchange and Registration Rights Agreement, dated January 4.2(c)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)) Indenture relating to the 11.75% Senior Discount Notes due 4.3(a)

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))

DESCRIPTION **EXHIBIT** Form of 11.75% Senior Discount Note due 2010 (included in 4.3(b) 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)) Exchange and Registration Rights Agreement, dated January 4.3(c) 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 Comital Markets, Inc., and Suprement Facilitation 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)) Indenture relating to the 8.250% Senior Notes due 2007, 4.4(a) 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)) Indenture relating to the 8.625% Senior Notes due 2009, 4.4(b)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)) Indenture relating to the 9.920% Senior Discount Notes due 4.4(c) 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)) Indenture, dated as of April 9, 1998, by and among Renaissance Media (Louisiana) LLC, Renaissance Media (Tennessee) LLC, Renaissance Media Capital Corporation, 4.5 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 4.6 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 No. 333-3084))

4.7(a) 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 April 18, 2000 (File No. 333-77499))

EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION

- 4.7(b) 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))
- 10.1 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
- 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, 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 February 24, 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 (Incorporated by reference to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on February 2, 2001 (File No. 333-54902))
- 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))
- 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))

#### DESCRIPTION **EXHIBIT** 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)) Consulting Agreement, dated as of March 10, 1999, by and 10.3 between Vulcan Northwest Inc., Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment Inc.) and Charter Communications Holdings, 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)) Charter Communications Holdings, LLC 1999 Option Plan (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 4 to the 10.4 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 10.4(a) 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)) Form of Amendment No. 1 to the Charter Communications 10.4(b) 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)) Amendment No. 2 to the Charter Communications Holdings, LLC 10.4(c) 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)) 10.6 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)) 10.7 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)) Assignment of Employment Agreements, dated as of December 23, 1998, between Paul G. Allen and Charter Communications, 10.8 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 August 27, 1999 (File No. 333-77499)) Option Agreement, dated as of February 9, 1999, between 10.9(a) 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))

# DESCRIPTION **EXHIBIT** Amendment to the Option Agreement, dated as of August 23, 10.9(b) 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)) 10.9(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)) 10.10 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 10.11 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)) Form of Assignment and Assumption Agreement, dated as of 10.12 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)) Form of Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of November 10.13 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)) 10.14 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)) 10.15 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 10.16 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.

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

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EXHIBIT	DESCRIPTION
10.18	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))
10.19	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))
10.20(a)	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))
10.20(b)	Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement for Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, dated October 24, 2000. (Incorporated by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on March 6, 2001 (File No. 27927))
10.21	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))
10.22	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 (File No. 333-83887))
10.23	Form of Exchange Agreement, dated as of November 12, 1999 by and among Charter Investment, 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))
10.24	Commitment Letter, dated February 26, 2001, by and among Goldman Sachs Credit Partners, L.P. and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., on the one hand, and Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation, on the other hand (Incorporated by reference to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on February 29, 2000 (File No. 333-83887))
10.25	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))
10.26	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.
12.1	000-27927)) Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges

EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION

21.1 Subsidiaries of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC 99 Risk Factors

# (b) Reports on Form 8-K

On December 28, 2000, the Registrants filed a current report on Form 8-K to announce their plans to raise \$850.0 million of senior and senior discount notes in a private placement. The transaction size was subsequently increased and the Registrants received gross proceeds of approximately \$1.75 billion when the notes were sold in January 2001.

On January 8, 2000, the Registrants filed a report on Form 8-K to announce that they had entered into an agreement to sell \$900.0 million of 10.75% Senior Notes due 2009, \$500.0 million of 11.125% Senior Notes due 2011 and \$350.6 million of 13.5% Senior Discount Notes due 2011 with a principal amount at maturity of \$675.0 million.

On March 5, 2001, the Registrants filed a report on Form 8-K to announce the entering into of several agreements with AT&T Broadband, LLC involving several strategic cable system transactions that will result in a net addition of approximately 512,000 customers for the Charter cable systems. The Registrants also reported a commitment for a bridge loan from Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc. and Goldman Sachs Credit Partners, L.P. for temporary financing of the cash portion of the purchase price.

On March 12, 2001, the Registrants filed a report on Form 8-K to extend until March 15, 2001, their offer to exchange their outstanding 10.75%, 11.125% and 13.5% notes sold in January, as described above, for registered notes with the same terms.

On March 15, 2001, the Registrants filed a report on Form 8-K to extend this exchange offer until March 19, 2001.

# SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Charter Communications Holdings, LLC has duly caused this Annual Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC, a registrant  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left($ 

By: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC., Sole Manager

By: /s/ JERALD L. KENT

Jerald L. Kent

President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: March 30, 2001

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of Charter Communications, Inc. and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
/s/ PAUL G. ALLEN	Chairman of the Board of Directors, Charter	March 30, 2001
Paul G. Allen	Communications, Inc.	
/s/ JERALD L. KENT	President, Chief Executive Officer, Director (Principal	March 30, 2001
Jerald L. Kent	Executive Officer), Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation	
/s/ KENT D. KALKWARF	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	March 30, 2001
Kent D. Kalkwarf	(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer), Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation	
/s/ MARC B. NATHANSON	Director, Charter Communications,	March 30, 2001
Marc B. Nathanson	1	
/s/ RONALD L. NELSON	Director, Charter Communications,	March 30, 2001
Ronald L. Nelson	11101	

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE	
/s/ NANCY B. PERETSMAN  Nancy B. Peretsman	Director, Charter Communications, - Inc.	March 30, 2001	
/s/ WILLIAM D. SAVOY	Director, Charter Communications,	March 30, 2001	
William D. Savoy	- Inc.		
/s/ HOWARD L. WOOD	Director, Charter Communications,	March 30, 2001	
Howard L. Wood	- Inc.		
Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities exchange Act of 1934, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation has duly caused this Annual Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.			
CHARTER COMM a registrant	UNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC,		

By: /s/ JERALD L. KENT

Jerald L. Kent

President and Chief Executive Officer

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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 as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in member's equity and cash flows for the years then ended and for the period from December 24, 1998, through 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 did not audit the financial statements of Charter Communications VI Operating Company, LLC and subsidiaries, and CC VII Holdings, LLC -- Falcon Systems, 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 on our audits 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, 2000 and 1999, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

/s/ ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

St. Louis, Missouri, February 8, 2001

#### 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 Holdings, LLC -- 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 Holdings, LLC -- 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

# $\hbox{\it CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES}\\$

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	DECEMBI	
	2000	1999
	(DOLLARS IN	
ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalentsAccounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 130,619	\$ 114,096
of \$12,421 and \$11,471, respectively  Receivables from related party  Prepaid expenses and other	217,605 13,044 72,252	93,743  34,513
Total current assets	433,520	242,352
INVESTMENT IN CABLE PROPERTIES: Property, plant and equipment, net	5,230,483 17,068,702	3,490,573 14,985,793
	22,299,185	18,476,366
OTHER ASSETS	249,472	220,759
	\$22,982,177 =======	\$18,939,477 =======
LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES: Accounts payable and accrued expenses Payables to related party	\$ 1,358,479 	\$ 704,734 6,713
Total current liabilities	1,358,479	711,447
LONG-TERM DEBT	12,310,455	8,936,455
LOANS PAYABLE RELATED PARTY		1,079,163
DEFERRED MANAGEMENT FEES RELATED PARTY	13,751	21,623
OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	275,103	142,836
MINORITY INTEREST	640,526	
MEMBER'S EQUITY: Member's equity	8,384,161 (298)	8,045,737 2,216
Total member's equity	8,383,863	8,047,953
	\$22,982,177 =======	\$18,939,477 =======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-5}}$ 

# CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,			
		1999		
	(DOLLARS IN			
REVENUES	\$ 3,249,222	\$1,428,090	\$13,713	
OPERATING EXPENSES:				
Operating, general and administrative	1,650,918	737,957	7,134	
Depreciation and amortization	2,462,544	745,315	8,318	
Option compensation expense	40,978	79,979	845	
Corporate expense charges related parties	55,243	51,428	473	
		1,614,679	16,770	
Loss from operations				
Interest expense	(1,065,236)	(471,871)	(2,353)	
Interest income	(1,065,236) 6,679 (10,963)	18,821	133	
Loss on equity investments	(10,963)			
Other, net	(6,540)	(245)		
Loss before income tax expense, minority				
interest expense and extraordinary item	(2,036,521)	(639,884)	(5,277)	
INCOME TAX EXPENSE				
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Loss before minority interest expense and	(0.000.504)	(640,044)	(5.077)	
extraordinary item	(2,030,521)	(640,914)		
PINORIII INTEREST EXPENSE	(11,030)			
Loss before extraordinary item	(2.047.559)	(640,914)		
EXTRAORDINARY ITEM Loss on debt extinguishment		(7 794)		
Note Tons				
Net loss	\$(2,047,559) ======	\$ (648,708) ======	\$(5,277) ======	

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-6}}$ 

# CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN MEMBER'S EQUITY

	MEMBER'S EQUITY	ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)	TOTAL MEMBER'S EQUITY
	(D0	LLARS IN THOUSAND	S)
BALANCE, December 24, 1998 Option compensation expense Net loss	845	\$  	\$ 2,151,811 845 (5,277)
BALANCE, December 31, 1998	2,147,379 6,477,363		2,147,379 6,477,363
Investment and Charter  Option compensation expense  Net loss  Unrealized gain on marketable securities	(10,276) 79,979 (648,708)	  	(10,276) 79,979 (648,708)
available for sale		2,216	2,216
BALANCE, December 31, 1999 Capital contributions Distributions to Parent Option compensation expense Net loss Unrealized loss on marketable securities available for sale	\$ 8,045,737 2,371,595 (26,590) 40,978 (2,047,559)	\$ 2,216     (2,514)	\$ 8,047,953 2,371,595 (26,590) 40,978 (2,047,559) (2,514)
BALANCE, December 31, 2000	\$ 8,384,161 =======	\$ (298) ======	\$ 8,383,863 ======

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-7}}$ 

# CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	YEAR ENDED D	,	PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 24, 1998, THROUGH
	2000		DECEMBER 31, 1998
		LARS IN THOUSA	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	.,		
Net Loss Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities	\$(2,047,559)	\$ (648,708)	\$ (5,277)
Minority interest expense  Depreciation and amortization	11,038 2,462,544	745,315	8,318
Option compensation expense	40,978	79,979	845
Noncash interest expense	180,685	98,920	
Loss on equity investments	10,963	,	
Loss from early extinguishment of debt		7,794	
Accounts receivable	(138,391)	(32,366)	(8,753)
Prepaid expenses and other	(44,515)	14,256	(211)
Accounts payable and accrued expensesReceivables from and payables to related party,	695, 188	175,280	10, 227
including deferred management fees	(49,232)	21,183 (1,245)	473
Other operating activities	4,587	(1,245)	2,022
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,126,286	460,408	7,644
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Purchase of property, plant and equipment Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired Loan to Marcus Cable Holdings Purchases of investments Other investing activities	. , ,	(741,508) (3,560,241) (1,680,142)  (22,198)	(13,672)   
Net cash used in investing activities			(13,672)
v			
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Borrowings of long-term debt	6,715,303	9,261,546	14,200
Repayments of long-term debt	(4, 499, 793)	(5,694,375)	
Borrowings from (repayments to) related party	(1,079,163)	1,079,163	
Payments for debt issuance costs	(62,848)	(113, 481)	
Capital contributions	751,095 (26,590)	1,144,290	
Other financing activities	188	(10,276) (18,663)	
Net cash provided by financing activities			14,200
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		104,523 9,573	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	\$ 130,619	\$ 114,096	\$ 9,573
CASH PAID FOR INTEREST	\$ 775,647	\$ 314,606 =======	====== \$ 5,538 ======
NONCASH TRANSACTIONS: Transfer of equity interests to the Company	\$ 1,620,500	\$ 5,333,073	\$
Issuance of preferred equity in a subsidiary as payment for acquisition	\$ 629,488	\$	\$

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-8}}$ 

#### CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

#### 1. ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION:

#### General

As of December 31, 2000, Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (Charter Holdings or the Company), a Delaware limited liability company, owns and operates cable systems through its operating subsidiaries serving approximately 6.4 million (unaudited) customers. The Company currently offers a full array of traditional analog cable services and advanced bandwidth services such as digital television, interactive video programming, Internet access through television-based service, dial-up telephone modems and high speed cable modems, and video-on-demand. 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 systems.

#### Organization and Basis of Presentation

Charter Holdings is a holding company whose principal assets are equity interests in cable operating subsidiaries. The consolidated financial statements of Charter Holdings include accounts of Charter Holdings and all of its direct and indirect subsidiaries. All material intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated.

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, Mr. 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 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 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 of Charter Holdings 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 CCVI Holdings, LLC ("Fanch"), CCVII Holdings, LLC ("Falcon") and CCV 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. The accounts of the Transferred Systems are included in these consolidated financial statements from the date the Transferred Systems were acquired by Charter Holdco, November 1999.

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 Acquisition Partners, 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.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

#### Cash and 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, which 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.

Cable distribution systems	3 - 15 years
Buildings and leasehold improvements	5 - 15 years
Vehicles and equipment	3 - 5 vears

#### 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 \$1.9 billion and \$650.5 million, as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, respectively. Amortization expense related to franchises for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, was \$1.2 billion, \$520.0 million and \$5.3 million, respectively.

#### Other Assets

Other assets include deferred financing costs, costs capitalized related to customer acquisitions and investments in equity securities. The accounting policies for each are discussed below.

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, 2000 and 1999, other assets include \$158.8 million and \$120.7 million respectively, of deferred financing costs, net of accumulated amortization of \$35.2 million and \$10.3 million, respectively.

The Company capitalizes incremental and direct contract acquisition and origination costs associated with obtaining new customers by analogy to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 91, Accounting for Nonrefundable Fees and Costs Associated with Originating or Acquiring Loans and Initial Costs of Leases as permitted by Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) No. 101, Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements. Costs capitalized are only those that are realizable from future revenues. The Company capitalizes third party incremental costs associated with obtaining new customers as well as internal salaries and benefits for personnel directly involved in customer origination and set up. Costs related to unsuccessful efforts and indirect costs are expensed as incurred. Capitalized costs are charged to expense generally over periods from one to twelve months. As of December 31, 2000 and 1999, the unamortized portion of the deferred costs was \$3.0 million and \$2.4 million, respectively.

Investments in equity securities are accounted for at cost, under the equity method of accounting or in accordance with SFAS No. 115, Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities. Charter recognizes losses for any decline in value considered to be other than temporary. Certain marketable equity securities are classified as "available for sale" and reported at market value with unrealized gains and losses recorded as accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). Comprehensive loss for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, was \$2.1 billion, \$646.5 million and \$5.3, respectively. The following summarizes information as of December 31, 2000, and for the year ended December 31, 2000:

		GAIN (LOSS) FOR THE
	CARRYING VALUE AT DECEMBER 31, 2000	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000
Equity investments, under the cost method Equity investments, under the equity method	\$ 5,041 36,005	\$ (4,690) (6,989)
Marketable securities, at market value		716
	\$41,046 =====	\$(10,963) ======

# 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

Revenues from basic, premium, pay-per-view, digital and data 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, 2000 and 1999, no installation revenue has been deferred, as direct selling costs have exceeded installation revenue.

Advertising sales are recognized in the period that the advertisements are exhibited.

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.

#### Other Long-term Liabilities

The Company receives upfront payments from certain programmers to launch and promote new cable channels. Revenue is recognized to the extent of the fair value of the advertising services provided to promote the new channel. Such revenue is classified as advertising revenue and totaled \$51.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2000. The remaining portion is deferred and amortized as an offset to programming expense over the respective terms of the program agreements, which range from one to 20 years. For the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, the Company amortized and recorded as a reduction of programming costs \$6.9 million, \$3.4 million, and \$12, respectively. As of December 31, 2000 and 1999, the unamortized portion of the deferred launch payments totaled \$104.2 million and \$13.4 million, respectively, and is included in other long-term liabilities.

# 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 accordance with 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 reportable segment, cable services.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United Sates 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 2000, the Company acquired cable systems for an aggregate purchase price of \$101.2 million, net of cash acquired. Also during 2000, Charter Holdco acquired cable systems for an aggregate purchase price of \$1.1 billion, net of cash acquired, excluding debt assumed of \$963.3 million. In connection with the acquisitions, Charter issued shares of Class A common stock valued at approximately \$178.0 million, and Charter Holdco and an indirect subsidiary of Charter Holdings issued equity interests totaling \$384.6 million and \$629.5 million, respectively. Immediately after the acquisitions, Charter Holdco contributed all of its equity interests in these acquisitions to Charter Holdings. The purchase prices were allocated to assets and liabilities assumed based on relative fair values, including amounts assigned to franchises of \$3.0 hillion.

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. 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 in Rifkin. Vulcan and Charter Holdco contributed interests in Rifkin to Charter Holdings, increasing equity by \$314.0 million. The purchase price was allocated to assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their relative fair values, including amounts assigned to franchises of \$3.9 billion.

During 1999, Charter Holdco acquired the cable systems of Fanch, Falcon and Avalon and on January 1, 2000, Charter Holdco transferred its equity interests in these cable systems to Charter Holdings (see Note 1), increasing member's equity by \$4.6 billion. Charter Holdco acquired these cable systems for an aggregate purchase price of \$4.0 billion, net of cash acquired, excluding debt assumed of \$2.2 billion and equity issued by Charter Holdco of \$550 million. Charter Holdco allocates the purchase price to assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their relative fair values, including amounts assigned to franchises of \$5.8 billion.

All of 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 consolidated financial statements from their respective dates of acquisition. The allocation of the purchase price for the acquisitions acquired during 2000 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 and dispositions closed since January 1, 1999, the issuance and sale of the January 2000 Charter Holdings Notes, and the drawdown of the Charter Holdings Senior Bridge Loan Facility and subsequent repayment of a portion of such facility (see Note 7) had occurred on January 1, 1999, with adjustments to give effect to amortization of franchises, interest expense, minority interest, and certain other adjustments, follows.

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,	
	2000	1999
	(UNAUD	ITED)
Revenues	(987,573)	(464,781)

The unaudited pro forma financial 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. ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS:

	=======	=======
Balance, end of year	\$ 12,421	\$ 11,471
Charged to expense Uncollected balances written off, net of recoveries		20,872 (16,989)
Acquisitions of cable systems		5,860
Balance, beginning of year		\$ 1,728
	2000	1999

# 5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:

Property, plant and equipment consists of the following at December 31:

	2000	1999
Cable distribution systems	\$ 5,618,889	\$3,523,217
Land, buildings and leasehold improvements	282,960	108,214
Vehicles and equipment	385,199	176,221
	6,287,049	3,807,652
Less Accumulated depreciation	(1,056,565)	(317,079)
	\$ 5,230,483	\$3,490,573
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For the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, depreciation expense was 1.2 billion, 225.0 million, and 2.8 million, respectively.

During the year ended December 31, 2000, the Company reduced the estimated useful lives of certain depreciable assets expected to have reduced lives as a result of the rebuild and upgrade of the Company's cable distribution systems. As a result, the above depreciation expense balance for 2000 includes an additional \$508.5 million of depreciation.

# CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

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# 6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES:

Accounts payable and accrued expenses consist of the following at December 31:

	200	90 	1999
Accounts payable. Capital expenditures. Accrued interest. Programming costs. Accrued general and administrative. Franchise fees. Liability for pending transfer of cable system. Other accrued expenses.	28: 20: 12: 7: 5:	5,007 1,142 8,850 9,035 5,315 3,494  4,636	\$112,233 66,713 99,946 72,245 39,648 46,524 88,200 179,225

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 obtained and the system's assets were transferred in March 2000.

#### 7. LONG-TERM DEBT:

Long-term debt consists of the following at December 31:

	2000	1999
Charter Holdings:		
8.250% Senior Notes	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000
8.625% Senior Notes	1,500,000	1,500,000
9.920% Senior Discount Notes	1,475,000	1,475,000
10.00% Senior Notes	675,000	
10.25% Senior Notes	325,000	
11.75% Senior Discount Notes	532,000	
Senior Bridge Loan Facility	272,500	
Renaissance:	,	
10.00% Senior Discount Notes	114,413	114,413
CC V Holdings, LLC (Avalon):	, -	, -
9.375% Senior Subordinated Notes		150,000
11.875% Senior Discount Notes	179,750	196,000
CC VII Holdings, LLC (Falcon):	,	•
8.375% Senior Debentures		375,000
9.285% Senior Discount Debentures		435,250
Credit Facilities:		,
Charter Operating	4,432,000	2,906,000
CC Michigan, LLC and CC New England, LLC (Avalon)	213,000	170,000
CC VI Operating Company, LLC (Fanch)	895,000	850,000
Falcon Cable Communications, LLC	1,050,000	865,500
CC VIII Operating, LLC (Bresnan)	712,000	
Other debt	1,971	1,400
	12,977,634	9,638,563
Unamortized net discount	(667,179)	(702,108)
	Ф10 010 4EE	Φ0 006 4FF
	\$12,310,455	\$8,936,455
	========	=======

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 Communications Operating, LLC (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 recorded as an extraordinary item-loss on debt extinguishment in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations.

### Charter Holdings Notes

In January 2000, Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation (Charter Holdings Capital), a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Holdings (collectively, the "Issuers"), issued \$675.0 million 10.000% Senior Notes due 2009 (the "10.000% Senior Notes"), \$325.0 million 10.250% Senior Notes due 2010 (the "10.25% Senior Notes"), and \$532.0 million 11.75% Senior Discount Notes due 2010 (the "11.75% Senior Discount Notes"), collectively referred to as the "January 2000 Charter Holdings Notes". The net proceeds were \$1.25 billion, after giving effect to discounts, commissions and expenses.

The 10.00% Senior Notes are not redeemable prior to maturity. Interest is payable semiannually on April 1 and October 1, beginning April 1, 2000 until maturity.

The 10.25% Senior Notes are redeemable at the option of the Issuers at amounts decreasing from 105.125% to 100% of par value plus accrued and unpaid interest, beginning on January 15, 2005, to the date of redemption. At any time prior to January 15, 2003, the Company may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 10.25% Senior Notes at a redemption price of 110.25% of the principal amount under certain conditions. Interest is payable semiannually in arrears on January 15 and July 15, beginning on July 15, 2000, until maturity.

The 11.75% Senior Discount Notes are redeemable at the option of the Issuers at amounts decreasing from 105.875% to 100% of accreted value beginning January 15, 2005. At any time prior to January 15, 2003, the Company may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 11.75% Senior Notes at a redemption price of 111.75% of the accreted value under certain conditions. Interest is payable semiannually in arrears on January 15 and July 15, beginning on July 15, 2005, until maturity. The discount on the 11.75% Senior Discount Notes is being accreted using the effective interest method. The unamortized discount was \$196.5 million at December 31, 2000.

In March 1999, Issuers issued \$600.0 million 8.250% Senior Notes due 2007 (the "8.250% Senior Notes"), \$1.5 billion 8.625% Senior Notes due 2009 (the "8.625% Senior Notes"), and \$1,475.0 million 9.920% Senior Discount Notes due 2011 (the "9.920% Senior Discount Notes"), collectively referred to as the "Charter Holdings Notes". The net proceeds were \$2.9 billion, after giving effect to discounts, commissions and expenses.

The 8.250% Senior Notes are not redeemable prior to maturity. Interest is payable semiannually 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 plus accrued and unpaid interest beginning on April 1, 2004, 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 semiannually 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 semiannually 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 \$397.8 million at December 31, 2000, and \$497.2 million at December 31, 1999.

The Charter Holdings Notes and the January 2000 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.

Charter Holdings Senior Bridge Loan Facility

On August 4, 2000, Charter Holdings and Charter Holdings Capital 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%.

In October and November 2000, Charter issued \$750.0 million of 5.75% Convertible Senior Notes maturing on October 15, 2005 (the Charter Convertible Notes) for net proceeds of \$727.5 million. The net proceeds from the sale of the Charter Convertible Notes were contributed as equity to Charter Holdings. Charter Holdings used substantially all of the net proceeds to repay a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility. In January 2001, the bridge loan was repaid with a portion of the proceeds from the January 2001 Charter Holdings Notes. (see Note 18).

#### Renaissance Notes

In connection with the acquisition of Renaissance Media Group LLC (Renaissance) in 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, 2000 and 1999, \$114.4 million aggregate principal amount at maturity of Renaissance Notes with an accreted value of \$94.6 million and \$86.5 million, respectively, was outstanding. Interest on the Renaissance Notes shall be paid semiannually 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.

#### 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"). After December 1, 2003, cash interest on the Avalon 11.875% Notes will be payable semiannually on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing June 1, 2004.

In January 2000, the Company, through change of control offers and purchases in the open market, completed the repurchase of the Avalon 9.375% Notes with a total outstanding principal amount of \$150.0 million for a total of \$153.7 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 the January 2000 Charter Holdings Notes. The unamortized net discount related to the Avalon 11.875% Notes was \$48.1 million as of December 31, 2000, and \$66.8 million as of December 31, 1999.

#### 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 referred to as the "Falcon Debentures".

In February 2000, the Company, through change of control offers and purchases in the open market, completed the repurchase of the Falcon 8.375% Debentures with a total outstanding principal amount of \$375.0 million for a total of \$388.0 million. Also, in February 2000, the Company, through change of control offers and purchases in the open market, repurchased the Falcon 9.285% Debentures with an aggregate principal amount of \$435.3 million for a total of \$328.1 million. The repurchase of all the Falcon Debentures was funded by a portion of the proceeds from the January 2000 Charter Holdings Notes.

#### Charter Operating Credit Facilities

As of December 31, 2000, the Charter Operating Credit Facilities provide for two term facilities, one with a principal amount of \$1.0 billion that matures in 2007 (Term A), and the other with the principal amount of \$2.45 billion that matures in 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 \$400.0 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% (8.39% to 9.27% as of December 31, 2000 and 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, 2000, the unused availability on the Charter Operating Credit Facilities was \$268.0 million.

#### 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 \$75.0 million available until December 31, 2003. 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% (8.19% to 9.5% as of December 31, 2000 and 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.

In December 2000, Bresnan was merged into Avalon (Bresnan/Avalon Combination). Upon completion of the Bresnan/Avalon Combination in January 2001, all amounts due under the Avalon credit facilities were repaid using borrowings from the Bresnan credit facilities and the Avalon credit facilities were terminated. In addition, the Bresnan credit facilities were amended and restated to, among other things, increase borrowing availability by \$550.0 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 3.00% (8.15% to 9.55% as of December 31, 2000 and 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. As of December 31, 2000, unused availability was \$305.0 million. However, debt covenants limit the additional amounts that can be borrowed to \$153.5 million at December 31, 2000.

#### 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 \$196.0 million that matures June 2007 (Term B), and the other with a principal amount of \$294.0 million that matures becember 2007 (Term C). The Falcon Credit Facilities also provide for a \$756.0 million revolving credit facility with a maturity date of December 2006 and at the option of the lenders, supplemental credit facilities in the amounts of \$700.0 million with a maturity date of December 2007. 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% (8.14% to 9.50% as of December 31, 2000 and 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, 2000, unused availability was \$196.1 million.

#### Bresnan Credit Facilities

In connection with the Bresnan acquisition, the existing Bresnan credit agreement (the "Bresnan Credit Facilities") was amended and restated to provide for borrowings of up to \$900.0 million, consisting of three term facilities, one with a principal amount of \$403.0 million that matures June 30, 2007 (Term A), and one with a principal amount of \$297.0 million that matures February 2, 2008 (Term B). The Bresnan Credit Facilities also provide for a \$200.0 million revolving credit facility that may not have a maturity date earlier than six calendar months after the maturity date of the Term B loan facility. Amounts under the Bresnan Credit Facilities bear interest at the Base Rate or Eurodollar rate, as defined, plus a margin of up to 2.5% (8.44% to 9.30% as of December 31, 2000). A quarterly commitment fee of between 0.25% and 0.375% per annum is payable on the unborrowed balance. As of December 31, 2000, unused availability was \$188.0 million.

Upon completion of the Bresnan/Avalon Combination in January 2001, all amounts due under the Avalon credit facilities were repaid using borrowings from the Bresnan credit facilities and the Avalon credit facilities were terminated. In addition, the Bresnan credit facilities were amended and restated to, among other things, increase borrowing availability by \$550.0 million.

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, 2000, 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, 2000, are as follows:

YEAR	AMOUNT
2001	\$
2002	
2003	353,417
2004	
2005	590,332
Thereafter	11,484,873
	\$12,977,634
	========

#### 8. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS:

A summary of debt and the related interest rate hedge agreements as of December 31 follows:

	2000		1999	
	CARRYING	FAIR	CARRYING	FAIR
	VALUE	VALUE	VALUE	VALUE
DEBT Charter Holdings Debt Credit Facilities Loans Payable Related Party Other	\$4,780,212	\$4,425,631	\$3,072,151	\$2,834,313
	7,302,000	7,302,000	4,791,500	4,791,500
			1,079,163	1,079163
	228,243	194,729	1,072,804	1,065,850

	2000			1999		
	CARRYING VALUE					FAIR VALUE
INTEREST RATE HEDGE AGREEMENTS						
Swaps	\$(1,306)	\$1,942,713	\$ 5,236	\$(6,827)	\$4,542,71	\$(47,220)
Caps		15,000			15,000	16
Collars		520,000	10,807	1,361	240,000	(199)

As the long-term debt under the credit agreements bears interest at current market rates, their carrying amount approximates market value at December 31, 2000 and 1999. 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 7.61% and 8.06% at December 31, 2000 and 1999, respectively. The weighted average interest rate for the Company's interest rate cap agreements was 9.0% at December 31, 2000 and 1999. The Company's interest rate collar agreements are structured so that if LIBOR falls below 5.3%, the Company pays 6.7%. If the LIBOR rate is between 5.3% and 8.0%, the Company pays LIBOR. The LIBOR rate is capped at 8.0% if LIBOR falls between 8.0% and 9.9%. If rates rise above 9.9%, the cap is removed.

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. MINORITY INTEREST:

Minority interest represents preferred membership units issued by a subsidiary in connection with the acquisition of Bresnan by Charter Holdco. The preferred membership units are exchangeable on a one-for-one basis for shares of Class A common stock of Charter and accrete at a rate of 2% per year.

#### 10. REVENUES:

Revenues consist of the following for the years and period ended:

	========	========	======
	\$3,249,222	\$1,428,090	\$13,713
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Other	370,045	182,408	2,133
Data services	63,330	10,107	55
Advertising sales	220,205	71,997	493
Digital	91,115	8,299	10
Pay-per-view	28,590	27,537	260
Premium	226,598	124,788	1,415
Basic	\$2,249,339	\$1,002,954	\$ 9,347
	2000	1000	1000
	2000	1999	1998
	TEAR ERDED DECEMBER 31,		DECEMBER 31,
	YEAR ENDED D	ECEMBER 31	THROUGH
			1998,
			DECEMBER 24,
			PERIOD FROM

#### 11. OPERATING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:

Operating, general and administrative expenses consist of the following for the years and period ended:

YEAR ENDE	PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 24, 1998, THROUGH DECEMBER 31,	
2000	1999	1998
543,43 192,60 63,78 56,49 58,55	237,480 99,486 99 23,447 99 31,281 64 15,509	\$3,137 2,377 847 225 344 204 
=======	=======	=====
	\$ 736,04 543,43 192,66 63,78 56,49 58,55	\$ 736,043 \$330,754 543,430 237,480 192,603 99,486 63,789 23,447 56,499 31,281 58,554 15,509

#### 12. 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 costs are allocated based on the number of basic customers. Such costs totaled \$50.8 million, \$18.8 million and \$128 for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 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 consolidated 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 related party in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

The Company is charged a management fee as stipulated in the management agreements between Charter Investment, Charter and the Company. To the extent management fees charged to the Company are greater (less) than the corporate expenses incurred by Charter Investment, the Company records distributions to (capital contributions from) Charter Investment. For the year ended December 31, 1999, the Company recorded distributions of \$10.3 million. For the year ended December 31, 2000, and 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 credit facilities and indebtedness prohibit payments of management fees in excess of 3.5% of revenues until repayment of such 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 party.

In December 2000, Charter Communications Ventures, LLC (Charter Ventures), a subsidiary of Charter Holdings, and Vulcan Ventures, Inc. (Vulcan), an affiliate of Mr. Allen, invested \$37.0 million and \$38.0 million, respectively, in High Speed Access Corp. (HSA) which provides high speed Internet access to certain of the Company's cable customers. The investments took the form of convertible preferred stock that

may be converted into HSA common stock. In addition, the Company and Vulcan own equity interests or warrants to purchase equity interests in HSA. As of December 31, 2000, the Company earned 1,932,931 warrants under certain agreements. Additional warrants may be earned by the Company based upon the number of homes passed. Under the terms of a network services agreement, the Company splits revenue with HSA based on set percentages of gross revenues in each category of service. Certain officers and directors of the Company serve as directors of HSA. For the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, revenues earned from HSA were \$7.8 million and \$461, respectively. The Company paid HSA \$3.6 million, and \$0.7 million, for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, respectively, relating to monthly subscriber fees and equipment purchases. Charter Venture's investment is accounted for under the equity method, with a carrying value of \$36.0 million as of December 31, 2000.

Charter Ventures is a party to a joint venture with General Instrument Corporation (doing business as 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 recording platform that will be designed for storing video, audio and Internet content. In connection with the formation of the joint venture, Charter Ventures contributed \$3.2 million in October 2000. The Company received management fees of \$9.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2000.

ZDTV, L.L.C. (operating as techtv) operates a cable television channel, which broadcasts shows about technology and the Internet. Vulcan and its affiliates own a 97% interest in techtv, and certain directors and officers of the Company serve as directors or officers of techtv. Through December 31, 2000, techtv has agreed to provide the Company no cost programming for broadcast over its cable systems. Effective January 1, 2001, the Company 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. In addition, Mr. Allen is the 100% owner of the Portland Trailblazers, a National Basketball Association Team, and Trail Blazers, Inc. Expenses in connection with the cable broadcast of Portland Trail Blazers Basketball games were \$993 and \$727 for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, respectively.

The Company, Mr. Allen and certain affiliates of Mr. Allen own equity in and are directors of USA Networks, Inc. (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. The Company pays USA Networks a monthly fee for programming services based on the number of subscribers. For the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, the Company paid USA Networks approximately \$25.0 million and \$16.7 million, respectively. In addition, the Company receives commissions from USA Networks for home shopping sales generated by its customers and for promotion of the Home Shopping Network. Such revenues for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, were \$26.5 million, and \$1.8 million, respectively.

The Company, Mr. Allen and certain affiliates of Mr. Allen also own equity interests or warrants to purchase equity interests in various entities that provide services, programming or equipment to the Company, including WorldGate Communications, Inc. (WorldGate), Wink Communications, Inc. (Wink), Oxygen Media Inc. (Oxygen Media), Digeo Broadband, Inc., RCN Corporation, TV Gateway LLC, Vulcan and Interval Research Company. In addition, certain officers or directors of the Company also serve as directors of Oxygen Media, RCN Corporation and InfoSpace, Inc. The Company and its affiliates do not hold controlling interests in any of these companies. The Company has paid less than 1% of operating costs for the year ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, for these services and equipment purchases. In addition, the Company receives revenues from Worldgate related to TV-based Internet access. Such revenues for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, were less than 1% of total revenues.

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 credit facilities. The Company recorded the funds as loans payable-related party. The loans were repaid with additional long-term borrowings made in connection with the Bresnan acquisition in February 2000. The loans carried interest rates from 7.82% to 7.91%. Interest expense on the loans was \$14.7 million and \$10.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, respectively.

#### 13. 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, including the Company, 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 into Class A common stock of Charter on a one-for-one basis.

A summary of the activity for the option plan for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, is as follows:

	2000	)	1999		1998	
	SHARES	WEIGHTED AVERAGE EXERCISE PRICE	SHARES	WEIGHTED AVERAGE EXERCISE PRICE	SHARES	WEIGHTED AVERAGE EXERCISE PRICE
Options outstanding, beginning of period Granted	20,757,608	\$19.79	7,044,127	\$20.00		\$
Pre IPO Grants	 10,247,200	 18.06	9,584,681 4,741,400		7,044,127	\$20.00
Exercised	(16,514) (2,505,937)		(612,600)	19.95		 
Options outstanding, end	00 400 057	Ф10.04	20. 757. 600	Ф10.70	7 044 407	<b>#20.00</b>
of period	28, 482, 35 <i>7</i> =======	\$19.24 =====	20,757,608 =======	\$19.79 =====	7,044,127 ======	\$20.00 =====
Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	8.6 years		9.2 years		10.0 years	
Options Exercisable, end of period	7,026,346	\$19.98 	2,091,032	\$19.90 	1,761,032	\$20.00
Weighted average fair value of options						
granted	\$ 12.34 =======		\$ 12.59		\$ 12.50	

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 \$41.0 million, \$80.0 million, and \$845 for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, respectively, was 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 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, 2000, deferred compensation remaining to be recognized in future periods totaled \$31.6 million. No stock option compensation expense was recorded for the options granted after November 8, 1999 (Post IPO), since the exercise price was 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 quoted market values of Class A common stock.

SFAS 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, 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 pro forma amounts under SFAS 123 for the years and period ended:

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 24, THROUGH DECEMBER 31,
	2000	1999	1998
Net loss:			
As reported	\$(2,047,559)	\$(648,708)	\$(5,277)
Pro forma	(2,224,239)	(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 years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, and the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, respectively: risk-free interest rates of 6.5%, 5.5%, and 4.8%; expected volatility of 46.9%, 43.8% and 43.7%; and expected lives of 10 years. The valuations assume no dividends are paid.

#### 14. 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 December 31, 2000 and 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, were \$14.2 million, \$11.2 million and \$70, respectively. As of December 31, 2000, future minimum lease payments are as follows:

YEAR	AMOUNT
2001	\$11.077
2002	. ,
2003	- /
2004	4,101
2005	3,173
Thereafter	10,364

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 December 31, 2000 and 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, was \$31.6 million, \$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, and taking into account recorded liabilities, 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 Industry

The cable 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

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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 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. During 2000 and 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, 2000, approximately 17% 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 its 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 rates is not allowed to be more restrictive than the federal or local regulation.

# 15. 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 pre-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 \$6.1 million, \$2.9 million and \$20 for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, and for the period from December 24, 1998, through December 31, 1998, respectively.

# 16. RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS:

SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, as amended by SFAS No. 137, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities -- Deferral of the Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 133, and SFAS No. 138, Accounting for Certain Derivative Instruments and Certain Hedging Activities, is effective for the Company as of 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. Adoption of these new accounting standards is expected to result in a cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle that increases net loss by approximately \$23.9 million.

#### 17. 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-only financial statements of Charter Holdings account for the investments in Charter Operating, Fanch, Falcon, Avalon and Bresnan 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 AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC (PARENT COMPANY ONLY)

# CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

	DECEMBER 31,	
	2000	
		THOUSANDS)
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,462 13,170,266 121,176  \$13,299,904 =======	\$ 9,762 11,090,874 69,793  \$11,170,429
LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY Current liabilities	\$ 96,041 39,789 4,780,211 8,383,863  \$13,299,904	\$ 47,365 2,960 3,072,151 8,047,953
TOTAL TIADITITIES AND MEMBER 5 EQUITY	========	========

# CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC (PARENT COMPANY ONLY)

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	{YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,}		PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 24, 1998, THROUGH DECEMBER 31,	
	2000	1999	1998	
	{(DOLLARS IN	THOUSANDS)}		
Interest expense	\$ (424,601) 4,938 (1,627,896)	\$(221,925) 11,833 (438,616)	\$  (5,277)	
Net loss	\$(2,047,559)	\$(648,708)	\$(5,277)	

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC (PARENT COMPANY ONLY)

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,}			
	2000	1999	DECEMBER 31, 1998	
	(DOLLARS IN			
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Net loss	\$(2,047,559)	\$ (648,708)	\$(5,277)	
Noncash interest expense	153,274	78,473		
Equity in losses of subsidiaries	1,627,896	438,616	5,277	
Change in assets and liabilities	76,333	48,825		
Net cash used in operating activities		(82,794)		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:				
Investment in subsidiaries	(2.048.323)	(1.730.466)		
Loans to subsidiaries		(663, 259)		
Distributions		96,748		
Net cash used in investing activities		(3,977,119)		
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Net proceeds form debt offering		2,999,385		
Payments for debt issuance costs		(74,000)		
Borrowings of long-term debt	2,300,303	(74,000)		
Repayments of long-term debt	(727,500)			
Distributions	(26,591)			
Capital contributions				
•				
Net cash used in financing activities	2,237,079			
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH				
FOLITVALENTS '	(1.300)	9.762		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	9,762			
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period				

PERIOD FROM

# 18. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

In January 2001, the Company issued the January 2001 Charter Holdings Notes with an aggregate principal amount at maturity of \$2.075 billion. The January 2001 Charter Holdings Notes are comprised of \$900.0 million 10.75% Senior Notes due 2009, \$500.0 million 11.125% Senior Notes due 2011, and \$350.6 million of 13.5% Senior Discount Notes due 2011 with a principal amount at maturity of \$675.0 million. The net proceeds were approximately \$1.72 billion, after giving effect to discounts, commissions and expenses. The Company used all the net proceeds to repay all remaining amounts outstanding under the Charter Holdings senior bridge loan facility and the Fanch revolving credit facility, a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Charter Operating and Falcon revolving credit facilities, and for general corporate purposes.

In February 2001, Charter entered into several agreements with AT&T Broadband, LLC involving several strategic cable system transactions that will result in a net addition of approximately 512,000

customers (unaudited) for the Charter cable systems. In the pending AT&T transactions, Charter expects to acquire cable systems from AT&T Broadband serving approximately 574,000 customers (unaudited) in Missouri, Alabama, Nevada and California for a total of \$1.79 billion. It is expected that the acquired systems will be contributed to the Company immediately after closing. A portion of the purchase price will consist of Charter cable systems valued at \$249.0 million serving approximately 62,000 customers (unaudited) in Florida. Of the balance of the purchase price, up to \$501.5 million will be paid in Class A common stock and the remainder will be paid in cash. Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation have a commitment for a bridge loan from Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc. and Goldman Sachs Credit Partners LP for temporary financing of the cash portion of the purchase price. Charter expects to obtain permanent financing through one or more debt or equity financing transactions or a combination thereof. The acquisition transactions are expected to close in the second and/or third quarters of 2001, subject to certain closing conditions and regulatory review.

#### 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. 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 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 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, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

/s/ ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

St. Louis, Missouri, February 5, 1999

# CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH DECEMBER 23, 1998 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS) REVENUES.....

OPERATING EXPENSES: \$ 49,731 25,952 16,864 6,176 48,992 739 Income from operations..... OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE): (17,277) Other, net..... (728) (17,961) Net loss..... \$(17,222)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this consolidated statement. F-35  $\,$ 

# CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDER'S INVESTMENT

	COMMON STOCK	PAID-IN CAPITAL	ACCUMULATED DEFICIT	TOTAL
		(DOLLARS	IN THOUSANDS)}	
BALANCE, January 1, 1998	\$	\$ 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 this consolidated statement.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-36}}$ 

# CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1998, THROUGH DECEMBER 23, 1998

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	(DULLARS IN THOUSAN
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Net loss	\$ (17,222)
Depreciation and amortization	16,864
Noncash interest expense	267
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment  Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisition	(14)
Receivables	10
Prepaid expenses and other	(125)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	16,927
Payables to manager of cable systemsrelated party	5,288
Other operating activities	569
Net cash provided by operating activities	22,564
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(15, 364)
Payment for acquisition, net of cash acquired	(167, 484)
Other investing activities	(486)
Net cash used in investing activities	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Borrowings of long-term debt	217,500
Repayments of long-term debt	(60,200)
Capital contributions	7,000
Payments for debt issuance costs	(3,487)
Net cash provided by financing activities	160,813
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	43
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	626
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	\$ 669
CASH PAID FOR INTEREST	======= \$ 7,679
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this consolidated statement.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-37}}$ 

#### CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

#### 1. 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 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. In February 1999, Charter Investment transferred all of its cable television operating subsidiaries to a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (Charter Holdings), Charter Communications Operating, LLC (Charter Operating). Charter Holdings was a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Investment. 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.

#### CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

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:

For the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, depreciation expense was \$6.2 million.

#### 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 indicate 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, 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.

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 were 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. ACQUISITION:

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, 1998, 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
(UNAUDITED)
\$ 67,007

Revenues	\$ 67,007
Loss from operations	(7,097)
Net loss	(24,058)

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.

# 4. ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS:

Activity in the allowance for doubtful accounts is summarized as follows:

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	JANUARY 1, 1998, THROUGH DECEMBER 23, 199	
Balance, beginning of period	96	
Balance, end of period	\$ 492 =====	

#### 5. 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.

#### 6. 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 for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998. 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 utilized 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.

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, the management fee charged to the Company approximated the corporate expenses incurred by Charter Investment on behalf of the Company.

#### 7. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES:

Leases

The Company leases certain facilities and equipment under noncancellable operating leases. Leases and rental costs charged to expense for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998, was \$278.

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, was \$421.

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 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 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 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.

#### 8. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS:

#### 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 \$74.0 for the period from January 1, 1998, through December 23, 1998.

#### 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 party and increased shareholder's investment for the cost of this plan.

# 9. ACCOUNTING STANDARD NOT YET IMPLEMENTED:

In June 1998, the Financial Accounting Standards Board adopted SFAS  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{No}}\xspace.$ 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. 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 its adoption of SFAS No. 133. However, SFAS No. 133 could increase volatility in earnings (loss).

#### 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	2000
	(AMOUNTS IN	THOUSANDS)
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash (note 3) Trade and other receivables, net Property and equipment, at cost:	\$ 5,995 290 9,006	\$ 301 9,062
Land and buildings Distribution systems Support equipment	6,879 534,812 62,283	7,271 546,939 60,747
Less accumulated depreciation	603,974 228,868	614,957 233,810
Franchise costs, net	375,106 328,068 19,038	381,147 354,887 18,746
Total assets	\$ 737,503 ======	\$ 764,143 =======
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT) Bank overdraft	\$ 18,900 35,613 11,748 895,607 10,020	\$ 1,542 20,776 8,240 1,459 963,292 10,604
Total Liabilities Members' deficit	971,888 (234,385)	1,005,913 (241,770)
Commitments and contingencies  Total liabilities and members' deficit	\$ 737,503 ======	\$ 764,143 =======

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements. F-45

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999(AMOUNTS IN	2000
REVENUE Operating costs and expenses: Programming (note 6) Operating Selling, general and administrative (note 6) Organizational and divestiture costs. Depreciation and amortization.	\$ 283,574 72,355 31,624 67,351 5,281 59,752 	\$ 37,102 10,178 4,857 10,414 865 8,095  34,409
Operating income	47,211	2,693
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE): Interest expense: Related party (note 4)		(9,522)  (106)  (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.  $\label{eq:F-46} \textbf{F-46}$ 

# 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 (556) 	2,345  689
effects of acquisitions: Change in receivables Change in other assets Change in accounts payable, accrued expenses, accrued	621 429	(56) 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)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Change in bank overdraft Borrowings under note agreement. Proceeds from Senior Notes. Proceeds from Senior Discount Notes. Repayments under note agreement. Deferred finance costs paid. Contributions by members. Distributions to members.	597,530 170,000 175,021 (294,672) (19,169) 136,500 (732,209)	(1,542) 67,000   (1,405)  (450)
Net cash provided by financing activities	33,001	66,687
Net decrease in cashCASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS: Beginning of period	(641) 6,636	(5,995) 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.  $\ensuremath{\text{F-47}}$ 

#### 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.

The Company owns and operates cable television systems in small- and medium-sized communities in the midwestern United States.

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.

#### (j) 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 IN	THOUSANDS)
Senior Credit Facility(a)Senior Notes Payable(b)Senior Discount Notes Payable(b)	\$534,200 170,000 190,132	\$599,900 170,000 192,222
Other debt	1,275	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.

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SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT

CC VIII OPERATING, LLC,
as Borrower
CC VIII HOLDINGS, LLC,
as Guarantor

TD SECURITIES (USA) INC. and CHASE SECURITIES INC., as Joint Lead Arrangers and Joint Book Managers

THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, as Syndication Agent

TORONTO DOMINION (TEXAS), INC., as Administrative Agent

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA, THE BANK OF NEW YORK, INC. and FIRSTAR BANK, N.A., as Documentation Agents

Dated as of February 2, 1999, as Amended and Restated as of January 2, 2001

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  Form of Closing Certificate
  Form of Addendum
  Form of New Lender Supplement
  Form of Increased Facility Activation Notice
  Form of Assignment and Acceptance
  Form of Prepayment Option Notice
  Form of Exemption Certificate
  Form of Specified Subordinated Note E F G
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CREDIT AGREEMENT, dated as of February 2, 1999, as amended and restated as of January 2, 2001, among CC VIII HOLDINGS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Holdings"), CC VIII OPERATING, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Borrower"), the several banks and other financial institutions or entities from time to time parties to this Agreement (the "Lenders"), BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA, THE BANK OF NEW YORK, INC. and FIRSTAR BANK, N.A., as documentation agents (in such capacity, the "Documentation Agents"), THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, as syndication agent (in such capacity, the "Syndication Agent"), and TORONTO DOMINION (TEXAS), INC., as administrative agent (in such capacity, the "Administrative Agent") agent (in such capacity, the "Administrative Agent").

## WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Borrower entered into a Loan Agreement, dated as of February 2, 1999, as amended and restated as of February 14, 2000 (the "Existing Credit Agreement"), with Toronto Dominion (Texas), Inc., as administrative agent, the financial institutions parties thereto as lenders and certain other parties:

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have agreed to amend and restate the Existing Credit Agreement as provided in this Agreement, which Agreement shall become effective upon the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set forth in Section 5.1 hereof; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the parties hereto that this Agreement not constitute a novation of the obligations and liabilities existing under the Existing Credit Agreement or evidence repayment of any of such obligations and liabilities and that this Agreement amend and restate in its entirety the Existing Credit Agreement and re-evidence the obligations of the Borrower outstanding thereunder;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises, the parties hereto hereby agree that on the Restatement Effective Date (as defined below) the Existing Credit Agreement shall be amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

The parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

## ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

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

"ABR": for any day, a rate per annum (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the next 1/100th of 1%) equal to the greater of (a) the Prime Rate in effect on such day and (b) the Federal Funds Effective Rate in effect on such day plus 1/2 of 1%. Any change in the ABR due to a change in the Prime Rate or the Federal Funds Effective Rate shall be effective as of the opening of business on the effective day of such change in the Prime Rate or the Federal Funds Effective Rate, respectively.

"ABR Loans": Loans the rate of interest applicable to which is based upon the ABR.

"Accumulated Benefit Obligations": the actuarial present value of the accumulated benefit obligations under any Plan, calculated in a manner consistent with Statement No. 87 of the Financial Accounting Standards Board.

"Addendum": an instrument, substantially in the form of Exhibit D-1, by which a Lender consents to the amendment and restatement of the Existing Credit Agreement pursuant hereto or becomes a party to this Agreement as of the Restatement Effective Date.

"Adjustment Date": as defined in the Pricing Grid.

"Administrative Agent": as defined in the preamble hereto.

"Affiliate": as to any Person, any other Person that, directly or indirectly, is in control of, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such Person. For purposes of this definition, "control" of a Person means the power, directly or indirectly, either to (a) vote 10% or more of the securities having ordinary voting power for the election of directors (or persons performing similar functions) of such Person or (b) direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, whether by contract or otherwise.

"Agents": the collective reference to the Syndication Agent, the Documentation Agents and the Administrative Agent.

"Aggregate Exposure": with respect to any Lender at any time, an amount equal to the sum of (a) the aggregate then unpaid principal amount of such Lender's Term Loans, (b) the amount of such Lender's unutilized Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments then in effect and (c) the amount of such Lender's Revolving Commitment then in effect or, if the Revolving Commitments have been terminated, the amount of such Lender's Revolving Extensions of Credit then outstanding.

"Aggregate Exposure Percentage": with respect to any Lender at any time, the ratio (expressed as a percentage) of such Lender's Aggregate Exposure at such time to the Aggregate Exposure of all Lenders at such time.

"Agreement": this Credit Agreement, as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

"Annualized Asset Cash Flow Amount": with respect to any Disposition of assets, an amount equal to the portion of Consolidated Operating Cash Flow for the most recent Asset Disposition Test Period ending prior to the date of such Disposition which was contributed by such assets multiplied by four.

"Annualized Operating Cash Flow": for any fiscal quarter, an amount equal to Consolidated Operating Cash Flow for such period multiplied by four.

"Annualized Pro Forma Operating Cash Flow": an amount, determined on any Disposition Date in connection with any proposed Disposition pursuant to Section 7.5(e), equal to Consolidated Operating Cash Flow for the most recent Asset Disposition Test Period

multiplied by four, calculated in the manner contemplated by Section 1.2(e) but excluding the effect of such Disposition.

"Applicable Margin": (a) with respect to Tranche A Term Loans, Tranche B Term Loans, Revolving Loans and Swingline Loans, the per annum rates determined in accordance with the Pricing Grid and (b) with respect to Incremental Term Loans, such per annum rates as shall be agreed to by the Borrower and the applicable Incremental Term Lenders as shown in the applicable Increased Facility Activation Notice.

"Application": an application, in such form as the relevant Issuing Lender may specify from time to time, requesting such Issuing Lender to open a Letter of Credit.

"Approved Fund": with respect to any Lender that is a fund that invests in commercial loans, any other fund that invests in commercial loans and is managed or advised by the same investment advisor as such Lender or by an Affiliate of such investment advisor.

"Asset Disposition Test Period": as of any date of determination, the most recent fiscal quarter as to which financial statements have been delivered pursuant to Section 6.1.

"Asset Sale": any Disposition of property or series of related Dispositions of property (excluding (a) Exchanges pursuant to which no cash consideration is received by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries and (b) any such Disposition permitted by clause (a), (b), (c) or (d) of Section 7.5) that yields gross cash proceeds to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in excess of \$1,000,000.

"Assignee": as defined in Section 10.6(c).

"Assignment and Acceptance": an Assignment and Acceptance, substantially in the form of Exhibit E.  $\,$ 

"Assignor": as defined in Section 10.6(c).

"Attributable Debt": in respect of a sale and leaseback transaction entered into by Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, at the time of determination, the present value of the obligation of the lessee for net rental payments during the remaining term of the lease included in such sale and leaseback transaction including any period for which such lease has been extended or may, at the sole option of the lessor, be extended. Such present value shall be calculated using a discount rate equal to the rate of interest implicit in such transaction, determined in accordance with GAAP.

"Authorizations": all filings, recordings and registrations with, and all validations or exemptions, approvals, orders, authorizations, consents, Licenses, certificates and permits from, the FCC, applicable public utilities and other Governmental Authorities, including, without limitation, CATV Franchises, FCC Licenses and Pole Agreements.

"Available Revolving Commitment": as to any Revolving Lender at any time, an amount equal to the excess, if any, of (a) such Lender's Revolving Commitment then in effect over (b) such Lender's Revolving Extensions of Credit then outstanding; provided, that in

calculating any Lender's Revolving Extensions of Credit for the purpose of determining such Lender's Available Revolving Commitment pursuant to Section 2.6(a), the aggregate principal amount of Swingline Loans then outstanding shall be deemed to be zero.

"Benefitted Lender": as defined in Section 10.7(a).

"Borrower": as defined in the preamble hereto.

"Borrowing Date": any Business Day specified by the Borrower as a date on which the Borrower requests the relevant Lenders to make Loans hereunder.

"Budget": as defined in Section 6.2(c).

"Business": as defined in Section 4.17(b).

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

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

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

or territory of the United States, by any political subdivision or taxing authority of any such state, commonwealth or territory or by any foreign government, the securities of which state, commonwealth, territory, political subdivision, taxing authority or foreign government (as the case may be) are rated at the time of acquisition at least A by S&P or A by Moody's; (f) securities with maturities of six months or less from the date of acquisition backed by standby letters of credit issued by any Lender or any commercial bank satisfying the requirements of clause (b) of this definition; or (g) shares of money market mutual or similar funds which invest exclusively in assets satisfying the requirements of clauses (a) through (f) of this definition.

"CATV Franchise": collectively, with respect to the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, (a) any franchise, license, permit, wire agreement or easement granted by any political jurisdiction or unit or other local, state or federal franchising authority (other than licenses, permits and easements not material to the operations of a CATV System) pursuant to which such Person has the right or license to operate a CATV System and (b) any law, regulation, ordinance, agreement or other instrument or document setting forth all or any part of the terms of any franchise, license, permit, wire agreement or easement described in clause (a) of this definition.

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

"Charter Group": the collective reference to Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, together with any member of the Paul Allen Group or any Affiliate of any such member that, in each case, directly or indirectly owns Equity Interests (determined on the basis of economic interests) in the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no individual and no entity organized for estate planning purposes shall be deemed to be a member of the Charter Group.

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

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

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

"Compliance Certificate": a certificate duly executed by a Responsible Officer substantially in the form of Exhibit B.

"Conduit Lender": any special purpose corporation designated by any Lender for the purpose of making Loans hereunder otherwise required to be made by such Lender and

designated by such Lender in a written instrument, subject to the consent of the Administrative Agent and the Borrower; provided, that the designation by any Lender of a Conduit Lender shall not relieve the designating Lender of any of its obligations to fund a Loan under this Agreement if, for any reason, its Conduit Lender fails to fund any such Loan, and the designating Lender (and not the Conduit Lender) shall have the sole right and responsibility to deliver all consents and waivers required or requested under this Agreement with respect to its Conduit Lender, and provided, further, that no Conduit Lender shall (a) be entitled to receive any greater amount pursuant to Section 2.16, 2.17, 2.18 or 10.5 than the designating Lender would have been entitled to receive in respect of the extensions of credit made by such Conduit Lender or (b) be deemed to have any Tranche A Incremental Term Commitment or Revolving Commitment hereunder.

"Conduit Participant": any trust, partnership, limited liability company or other entity that (a) is organized under the laws of the United States or any state thereof, (b) is engaged in making, purchasing or otherwise investing in commercial loans in the ordinary course of its business and (c) is organized, managed or sponsored by any Lender.

"Confidential Information Memorandum": the collective reference to (a) the Confidential Information Memorandum dated December 2000 and furnished to certain of the Lenders in connection with the syndication of certain of the Facilities prior to the Restatement Effective Date and (b) any other information memorandum authorized by the Borrower to be distributed to one or more Lenders or prospective Lenders in connection with any other syndication of any of the Facilities (including in connection with any increase in the amount thereof).

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

"Consolidated Debt Service Coverage Ratio": as of the last day of any period, the ratio of (a) Annualized Operating Cash Flow determined in respect of the fiscal quarter ending on such day to (b) the sum of (i) Consolidated Interest Expense for the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters ending on such day and (ii) scheduled principal payments on Indebtedness of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries for the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters commencing immediately after such day (or, in the case of the Revolving Facility, the excess, if any, of the Total Revolving Extensions of Credit outstanding on such day over the amount of the Total Revolving Commitments scheduled to be in effect at the end of such period of four consecutive fiscal quarters); provided, however, that the final scheduled installment of principal of the Tranche B Term Facility and the Incremental Term Facility shall be excluded from the calculation of amounts under this clause (ii).

"Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio": as of the last day of any period, the ratio of (a) Consolidated Operating Cash Flow for the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters ending on such day to (b) Consolidated Interest Expense for the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters ending on such day.

"Consolidated Interest Expense": for any period, the sum of (a) total cash interest expense (including that attributable to Capital Lease Obligations) of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for such period with respect to all outstanding Indebtedness of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries (including all commissions, discounts and other fees and charges owed with respect to letters of credit and bankers' acceptance financing and net costs under Hedge Agreements in respect of interest rates to the extent such net costs are allocable to such period in accordance with GAAP) and (b) all Restricted Payments made by the Borrower during such period in order to enable any of its Affiliates to pay cash interest expense in respect of Indebtedness of such Affiliate.

"Consolidated Leverage Ratio": as of the last day of any period, the ratio of (a) Consolidated Total Debt on such day to (b) Annualized Operating Cash Flow determined in respect of the fiscal quarter ending on such day.

"Consolidated Net Income": for any period, the consolidated net income (or loss) of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP; provided that, GAAP to the contrary notwithstanding, there shall be excluded (a) the income (or deficit) of any Person accrued prior to the date it becomes a Subsidiary of the Borrower or is merged into or consolidated with the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, (b) the income (or deficit) of any Person (other than a Subsidiary of the Borrower) in which the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries has an ownership interest, except to the extent that any such income is actually received by the Borrower or such Subsidiary in the form of dividends or similar distributions, (c) the undistributed earnings of any Subsidiary of the Borrower (including any Excluded Acquired Subsidiary) to the extent that the declaration or payment of dividends or similar distributions by such Subsidiary is not at the time permitted by the terms of any Contractual Obligation (other than under any Loan Document) or Requirement of Law applicable to such Subsidiary and (d) whether or not distributed, the income of any Non-Recourse Subsidiary.

"Consolidated Operating Cash Flow": as applied to the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, in respect of any period, the sum of the Consolidated Net Income for such period plus Consolidated Interest Expense, depreciation, amortization, tax expense, distributions in respect of monitoring fees paid (not to exceed \$550,000 for any calendar year), deferred compensation expenses, any expense for the split dollar life insurance policy in respect of William Bresnan, including any finance expense with respect thereto, and other non-cash or non-recurring expenses deducted in determining such Consolidated Net Income; provided, that extraordinary gains or losses shall not be taken into account in determining Consolidated Net Income for purposes of determining Consolidated Operating Cash Flow, and gains or losses from the sale of assets and investment activities shall be excluded from such calculation; and, provided, further, that payments in respect of the redemption of management participation units in the ordinary course of business shall be deemed to be a non-recurring expense. For purposes of this Agreement, "Consolidated Operating Cash Flow" of the Borrower shall not include as an addition or a deduction losses associated with high speed data and telephony services up to an aggregate amount of \$15,000,000 for all periods prior to and including December 31, 2003.

"Consolidated Total Debt": at any date, the aggregate principal amount of all Indebtedness (other than any contingent obligations for standby letters of credit entered into in the ordinary course of business such as in lieu of bonds, security deposits and the like, not constituting L/C Obligations) of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries at such date, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

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

"Default": any of the events specified in Section 8, whether or not any requirement for the giving of notice, the lapse of time, or both, has been satisfied.

"Default Rate": the rate referred to in Section 2.12(c).

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

"Disposition Date": as defined in Section 7.5(e).

"Documentation Agents": as defined in the preamble hereto.

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

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

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

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

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

"Eurocurrency Reserve Requirements": for any day as applied to a Eurodollar Loan, the aggregate (without duplication) of the maximum rates (expressed as a decimal fraction) of reserve requirements in effect on such day (including basic, supplemental, marginal

and emergency reserves under any regulations of the Board or other Governmental Authority having jurisdiction with respect thereto) dealing with reserve requirements prescribed for eurocurrency funding (currently referred to as "Eurocurrency Liabilities" in Regulation D of the Board) maintained by a member bank of the Federal Reserve System.

"Eurodollar Base Rate": with respect to each day during each Interest Period pertaining to a Eurodollar Loan, the rate per annum determined on the basis of the rate for deposits in Dollars for a period equal to such Interest Period commencing on the first day of such Interest Period appearing on Page 3750 of the Dow Jones Markets screen as of 11:00 A.M., London time, two Business Days prior to the beginning of such Interest Period. In the event that such rate does not appear on Page 3750 of the Dow Jones Markets screen (or otherwise on such screen), the "Eurodollar Base Rate" shall be determined by reference to such other comparable publicly available service for displaying eurodollar rates as may be selected by the Administrative Agent or, in the absence of such availability, by reference to the rate at which the Administrative Agent is offered Dollar deposits at or about 10:00 A.M., Houston time, two Business Days prior to the beginning of such Interest Period in the interbank eurodollar market where its eurodollar and foreign currency and exchange operations are then being conducted for delivery on the first day of such Interest Period for the number of days comprised therein.

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

"Eurodollar Rate": with respect to each day during each Interest Period pertaining to a Eurodollar Loan, a rate per annum determined for such day in accordance with the following formula (rounded upward to the nearest 1/100th of 1%):

## Eurodollar Base Rate

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"Eurodollar Tranche": the collective reference to Eurodollar Loans under a particular Facility the then current Interest Periods with respect to all of which begin on the same date and end on the same later date (whether or not such Loans shall originally have been made on the same day).

"Event of Default": any of the events specified in Section 8, provided that any requirement for the giving of notice, the lapse of time, or both, has been satisfied.

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

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"Exchange Excess Amount": as defined in Section 7.5(f).

"Excluded Acquired Subsidiary": any Subsidiary described in Section 7.2(g) to the extent that the documentation governing the Indebtedness referred to in said paragraph prohibits such Subsidiary from becoming a Subsidiary Guarantor, but only so long as such Indebtedness remains outstanding.

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

"Existing Tranche A Term Loan": as defined in Section 2.1(a).

"Existing Tranche B Term Loan": as defined in Section 2.1(a).

"Facility": each of (a) the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments and the Tranche A Term Loans (the "Tranche A Term Facility"), (b) the Tranche B Term Loans (the "Tranche B Term Facility"), (c) the Incremental Term Loans (the "Incremental Term Facility") and (d) the Revolving Commitments and the extensions of credit made thereunder (the "Revolving Facility").

 $\mbox{\tt "FCC":}$  the Federal Communications Commission and any successor thereto.

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

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

"Flow-Through Entity": any Person that is not treated as a separate tax paying entity for United States federal income tax purposes.

"Foreign Subsidiary": any Subsidiary of the Borrower that is not a  ${\tt Domestic}$  Subsidiary.

"Funding Office": the office of the Administrative Agent specified in Section 10.2 or such other office as may be specified from time to time by the Administrative Agent as its funding office by written notice to the Borrower and the Lenders.

"GAAP": generally accepted accounting principles in the United States as in effect from time to time, except that for purposes of Section 7.1, GAAP shall be determined on the basis of such principles in effect on the date hereof and consistent with those used in the preparation of the most recent audited financial statements delivered pursuant to Section 4.1. In the event that any "Accounting Change" (as defined below) shall occur and such change results in a change in the method of calculation of financial covenants, standards or terms in this

Agreement, then the Borrower and the Administrative Agent agree to enter into negotiations in order to amend such provisions of this Agreement so as to equitably reflect such Accounting Changes with the desired result that the criteria for evaluating the Borrower's financial condition shall be the same after such Accounting Changes as if such Accounting Changes had not been made. Until such time as such an amendment shall have been executed and delivered by the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Majority Lenders, all financial covenants, standards and terms in this Agreement shall continue to be calculated or construed as if such Accounting Changes had not occurred. "Accounting Changes" refers to changes in accounting principles required by the promulgation of any rule, regulation, pronouncement or opinion by the Financial Accounting Standards Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants or, if applicable, the SEC.

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

"Guarantee and Collateral Agreement": the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement executed and delivered by Holdings, the Borrower and each Subsidiary Guarantor, substantially in the form of Exhibit A, as the same may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

"Guarantee Obligation": as to any Person (the "guaranteeing person"), any obligation of (a) the guaranteeing person or (b) another Person (including any bank under any letter of credit) to induce the creation of which the quaranteeing person has issued a reimbursement, counterindemnity or similar obligation, in either case guaranteeing or in effect guaranteeing any Indebtedness, leases, dividends or other obligations (the "primary obligations") of any other third Person (the "primary obligor") in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, including any obligation of the guaranteeing person, whether or not contingent, (i) to purchase any such primary obligation or any property constituting direct or indirect security therefor, (ii) to advance or supply funds (1) for the purchase or payment of any such primary obligation or (2) to maintain working capital or equity capital of the primary obligor or otherwise to maintain the net worth or solvency of the primary obligor, (iii) to purchase property, securities or services primarily for the purpose of assuring the owner of any such primary obligation of the ability of the primary obligor to make payment of such primary obligation or (iv) otherwise to assure or hold harmless the owner of any such primary obligation against loss in respect thereof; provided, however, that the term "Guarantee Obligation" shall not include endorsements of instruments for deposit or collection in the ordinary course of business. The amount of any Guarantee Obligation of any guaranteeing person shall be deemed to be the lower of (a) an amount equal to the stated or determinable amount of the primary obligation in respect of which such Guarantee Obligation is made and (b) the maximum amount for which such guaranteeing person may be liable pursuant to the terms of the instrument embodying such Guarantee Obligation, unless such primary obligation and the maximum amount for which such guaranteeing person may be liable are not stated or determinable, in which case the amount of such Guarantee Obligation shall be such quaranteeing person's maximum reasonably anticipated liability in respect thereof as determined by the Borrower in good faith.

"Guarantors": the collective reference to Holdings and the Subsidiary Guarantors.  $\,$ 

"Hedge Agreements": all interest rate swaps, caps or collar agreements or similar arrangements dealing with interest rates or currency exchange rates or the exchange of nominal interest obligations, either generally or under specific contingencies.

"Holdings": as defined in the preamble hereto, together with any successor thereto pursuant to Section 7.4(e).

"Holdings Debt": any Indebtedness of Holdings.

"Increased Facility Activation Date": any Business Day on which any Lender shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Increased Facility Activation Notice pursuant to Section 2.1(c).

"Increased Facility Activation Notice": a notice substantially in the form of Exhibit D-3.

"Increased Facility Closing Date": any Business Day designated as such in an Increased Facility Activation Notice.

"Incremental Term Facility": as defined in the definition of "Facility".

"Incremental Term Lenders": (a) on any Increased Facility Activation Date relating to Incremental Term Loans, the Lenders signatory to the relevant Increased Facility Activation Notice and (b) thereafter, each Lender that is a holder of an Incremental Term Loan.

"Incremental Term Loans": as defined in Section 2.1(a).

"Incremental Term Maturity Date": with respect to the Incremental Term Loans to be made pursuant to any Increased Facility Activation Notice, the maturity date specified in such Increased Facility Activation Notice, which date shall be a date at least six months after the final maturity of the Tranche B Term Loans.

"Indebtedness": of any Person at any date, without duplication, (a) all indebtedness of such Person for borrowed money, (b) all obligations of such Person for the deferred purchase price of property or services (other than current trade payables incurred in the ordinary course of such Person's business), (c) all obligations of such Person evidenced by notes, bonds, debentures or other similar instruments, (d) all indebtedness created or arising under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement with respect to property acquired by such Person (even though the rights and remedies of the seller or lender under such agreement in the event of default are limited to repossession or sale of such property), (e) all Capital Lease Obligations of such Person, (f) all obligations of such Person, contingent or otherwise, as an account party under acceptances, letters of credit, surety bonds or similar arrangements, (g) the liquidation value of all redeemable preferred Equity Interests of such Person, (h) all Guarantee Obligations of such Person in respect of obligations of the kind referred to in clauses (a) through (g) above, (i) all obligations of the kind referred to in clauses (a) through (h) above secured by

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(or for which the holder of such obligation has an existing right, contingent or otherwise, to be secured by) any Lien on property (including accounts and contract rights) owned by such Person, whether or not such Person has assumed or become liable for the payment of such obligation, and (j) for the purposes of Section 8(e) only, all obligations of such Person in respect of Hedge Agreements. The Indebtedness of any Person shall include the Indebtedness of any other entity (including any partnership in which such Person is a general partner) to the extent such Person is liable therefor as a result of such Person's ownership interest in or other relationship with such entity, except to the extent the terms of such Indebtedness expressly provide that such Person is not liable therefor.

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

"Insolvent": pertaining to a condition of Insolvency.

"Intellectual Property": the collective reference to all rights, priorities and privileges relating to intellectual property, whether arising under United States, multinational or foreign laws or otherwise, including copyrights, copyright licenses, patents, patent licenses, trademarks, trademark licenses, technology, know-how and processes, and all rights to sue at law or in equity for any infringement or other impairment thereof, including the right to receive all proceeds and damages therefrom.

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

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

(i) if any Interest Period would otherwise end on a day that is not a Business Day, such Interest Period shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless the result of such extension would be to carry such Interest Period into another calendar

month in which event such Interest Period shall end on the immediately preceding Business Day;

- (ii) the Borrower may not select an Interest Period under a particular Facility that would extend beyond the Revolving Termination Date or beyond the date final payment is due on the Tranche A Term Loans, the Tranche B Term Loans or the relevant Incremental Term Loans, as the case may be;
- (iii) any Interest Period that begins on the last Business Day of a calendar month (or on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period) shall end on the last Business Day of a calendar month; and
- (iv) the Borrower shall select Interest Periods so as not to require a payment or prepayment of any Eurodollar Loan during an Interest Period for such Loan.

"Investments": as defined in Section 7.7.

"Issuing Lender": each of the Administrative Agent and any other Revolving Lender that has agreed in its sole discretion to act as an "Issuing Lender" hereunder and that has been approved in writing by the Administrative Agent as an "Issuing Lender" hereunder, in each case in its capacity as issuer of any Letter of Credit.

"L/C Commitment": \$25,000,000.

"L/C Fee Payment Date": the last day of each March, June, September and December and the last day of the Revolving Commitment Period.

"L/C Obligations": at any time, an amount equal to the sum of (a) the aggregate then undrawn and unexpired amount of the then outstanding Letters of Credit and (b) the aggregate amount of drawings under Letters of Credit that have not then been reimbursed pursuant to Section 3.5.

"L/C Participants": with respect to any Letter of Credit, the collective reference to all Revolving Lenders other than the Issuing Lender that issued such Letter of Credit.

"Lenders": as defined in the preamble hereto; provided, that unless the context otherwise requires, each reference herein to the Lenders shall be deemed to include any Conduit Lender.

"Letters of Credit": as defined in Section 3.1(a).

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

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

"Loan": any loan made or held by any Lender pursuant to this  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Agreement}}.$ 

"Loan Documents": this Agreement, the Reaffirmation Agreement, any Notes and the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement.

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

"Majority Facility Lenders": with respect to any Facility, the holders of 51% or more of the aggregate unpaid principal amount of the Term Loans or the Total Revolving Extensions of Credit, as the case may be, outstanding under such Facility (or, in the case of the Revolving Facility, prior to any termination of the Revolving Commitments, the holders of 51% or more of the Total Revolving Commitments).

"Majority Lenders" shall mean, at any time, Lenders having 51% or more of the aggregate principal amount of all of the following (a) the Tranche A Term Loans then outstanding, (b) the Tranche B Term Loans then outstanding, (c) the Incremental Term Loans, if any, then outstanding, and (d)(i) until such time as the Revolving Commitments have been terminated or canceled, the Revolving Commitments, and (ii) thereafter, the Revolving Extensions of Credit then outstanding. For the purposes of this definition, any unutilized Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments shall be deemed to have been borrowed as Tranche A Term Loans.

"Management Fee Agreement": Schedule 1 to the limited liability company operating agreement of the Borrower, as such Schedule 1 may be amended, replaced, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with Section 7.8(d).

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

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

"Michigan/New England": as defined in Section 5.1(b).

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

"Net Cash Proceeds": (a) in connection with any Asset Sale or any Recovery Event, the proceeds thereof in the form of cash and Cash Equivalents (including any such proceeds received by way of deferred payment of principal pursuant to a note or installment receivable or purchase price adjustment receivable or otherwise, but only as and when received) of such Asset Sale or Recovery Event, net of attorneys' fees, accountants' fees, investment banking fees, amounts required to be applied to the repayment of Indebtedness secured by a Lien expressly permitted hereunder on any asset that is the subject of such Asset Sale or Recovery Event (other than any Lien pursuant to the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement) and other customary fees and expenses actually incurred in connection therewith and net of taxes paid or reasonably estimated to be payable as a result thereof (after taking into account any available tax credits or deductions and any tax sharing arrangements) and (b) in connection with any issuance or sale of Equity Interests or any incurrence of Indebtedness, the cash proceeds received from such issuance or incurrence, net of attorneys' fees, investment banking fees, accountants' fees, underwriting discounts and commissions and other customary fees and expenses actually incurred in connection therewith.

"New Lender": as defined in Section 2.1(d).

"New Lender Supplement": as defined in Section 2.1(d).

"Non-Excluded Taxes": as defined in Section 2.17(a).

"Non-Recourse Subsidiary": (a) any Subsidiary of the Borrower created, acquired or activated by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in connection with any Investment made pursuant to Section 7.7(g) and designated as such by the Borrower substantially concurrently with such creation, acquisition or activation and (b) any Subsidiary of such designated Subsidiary, provided, that (i) at no time shall any creditor of any such Subsidiary have any claim (whether pursuant to a Guarantee Obligation, by operation of law or otherwise) against the Borrower or any of its other Subsidiaries (other than another Non-Recourse Subsidiary) in respect of any Indebtedness or other obligation of any such Subsidiary (other than in respect of a non-recourse pledge of Equity Interests in such Subsidiary); (ii) neither the Borrower nor any of its Subsidiaries (other than another Non-Recourse Subsidiary) shall become a general partner of any such Subsidiary; (iii) no default with respect to any Indebtedness of any such Subsidiary (including any right which the holders thereof may have to take enforcement action against any such Subsidiary) shall permit (upon notice, lapse of time or both) any holder of any Indebtedness of the Borrower or its other Subsidiaries (other than another Non-Recourse Subsidiary) to declare a default on such other Indebtedness or cause the payment thereof to be accelerated or payable prior to its final scheduled maturity; (iv) no such Subsidiary shall own any Equity Interests of, or own or hold any Lien on any property of, the Borrower or any other Subsidiary of the Borrower (other than another Non-Recourse Subsidiary); (v) no Investments may be made in any such Subsidiary by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries (other than another Non-Recourse Subsidiary) except pursuant to Section 7.7(g); (vi) the Borrower shall not directly own any Equity Interests in such Subsidiary; and (vii) at the time of such designation, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom. It is understood that Non-Recourse Subsidiaries shall be disregarded for the purposes of any calculation pursuant to this Agreement relating to financial matters with respect to the Borrower.

"Non-U.S. Lender": as defined in Section 2.17(d).

"Notes": the collective reference to any promissory note evidencing Loans.

"Other Taxes": any and all present or future stamp or documentary taxes or any other excise or property taxes, charges or similar levies arising from any payment made hereunder or from the execution, delivery or enforcement of, or otherwise with respect to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

"Participant": as defined in Section 10.6(b).

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

"Paul Allen Group": the collective reference to (a) Paul G. Allen, (b) his estate, spouse, immediate family members and heirs and (c) any trust, corporation, partnership or other entity, the beneficiaries, stockholders, partners or other owners of which consist exclusively of Paul G. Allen or such other Persons referred to in clause (b) above or a combination thereof.

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

"Permitted Line of Business": as defined in Section 7.14(a).

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

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

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

"Pricing Grid": the pricing grid attached hereto as Annex A.

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

"Properties": as defined in Section 4.17(a).

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"Qualified Indebtedness": (a) with respect to a Qualified Parent Company, any Indebtedness (i) which is issued in a Rule 144A private placement or registered public offering, (ii) which is not held by any Affiliate of the Borrower and (iii) as to which 100% of the Net Cash Proceeds thereof are used by such Qualified Parent Company to make Investments in one or more of its Subsidiaries engaged substantially in businesses of the type described in Section 7.14(a) and/or to refinance (x) other Qualified Indebtedness or (y) Indebtedness of the Borrower; and (b) with respect to an Affiliate of the Borrower, any Indebtedness as to which 100% of the Net Cash Proceeds thereof were contributed to the Borrower. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this definition, "Qualified Indebtedness" shall in any event include the 11-7/8% Senior Discount Notes due 2008 issued by CCV Holdings LLC and outstanding as of the Restatement Effective Date.

"Qualified Parent Company": Charter Communications Inc. or any of its direct or indirect Subsidiaries, in each case provided that the Borrower shall be a Subsidiary of such Person.

"Reaffirmation Agreement": the Reaffirmation Agreement, dated as of January 2, 2001, among Holdings, the Borrower, each Subsidiary Guarantor party thereto and the Administrative Agent.

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

"Refunded Swingline Loans": as defined in Section 2.5(b).

"Refunding Date": as defined in Section 2.5(c).

"Register": as defined in Section 10.6(d).

"Regulation U": Regulation U of the Board as in effect from time to

"Reimbursement Obligation": the obligation of the Borrower to reimburse the relevant Issuing Lender pursuant to Section 3.5 for amounts drawn under Letters of Credit.

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

"Reinvestment Deferred Amount": with respect to any Reinvestment Event, the aggregate Net Cash Proceeds received by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in connection therewith that are not applied to prepay the Term Loans pursuant to Section 2.9(a) as a result of the delivery of a Reinvestment Notice.

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

"Reinvestment Notice": a written notice executed by a Responsible Officer and delivered to the Administrative Agent within twelve months after any Asset Sale or Recovery Event, stating that (a) no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, (b) the Borrower

(directly or indirectly through a Subsidiary) intends and expects to use all or a specified portion of the Net Cash Proceeds of such Asset Sale or Recovery Event to acquire assets useful in its business, on or prior to the earlier of (i) the date that is eighteen months from the date of receipt of such Net Cash Proceeds and (ii) the date on which such proceeds would be required to be applied, or to be offered to be applied, to prepay, redeem or defease any Indebtedness of the Borrower or any of its Affiliates (other than Indebtedness under this Agreement) if not applied as described above (such earlier date, the "Reinvestment Deadline"), and (c) such use will not require redemptions or prepayments (or offers to make redemptions or prepayments) of any other Indebtedness of the Borrower or any of its Affiliates.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Restatement Effective Date": the date on which the conditions precedent set forth in Section 5.1 shall have been satisfied, which date is January 2, 2001.

"Restatement Signing Date": the date on which the condition described in Section 5.1(a)(ii) shall have been satisfied.

"Restricted Payments": as defined in Section 7.6.

"Revolving Aggregate Committed Amount": the sum of the Total Revolving Commitments as in effect on the Restatement Effective Date and the amount of any increases therein effected pursuant to Section 2.1(c).

"Revolving Commitment": as to any Lender, the obligation of such Lender, if any, to make Revolving Loans and participate in Swingline Loans and Letters of Credit in an aggregate principal and/or face amount not to exceed the amount set forth under the heading "Revolving Commitment" opposite such Lender's name on Schedule 1.1 or in the Assignment and Acceptance or New Lender Supplement pursuant to which such Lender became a party hereto, as the same may be changed from time to time pursuant to the terms hereof. The amount of the Total Revolving Commitments as of the Restatement Effective Date is \$450,000,000.

"Revolving Commitment Period": the period from and including the Restatement Effective Date to the Revolving Termination Date.

"Revolving Extensions of Credit": as to any Revolving Lender at any time, an amount equal to the sum of (a) the aggregate principal amount of all Revolving Loans held by such Lender then outstanding, (b) such Lender's Revolving Percentage of the L/C Obligations then outstanding and (c) such Lender's Revolving Percentage of the aggregate principal amount of Swingline Loans then outstanding.

"Revolving Facility": as defined in the definition of "Facility".

"Revolving Lender": each Lender that has a Revolving Commitment or that holds Revolving Extensions of Credit.

"Revolving Loans": as defined in Section 2.1(b).

"Revolving Percentage": as to any Revolving Lender at any time, the percentage which such Lender's Revolving Commitment then constitutes of the Total Revolving Commitments (or, at any time after the Revolving Commitments shall have expired or terminated, the percentage which the aggregate principal amount of such Lender's Revolving Loans then outstanding constitutes of the aggregate principal amount of the Revolving Loans then outstanding).

"Revolving Termination Date": June 30, 2007.

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

"Shell Subsidiary": any Subsidiary of the Borrower that is a "shell" company having (a) assets (either directly or through any Subsidiary or other Equity Interests) with an aggregate value not exceeding \$10,000 and (b) no operations.

"Single Employer Plan": any Plan that is covered by Title IV of ERISA, but that is not a Multiemployer Plan.

"Solvent": when used with respect to any Person, means that, as of any date of determination, (a) the amount of the "present fair saleable value" of the assets of such Person will, as of such date, exceed the amount of all "liabilities of such Person, contingent or otherwise", as of such date, as such quoted terms are determined in accordance with applicable federal and state laws governing determinations of the insolvency of debtors, (b) the present fair

saleable value of the assets of such Person will, as of such date, be greater than the amount that will be required to pay the liability of such Person on its debts as such debts become absolute and matured, (c) such Person will not have, as of such date, an unreasonably small amount of capital with which to conduct its business, and (d) such Person will be able to pay its debts as they mature. For purposes of this definition, (i) "debt" means liability on a "claim", and (ii) "claim" means any (x) right to payment, whether or not such a right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured or unsecured or (y) right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured or unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured or unsecured.

"Specified Agents": the collective reference to the Administrative Agent and the Syndication Agent.  $\,$ 

"Specified Change of Control": a "Change of Control" or any defined term having a comparable purpose contained in the documentation governing any Holdings Debt or any Specified Long-Term Indebtedness having an aggregate outstanding principal amount in excess of \$25,000,000.

"Specified Holdings Subsidiary": each Subsidiary of Holdings other than the Borrower and its Subsidiaries.

"Specified Long-Term Indebtedness": any Indebtedness incurred pursuant to Section 7.2(f).

"Specified Subordinated Debt": any Indebtedness of the Borrower issued directly or indirectly to Paul G. Allen or any of his Affiliates, so long as such Indebtedness (a) qualifies as Specified Long-Term Indebtedness and (b) has terms and conditions substantially identical to those set forth in Exhibit

"Subsidiary": as to any Person, a corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other entity of which shares of stock or other ownership interests having ordinary voting power (other than stock or such other ownership interests having such power only by reason of the happening of a contingency) to elect a majority of the board of directors or other managers of such corporation, partnership or other entity are at the time owned, or the management of which is otherwise controlled, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, or both, by such Person; provided, that Non-Recourse Subsidiaries shall be deemed not to constitute "Subsidiaries" for the purposes of this Agreement (other than the definition of "Non-Recourse Subsidiary"). Unless otherwise qualified, all references to a "Subsidiary" or to "Subsidiaries" in this Agreement shall refer to a Subsidiary or Subsidiaries of the Borrower.

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

"Swingline Commitment": the obligation of the Swingline Lender to make Swingline Loans pursuant to Section 2.4 in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding not to exceed \$25,000,000.

"Swingline Lender": Toronto Dominion (Texas), Inc., in its capacity as the lender of Swingline Loans.

"Swingline Loans": as defined in Section 2.4.

"Swingline Participation Amount": as defined in Section 2.5.

"Syndication Agent": as defined in the preamble hereto.

"Term Lenders": the collective reference to the Tranche A Term Lenders, the Tranche B Term Lenders and the Incremental Term Lenders.

"Term Loans": the collective reference to the Tranche A Term Loans, the Tranche B Term Loans and the Incremental Term Loans.

"Threshold Management Fee Date": any date on which, both before and after giving pro forma effect to the payment of any previously deferred management fees pursuant to Section 7.8(c) (including any Indebtedness incurred in connection therewith), the Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio, determined in respect of the most recent period of four consecutive fiscal quarters for which the relevant financial information is available, is greater than 2.25 to

"Threshold Transaction Date": any date on which, both before and after giving pro forma effect to a particular transaction (including any Indebtedness incurred in connection therewith), the Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio, determined in respect of the most recent period of four consecutive fiscal quarters for which the relevant financial information is available, is greater than 1.75 to 1.0.

"Total Revolving Commitments": at any time, the aggregate amount of the Revolving Commitments then in effect.

"Total Revolving Extensions of Credit": at any time, the aggregate amount of the Revolving Extensions of Credit of the Revolving Lenders outstanding at such time.

"Tranche A Aggregate Funded Amount": the sum of (i) the aggregate principal amount of Existing Tranche A Term Loans outstanding on the Restatement Effective Date, (ii) the aggregate principal amount of Tranche A Incremental Term Loans made pursuant to Section 2.1(a) and (iii) the aggregate principal amount of Tranche A Term Loans made pursuant to Section 2.1(c).

"Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Commitment": as to any Tranche A Term Lender, the obligation of such Lender (if any) to make Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Loans to the Borrower hereunder in a principal amount not to exceed the amount set forth under the heading "Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Commitment" opposite such Lender's name

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on Schedule 1.1 or in the Assignment and Acceptance pursuant to which such Lender became a party hereto, as the same may be changed from time to time pursuant to the terms hereof. The remaining aggregate amount of the Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Commitments as of the Restatement Effective Date is \$17,000,000.

"Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Commitment Termination Date": as defined in Section 2.1(a).

"Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Lender": each Lender that has a Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Commitment or is the holder of a Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Loan.

"Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Loan": as defined in Section 2.1(a).

"Tranche A Incremental Term Commitment": any Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Commitment or Tranche A New Incremental Term Commitment.

"Tranche A Incremental Term Commitment Termination Date": as applicable, the Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Commitment Termination Date or the Tranche A New Incremental Term Commitment Termination Date.

"Tranche A Incremental Term Lender": each Lender that has a Tranche A Incremental Term Commitment or is the holder of a Tranche A Incremental Term Loan.

"Tranche A Incremental Term Loan": any Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Loan or Tranche A New Incremental Term Loan.

"Tranche A New Incremental Term Commitment": as to any Tranche A Term Lender, the obligation of such Lender (if any) to make Tranche A New Incremental Term Loans to the Borrower hereunder in a principal amount not to exceed the amount set forth under the heading "Tranche A New Incremental Term Commitment" opposite such Lender's name on Schedule 1.1 or in the Assignment and Acceptance pursuant to which such Lender became a party hereto, as the same may be changed from time to time pursuant to the terms hereof. The original aggregate amount of the Tranche A New Incremental Term Commitments is \$97,000,000.

"Tranche A New Incremental Term Commitment Termination Date": as defined in Section 2.1(a).

"Tranche A New Incremental Term Lender": each Lender that has a Tranche A New Incremental Term Commitment or is the holder of a Tranche A New Incremental Term Loan.

"Tranche A New Incremental Term Loan": as defined in Section 2.1(a).

"Tranche A Term Facility": as defined in the definition of "Facility".

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"Tranche A Term Lender": each Lender that has a Tranche A Incremental Term Commitment or is the holder of a Tranche A Term Loan.

"Tranche A Term Loan": as defined in Section 2.1(a).

"Tranche A Term Percentage": as to any Tranche A Term Lender at any time, the percentage which the aggregate principal amount of such Lender's Tranche A Term Loans then outstanding constitutes of the aggregate principal amount of all Tranche A Term Loans then outstanding.

"Tranche B Aggregate Funded Amount": the aggregate principal amount of Tranche B Term Loans outstanding on the Restatement Effective Date after giving effect to any borrowing under the Tranche B Incremental Term Commitment.

"Tranche B Incremental Term Commitment": as to any Tranche B Term Lender, the obligation of such Lender (if any) to make a Tranche B Term Loan to the Borrower hereunder on the Restatement Effective Date in a principal amount not to exceed the amount set forth under the heading "Tranche B Incremental Term Commitment" opposite such Lender's name on Schedule 1.1 or in the Assignment and Acceptance pursuant to which such Lender became a party hereto, as the same may be changed from time to time pursuant to the terms hereof. The original aggregate amount of the Tranche B Incremental Term Commitments is \$203,000,000.

"Tranche B Term Facility": as defined in the definition of "Facility".

"Tranche B Term Lender": each Lender that holds a Tranche B Term Loan.

"Tranche B Term Loan": as defined in Section 2.1(a).

"Tranche B Term Percentage": as to any Tranche B Term Lender at any time, the percentage which the aggregate principal amount of such Lender's Tranche B Term Loans then outstanding constitutes of the aggregate principal amount of all Tranche B Term Loans then outstanding.

"Transferee": any Assignee or Participant.

"Type": as to any Loan, its nature as an ABR Loan or a Eurodollar

"United States": the United States of America.

"Wholly Owned Subsidiary": as to any Person, any other Person all of the Equity Interests of which (other than directors' qualifying shares required by law) are owned by such Person directly or through other Wholly Owned Subsidiaries or a combination thereof.

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

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- 1.2. Other Definitional Provisions; Pro Forma Calculations. (a) Unless otherwise specified therein, all terms defined in this Agreement shall have the defined meanings when used in the other Loan Documents or any certificate or other document made or delivered pursuant hereto or thereto.
- (b) As used herein and in the other Loan Documents, and any certificate or other document made or delivered pursuant hereto or thereto, (i) accounting terms relating to Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries not defined in Section 1.1 and accounting terms partly defined in Section 1.1, to the extent not defined, shall have the respective meanings given to them under GAAP, (ii) the words "include", "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation", (iii) the word "incur" shall be construed to mean incur, create, issue, assume, become liable in respect of or suffer to exist (and the words "incurred" and "incurrence" shall have correlative meanings), and (iv) the words "asset" and "property" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and intangible assets and properties, including cash, Equity Interests, securities, revenues, accounts, leasehold interests, contract rights and any other "assets" as such term is defined under GAAP.
- (c) The words "hereof", "herein" and "hereunder" and words of similar import when used in this Agreement shall refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement, and Section, Schedule and Exhibit references are to this Agreement unless otherwise specified.
- (d) The meanings given to terms defined herein shall be equally applicable to both the singular and plural forms of such terms.
- (e) For the purposes of calculating Annualized Operating Cash Flow, Annualized Pro Forma Operating Cash Flow, Consolidated Operating Cash Flow and Consolidated Interest Expense for any period (a "Test Period"), (i) if at any time from the period (a "Pro Forma Period") commencing on the second day of such Test Period and ending on the last day of such Test Period (or, in the case of any pro forma calculation made pursuant hereto in respect of a particular transaction, ending on the date such transaction is consummated and, unless otherwise expressly provided herein, after giving effect thereto), the Borrower or any Subsidiary shall have made any Material Disposition (as defined below), the Consolidated Operating Cash Flow for such Test Period shall be reduced by an amount equal to the Consolidated Operating Cash Flow (if positive) attributable to the property which is the subject of such Material Disposition for such Test Period or increased by an amount equal to the Consolidated Operating Cash Flow (if negative) attributable thereto for such Test Period, and Consolidated interest Expense for such Test Period shall be reduced by an amount equal to the Consolidated Interest Expense for such Test Period attributable to any Indebtedness of the Borrower or any Subsidiary repaid, repurchased, defeased or otherwise discharged with respect to the Borrower and its Subsidiaries in connection with such Material Disposition (or, if the Equity Interests of any Subsidiary are sold, the Consolidated Interest Expense for such Test Period directly attributable to the Indebtedness of such Subsidiary to the extent the Borrower and its continuing Subsidiaries are no longer liable for such Indebtedness after such Disposition); (ii) if during such Pro Forma Period the Borrower or any Subsidiary shall have made a Material Acquisition (as defined below), Consolidated Operating Cash Flow and Consolidated Interest

Expense for such Test Period shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect thereto (including the incurrence or assumption of any Indebtedness in connection therewith) as if such Material Acquisition (and the incurrence or assumption of any such Indebtedness) occurred on the first day of such Test Period; (iii) if during such Pro Forma Period any Person that subsequently became a Subsidiary or was merged with or into the Borrower or any Subsidiary since the beginning of such Pro Forma Period shall have entered into any disposition or acquisition transaction that would have required an adjustment pursuant to clause (i) or (ii) above if made by the Borrower or a Subsidiary during such Pro Forma Period, Consolidated Operating Cash Flow and Consolidated Interest Expense for such Test Period shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect thereto as if such transaction occurred on the first day of such Test Period; and (iv) in the case of determinations in connection with transactions involving the incurrence of Indebtedness, Consolidated Interest Expense shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect thereto (and all other incurrences of Indebtedness during such Pro Forma Period) as if such Indebtedness was incurred on the first day of such Test Period. For the purposes of this paragraph, pro forma calculations regarding the amount of income or earnings relating to any Material Disposition or Material Acquisition and the amount of Consolidated Interest Expense associated with any discharge or incurrence of Indebtedness shall in each case be determined in good faith by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower. If any Indebtedness bears a floating rate of interest and the incurrence or assumption thereof is being given pro forma effect, the interest expense on such Indebtedness shall be calculated as if the rate in effect on the last day of the relevant Pro Forma Period had been the applicable rate for the entire relevant Test Period (taking into account any interest rate protection agreement applicable to such Indebtedness if such interest rate protection agreement has a remaining term in excess of 12 months). As used in this Section 1.2(e), "Material Acquisition" means any acquisition of property or series of related acquisitions of property that (i) constitutes assets comprising all or substantially all of an operating unit of a business or constitutes all or substantially all of the Equity Interests of a Person and (ii) involves the payment of Consideration by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries in excess of \$1,000,000; and "Material Disposition" means any Disposition of property or series of related Dispositions of property that yields gross proceeds to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in excess of \$1,000,000.

(f) In the event that, during the period between the Restatement Signing Date and the Restatement Effective Date, any changes are made in the organizational structure of the Borrower and its Affiliates that are otherwise permitted by this Agreement, appropriate changes to the definitions and other provisions hereof and of the other Loan Documents reflecting such changes may be made with the approval of the Administrative Agent.

## ARTICLE II AMOUNT AND TERMS OF COMMITMENTS

2.1. Commitments; Increases in the Tranche A Term Facility and the Revolving Facility; Incremental Term Loans. (a) Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, (i) each Tranche A Term Lender severally agrees to, as applicable (x) maintain hereunder its outstanding term loan referred to as "Tranche A Term Loans" in the Existing Credit Agreement (each, an "Existing Tranche A Term Loan"), (y) make one or more incremental term loans to the Borrower in an amount not to exceed the amount of the Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Commitment of such Lender (each, a "Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Loan") and (z) make one or more incremental term loans to the Borrower in an amount not to exceed the

amount of the Tranche A New Incremental Term Commitment of such Lender (each, a "Tranche A New Incremental Term Loan" and, together with the Existing Tranche A Term Loans and the Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Loans, each a "Tranche A Term Loan"), (ii) each Tranche B Term Lender severally agrees to, as applicable (x) maintain hereunder its term loan referred to as a "Tranche B Term Loan" (each, an "Existing Tranche B Term Loan") in the Existing Credit Agreement and (y) make an incremental term loan to the Borrower in an amount not to exceed the amount of the Tranche B Incremental Term Commitment of such Lender (each, an "Incremental Tranche B Term Loan"; together with the Existing Tranche B Term Loans, the "Tranche B Term Loans") and (iii) each Incremental Term Lender severally agrees to make one or more term loans (each, an "Incremental Term Loan") to the extent provided in Section 2.1(c). The Term Loans may from time to time be Eurodollar Loans or ABR Loans, as determined by the Borrower and notified to the Administrative Agent in accordance with Sections 2.2 and 2.10. Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Loans may be made on one date during the period from the Restatement Effective Date through February 14, 2001 (the "Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Commitment Termination Date"). Tranche A New Incremental Term Loans may be made on up to four dates during the period from the Restatement Effective Date through the first anniversary of the Restatement Effective Date (the "Tranche A New Incremental Term Commitment Termination Date"); provided that 50% of the Tranche A New Incremental Term Commitments shall be utilized prior to the six-month anniversary of the Restatement Effective Date. The relevant Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments shall be permanently reduced on the date of any borrowing thereunder by the amount of such borrowing, and shall automatically terminate on the relevant Tranche A Incremental Term Commitment Termination Date.

(b) Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, each Revolving Lender severally agrees to make revolving credit loans ("Revolving Loans") to the Borrower from time to time during the Revolving Commitment Period in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding which, when added to such Lender's Revolving Percentage of the sum of (i) the L/C Obligations then outstanding and (ii) the aggregate principal amount of the Swingline Loans then outstanding, does not exceed the amount of such Lender's Revolving Commitment. If at any time the aggregate outstanding Revolving Extensions of Credit exceed \$25,000,000, then Tranche A Incremental Term Loans shall be drawn until all of the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments have been fully utilized. During the Revolving Commitment Period the Borrower may use the Revolving Commitments by borrowing, prepaying the Revolving Loans in whole or in part, and reborrowing, all in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof. The Revolving Loans may from time to time be Eurodollar Loans or ABR Loans, as determined by the Borrower and notified to the Administrative Agent in accordance with Sections 2.2 and 2.10.

(c) The Borrower and any one or more Lenders (including New Lenders) may from time to time agree that such Lenders shall make, obtain or increase the amount of their Tranche A Term Loans, Incremental Term Loans or Revolving Commitments, as applicable, by executing and delivering to the Administrative Agent an Increased Facility Activation Notice specifying (i) the amount of such increase and the Facility or Facilities involved, (ii) the applicable Increased Facility Closing Date and (iii) in the case of Incremental Term Loans, (x) the applicable Incremental Term Maturity Date, (y) the amortization schedule for such Incremental Term Loans, which shall comply with Section 2.3, and (z) the Applicable Margin for such Incremental Term Loans. Notwithstanding the foregoing, without the consent of the Majority Lenders, (i) the aggregate amount of borrowings of Incremental Term Loans shall not

exceed an amount equal to (w) \$300,000,000 plus (x) the aggregate principal amount of optional prepayments of Term Loans made pursuant to Section 2.8 or optional reductions of the Revolving Commitments pursuant to Section 2.7 (provided that the amount described in this clause (x) shall not exceed \$100,000,000) minus (y) the aggregate amount of incremental Tranche A Term Loans or incremental Revolving Commitments obtained pursuant to this paragraph, (ii) the aggregate amount of incremental Tranche A Term Loans and incremental Revolving Commitments obtained pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed \$150,000,000, (iii) incremental Tranche A Term Loans may not be made on or after March 31, 2002, (iv) incremental Revolving Commitments may not be obtained on or after March 31, 2002, (v) each increase effected pursuant to this paragraph shall be in a minimum amount of at least \$50,000,000 and (vi) no more than four Increased Facility Closing Dates may be selected by the Borrower after the Restatement Effective Date. No Lender shall have any obligation to participate in any increase described in this paragraph unless it agrees to do so in its sole discretion.

- (d) Any additional bank, financial institution or other entity which, with the consent of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), elects to become a "Lender" under this Agreement in connection with any transaction described in Section 2.1(c) shall execute a New Lender Supplement (each, a "New Lender Supplement"), substantially in the form of Exhibit D-2, whereupon such bank, financial institution or other entity (a "New Lender") shall become a Lender for all purposes and to the same extent as if originally a party hereto and shall be bound by and entitled to the benefits of this Agreement.
- (e) Unless otherwise agreed by the Administrative Agent, on each Increased Facility Closing Date (other than in respect of Incremental Term Loans), the Borrower shall borrow Tranche A Term Loans under the increased Tranche A Term Facility, or shall borrow Revolving Loans under the increased Revolving Commitments, as the case may be, from each Lender participating in the relevant increase in an amount determined by reference to the amount of each Type of Loan (and, in the case of Eurodollar Loans, of each Eurodollar Tranche) which would then have been outstanding from such Lender if (i) each such Type or Eurodollar Tranche had been borrowed or effected on such Increased Facility Closing Date and (ii) the aggregate amount of each such Type or Eurodollar Tranche requested to be so borrowed or effected had been proportionately increased. The Eurodollar Base Rate applicable to any Eurodollar Loan borrowed pursuant to the preceding sentence shall equal the Eurodollar Base Rate then applicable to the Eurodollar Loans of the other Lenders in the same Eurodollar Tranche (or, until the expiration of the then-current Interest Period, such other rate as shall be agreed upon between the Borrower and the relevant Lender).
- 2.2. Procedure for Borrowing. In order to effect a borrowing hereunder, the Borrower shall give the Administrative Agent irrevocable notice (which notice must be received by the Administrative Agent prior to 12:00 Noon, Houston time, (a) three Business Days prior to the requested Borrowing Date, in the case of Eurodollar Loans, or (b) one Business Day prior to the requested Borrowing Date, in the case of ABR Loans), specifying (i) the Facility under which such Loan is to be borrowed, (ii) the amount and Type of Loans to be borrowed, (iii) the requested Borrowing Date and (iv) in the case of Eurodollar Loans, the respective amounts of each such Type of Loan and the respective lengths of the initial Interest Period therefor. Any

Loans made on the Restatement Effective Date shall initially be ABR Loans. Each borrowing shall be in an aggregate amount equal to (x) in the case of ABR Loans, \$5,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof (or, if the then aggregate Available Revolving Commitments are less than \$5,000,000, such lesser amount) and (y) in the case of Eurodollar Loans, \$10,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof; provided, that the Swingline Lender may request, on behalf of the Borrower, borrowings under the Revolving Commitments that are ABR Loans in other amounts pursuant to Section 2.5. Upon receipt of any such notice from the Borrower, the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each relevant Lender thereof. Each relevant Lender will make the amount of its pro rata share of each borrowing available to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Borrower at the Funding Office prior to 11:00 A.M., Houston time, on the Borrowing Date requested by the Borrower in funds immediately available to the Administrative Agent. Such borrowing will then be made available not later than 2:00 P.M., Houston time, to the Borrower by the Administrative Agent crediting the account of the Borrower on the books of such office with the aggregate of the amounts made available to the Administrative Agent by the relevant Lenders and in like funds as received by the Administrative Agent.

2.3. Repayment of Loans. (a) The Tranche A Term Loans of each Tranche A Term Lender shall mature in 22 consecutive quarterly installments, commencing on March 31, 2002, each of which shall be in an amount equal to such Lender's Tranche A Term Percentage multiplied by the percentage of the Tranche A Aggregate Funded Amount set forth below opposite such installment:

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March 31, 2007 June 30, 2007	7.5% 7.5%

- (b) The Tranche B Term Loans of each Tranche B Term Lender shall mature in 25 consecutive quarterly installments (each due on the last day of each calendar quarter, except for the last such installment), commencing on March 31, 2002, each of which shall be in an amount equal to such Lender's Tranche B Term Percentage multiplied by (i) in the case of the first 24 such installments, 0.25% of the Tranche B Aggregate Funded Amount and (ii) in the case of the last such installment (which shall be due on February 2, 2008), 94.0% of the Tranche B Aggregate Funded Amount.
- (c) The Incremental Term Loans of each Incremental Term Lender shall mature in consecutive installments (which shall be no more frequent than quarterly) as specified in the Increased Facility Activation Notice pursuant to which such Incremental Term Loans were made, provided that, prior to the date that is six months after the final maturity of the Tranche B Term Loans, the aggregate amount of such installments for any four consecutive fiscal quarters shall not exceed 1% of the aggregate principal amount of such Incremental Term Loans on the date such Loans were first made.
- (d) The Total Revolving Commitments shall be permanently reduced on each of the dates set forth below by an aggregate amount equal to the percentage of the Revolving Aggregate Committed Amount set forth opposite such date:

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(e) Any reduction or termination of the Revolving Commitments pursuant to this Section 2.3 shall be accompanied by prepayment of the Revolving Loans and/or Swingline Loans to the extent that the Total Revolving Extensions of Credit exceed the amount of the Total

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Revolving Commitments after giving effect thereto, provided that if the aggregate principal amount of Revolving Loans and Swingline Loans then outstanding is less than the amount of such excess (because L/C Obligations constitute a portion thereof), the Borrower shall, to the extent of the balance of such excess, replace outstanding Letters of Credit and/or deposit an amount in cash in a cash collateral account established with the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Lenders on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Administrative Agent. The application of any prepayment pursuant to this paragraph shall be made, first, to ABR Loans and, second, to Eurodollar Loans. Each prepayment of the Loans under this paragraph (other than ABR Loans and Swingline Loans) shall be accompanied by accrued interest to the date of such prepayment on the amount prepaid.

- 2.4. Swingline Commitment. Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the Swingline Lender agrees to make a portion of the credit otherwise available to the Borrower under the Revolving Commitments from time to time during the Revolving Commitment Period by making swingline loans ("Swingline Loans") to the Borrower; provided that (a) the aggregate principal amount of Swingline Loans outstanding at any time shall not exceed the Swingline Commitment then in effect (notwithstanding that the Swingline Loans outstanding at any time, when aggregated with the Swingline Lender's other outstanding Revolving Loans hereunder, may exceed the Swingline Commitment then in effect) and (b) the Borrower shall not request, and the Swingline Lender shall not make, any Swingline Loan if, after giving effect to the making of such Swingline Loan, the aggregate amount of the Available Revolving Commitments would be less than zero. During the Revolving Commitment Period, the Borrower may use the Swingline Commitment by borrowing, repaying and reborrowing, all in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof. Swingline Loans shall be ABR Loans only.
- 2.5. Procedure for Swingline Borrowing; Refunding of Swingline Loans. (a) Whenever the Borrower desires that the Swingline Lender make Swingline Loans it shall give the Swingline Lender irrevocable telephonic notice confirmed promptly in writing (which telephonic notice must be received by the Swingline Lender not later than 12:00 Noon, Houston time, on the proposed Borrowing Date), specifying (i) the amount to be borrowed and (ii) the requested Borrowing Date (which shall be a Business Day during the Revolving Commitment Period). Each borrowing under the Swingline Commitment shall be in an amount equal to \$1,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$500,000 in excess thereof. Not later than 2:00 P.M., Houston time, on the Borrowing Date specified in a notice in respect of Swingline Loans, the Swingline Lender shall make available to the Administrative Agent at the Funding Office an amount in immediately available funds equal to the amount of the Swingline Loan to be made by the Swingline Lender. The Administrative Agent shall make the proceeds of such Swingline Loan available to the Borrower on such Borrowing Date by depositing such proceeds in the account of the Borrower with the Administrative Agent on such Borrowing Date in immediately available funds.
- (b) The Swingline Lender, at any time and from time to time in its sole and absolute discretion and in consultation with the Borrower (provided that the failure to so consult shall not affect the ability of the Swingline Lender to make the following request) may, on behalf of the Borrower (which hereby irrevocably directs the Swingline Lender to act on its behalf), on one Business Day's notice given by the Swingline Lender no later than 1:00 P.M., Houston time, request each Revolving Lender to make, and each Revolving Lender hereby agrees to make, a

Revolving Loan, in an amount equal to such Revolving Lender's Revolving Percentage of the aggregate amount of the Swingline Loans (the "Refunded Swingline Loans") outstanding on the date of such notice, to repay the Swingline Lender. Each Revolving Lender shall make the amount of such Revolving Loan available to the Administrative Agent at the Funding Office in immediately available funds, not later than 11:00 A.M., Houston time, one Business Day after the date of such notice. The proceeds of such Revolving Loans shall be immediately made available by the Administrative Agent to the Swingline Lender for application by the Swingline Lender to the repayment of the Refunded Swingline Loans. The Borrower irrevocably authorizes the Swingline Lender to charge the Borrower's accounts with the Administrative Agent (up to the amount available in each such account) in order to immediately pay the amount of such Refunded Swingline Loans to the extent amounts received from the Revolving Lenders are not sufficient to repay in full such Refunded Swingline Loans.

- (c) If prior to the time a Revolving Loan would have otherwise been made pursuant to Section 2.5(b), one of the events described in Section 8(f) shall have occurred and be continuing with respect to the Borrower or if for any other reason, as determined by the Swingline Lender in its sole discretion, Revolving Loans may not be made as contemplated by Section 2.5(b), each Revolving Lender shall, on the date such Revolving Loan was to have been made pursuant to the notice referred to in Section 2.5(b) (the "Refunding Date"), purchase for cash an undivided participating interest in the then outstanding Swingline Loans by paying to the Swingline Lender an amount (the "Swingline Participation Amount") equal to (i) such Revolving Lender's Revolving Percentage times (ii) the sum of the aggregate principal amount of Swingline Loans then outstanding that were to have been repaid with such Revolving Loans.
- (d) Whenever, at any time after the Swingline Lender has received from any Revolving Lender such Lender's Swingline Participation Amount, the Swingline Lender receives any payment on account of the Swingline Loans, the Swingline Lender will distribute to such Lender its Swingline Participation Amount (appropriately adjusted, in the case of interest payments, to reflect the period of time during which such Lender's participating interest was outstanding and funded and, in the case of principal and interest payments, to reflect such Lender's pro rata portion of such payment if such payment is not sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on all Swingline Loans then due); provided, however, that in the event that such payment received by the Swingline Lender is required to be returned, such Revolving Lender will return to the Swingline Lender.
- (e) Each Revolving Lender's obligation to make the Loans referred to in Section 2.5(b) and to purchase participating interests pursuant to Section 2.5(c) shall be absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance, including (i) any setoff, counterclaim, recoupment, defense or other right that such Revolving Lender or the Borrower may have against the Swingline Lender, the Borrower or any other Person for any reason whatsoever; (ii) the occurrence or continuance of a Default or an Event of Default or the failure to satisfy any of the other conditions specified in Section 5; (iii) any adverse change in the condition (financial or otherwise) of the Borrower; (iv) any breach of this Agreement or any other Loan Document by the Borrower, any other Loan Party or any other Revolving Lender; or (v) any other circumstance, happening or event whatsoever, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing.

- 2.6. Commitment Fees, etc. (a) The Borrower agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of each Revolving Lender and each Tranche A Incremental Term Lender a nonrefundable commitment fee for the period from and including the Restatement Effective Date to the last day of the Revolving Commitment Period or the date on which the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments have been fully utilized or terminated, as the case may be, computed at the Commitment Fee Rate on the average daily amount of the Available Revolving Commitment or the unutilized Tranche A Incremental Term Commitment, as the case may be, of such Lender during the period for which payment is made, payable quarterly in arrears on the last day of each March, June, September and December and on the Revolving Termination Date or the date on which the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments have been fully utilized or terminated, as the case may be, commencing on the first of such dates to occur after the date hereof.
- (b) The Borrower agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent the fees in the amounts and on the dates previously agreed to in writing by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.
- 2.7. Termination or Reduction of Commitments. The Borrower shall have the right, upon not less than three Business Days' notice to the Administrative Agent, to terminate the Revolving Commitments or the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments or, from time to time, to reduce the amount of the Revolving Commitments or the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments; provided that no such termination or reduction of Revolving Commitments shall be permitted if, after giving effect thereto and to any prepayments of the Revolving Loans and Swingline Loans made on the effective date thereof, the Total Revolving Extensions of Credit would exceed the Total Revolving Commitments. Any such reduction shall be in an amount equal to \$10,000,000, or a whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof, shall reduce permanently the Revolving Commitments or the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments, as the case may be, then in effect and shall, in the case of the Revolving Commitments, be applied pro rata to the scheduled reductions thereof.
- 2.8. Optional Prepayments. The Borrower may at any time and from time to time prepay the Loans, in whole or in part, without premium or penalty, upon irrevocable notice delivered to the Administrative Agent at least three Business Days prior thereto in the case of Eurodollar Loans and at least one Business Day prior thereto in the case of ABR Loans, which notice shall specify the date and amount of prepayment and whether the prepayment is of Eurodollar Loans or ABR Loans; provided, that if a Eurodollar Loan is prepaid on any day other than the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto, the Borrower shall also pay any amounts owing pursuant to Section 2.18. Upon receipt of any such notice the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each relevant Lender thereof. If any such notice is given, the amount specified in such notice shall be due and payable on the date specified therein, together with (except in the case of Revolving Loans that are ABR Loans and Swingline Loans) accrued interest to such date on the amount prepaid. Partial prepayments of Term Loans and Revolving Loans shall be in an aggregate principal amount of \$5,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof. Partial prepayments of Swingline Loans shall be in an aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$500,000 in excess thereof.

- 2.9. Mandatory Prepayments. (a) If on any date the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall receive Net Cash Proceeds from any Asset Sale or Recovery Event then, (i) unless a Reinvestment Notice shall be delivered in respect thereof, such Net Cash Proceeds shall be applied within two Business Days after the deadline by which such Reinvestment Notice is otherwise required to be delivered in respect of such Asset Sale or Recovery Event toward the prepayment of the Term Loans (provided that the foregoing requirement shall not apply to the first \$10,000,000 of aggregate Net Cash Proceeds received after the Restatement Effective Date) and (ii) on each Reinvestment Prepayment Date, an amount equal to the Reinvestment Prepayment Amount with respect to the relevant Reinvestment Event shall be applied toward the prepayment of the Term Loans.
- (b) The application of any prepayment pursuant to this Section 2.9 shall be made, first, to ABR Loans and, second, to Eurodollar Loans. Each prepayment of the Loans under this Section 2.9 shall be accompanied by accrued interest to the date of such prepayment on the amount prepaid.
- 2.10. Conversion and Continuation Options. (a) The Borrower may elect from time to time to convert Eurodollar Loans to ABR Loans by giving the Administrative Agent at least three Business Days' prior irrevocable notice of such election, provided that any such conversion of Eurodollar Loans may only be made on the last day of an Interest Period with respect thereto. The Borrower may elect from time to time to convert ABR Loans to Eurodollar Loans by giving the Administrative Agent at least three Business Days' prior irrevocable notice of such election (which notice shall specify the length of the initial Interest Period therefor), provided that no ABR Loan may be converted into a Eurodollar Loan when any Event of Default has occurred and is continuing. Upon receipt of any such notice the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each relevant Lender thereof.
- (b) Any Eurodollar Loan may be continued as such upon the expiration of the then current Interest Period with respect thereto by the Borrower giving irrevocable notice to the Administrative Agent, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the term "Interest Period" set forth in Section 1.1, of the length of the next Interest Period to be applicable to such Loans, provided that (i) no Eurodollar Loan may be continued as such when any Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and (ii) if the Borrower shall fail to give any required notice as described above in this paragraph, the relevant Eurodollar Loans shall be automatically converted to Eurodollar Loans having a one-month Interest Period on the last day of the then expiring Interest Period. Upon receipt of any such notice the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each relevant Lender thereof.
- 2.11. Limitations on Eurodollar Tranches. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, all borrowings, conversions and continuations of Eurodollar Loans hereunder and all selections of Interest Periods hereunder shall be in such amounts and be made pursuant to such elections so that, (a) after giving effect thereto, the aggregate principal amount of the Eurodollar Loans comprising each Eurodollar Tranche shall be equal to \$10,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof and (b) no more than fifteen Eurodollar Tranches shall be outstanding at any one time.

- 2.12. Interest Rates and Payment Dates. (a) Each Eurodollar Loan shall bear interest for each day during each Interest Period with respect thereto at a rate per annum equal to the Eurodollar Rate determined for such day plus the Applicable Margin.
- (b) Each ABR Loan shall bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the ABR plus the Applicable Margin.
- (c) (i) If all or a portion of the principal amount of any Loan or Reimbursement Obligation shall not be paid when due (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise), all outstanding Loans and Reimbursement Obligations (whether or not overdue) shall bear interest at a rate per annum equal to (x) in the case of the Loans, the rate that would otherwise be applicable thereto pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section plus 2% or (y) in the case of Reimbursement Obligations, the rate applicable to ABR Loans under the Revolving Facility plus 2%, and (ii) if all or a portion of any interest payable on any Loan or Reimbursement Obligation or any commitment fee or other amount payable hereunder shall not be paid when due (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise), such overdue amount shall bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the rate then applicable to ABR Loans under the relevant Facility plus 2% (or, in the case of any such other amounts that do not relate to a particular Facility, the rate then applicable to ABR Loans under the Revolving Facility plus 2%), in each case, with respect to clauses (i) and (ii) above, from the date of such non-payment until such amount is paid in full (as well after as before judgment).
- (d) Interest shall be payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date, provided that interest accruing pursuant to paragraph (c) of this Section shall be payable from time to time on demand.
- 2.13. Computation of Interest and Fees. (a) Interest and fees payable pursuant hereto shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year for the actual days elapsed, except that, with respect to ABR Loans the rate of interest on which is calculated on the basis of the Prime Rate, the interest thereon shall be calculated on the basis of a 365- (or 366-, as the case may be) day year for the actual days elapsed. The Administrative Agent shall as soon as practicable notify the Borrower and the relevant Lenders of each determination of a Eurodollar Rate. Any change in the interest rate on a Loan resulting from a change in the ABR or the Eurocurrency Reserve Requirements shall become effective as of the opening of business on the day on which such change becomes effective. The Administrative Agent shall as soon as practicable notify the Borrower and the relevant Lenders of the effective date and the amount of each such change in interest rate.
- (b) Each determination of an interest rate by the Administrative Agent pursuant to any provision of this Agreement shall be conclusive and binding on the Borrower and the Lenders in the absence of manifest error. The Administrative Agent shall, at the request of the Borrower, deliver to the Borrower a statement showing the quotations used by the Administrative Agent in determining any interest rate pursuant to Section 2.12(a).
- 2.14. Inability to Determine Interest Rate. If prior to the first day of any Interest Period:

- (a) the Administrative Agent shall have determined (which determination shall be conclusive and binding upon the Borrower) that, by reason of circumstances affecting the relevant market, adequate and reasonable means do not exist for ascertaining the Eurodollar Rate for such Interest Period, or
- (b) the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from the Majority Facility Lenders in respect of the relevant Facility that the Eurodollar Rate determined or to be determined for such Interest Period will not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders (as conclusively certified by such Lenders) of making or maintaining their affected Loans during such Interest Period,

the Administrative Agent shall give telecopy or telephonic notice thereof to the Borrower and the relevant Lenders as soon as practicable thereafter. If such notice is given (x) any Eurodollar Loans under the relevant Facility requested to be made on the first day of such Interest Period shall be made as ABR Loans, (y) any Loans under the relevant Facility that were to have been converted on the first day of such Interest Period to Eurodollar Loans shall be continued as ABR Loans and (z) any outstanding Eurodollar Loans under the relevant Facility shall be converted, on the last day of the then-current Interest Period, to ABR Loans. Until such notice has been withdrawn by the Administrative Agent, no further Eurodollar Loans under the relevant Facility shall be made or continued as such, nor shall the Borrower have the right to convert Loans under the relevant Facility to Eurodollar Loans.

- 2.15. Pro Rata Treatment and Payments. (a) Except in the case of the Incremental Term Facility, each borrowing by the Borrower from the Lenders hereunder, each payment by the Borrower on account of any commitment fee and any reduction of the Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Commitments, Tranche A New Incremental Commitments or Revolving Commitments of the Lenders shall be made pro rata according to the respective Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Commitments, Tranche A New Incremental Commitments, Tranche B Incremental Term Commitments or Revolving Commitments, as the case may be, of the relevant Lenders.
- (b) Each payment (including each prepayment) by the Borrower on account of principal of and interest on the Term Loans shall be made pro rata according to the respective outstanding principal amounts of the Term Loans then held by the Term Lenders (except as otherwise provided in Section 2.15(d)). The amount of each principal prepayment of the Term Loans shall be applied to reduce the then remaining installments of the Tranche A Term Loans, Tranche B Term Loans and Incremental Term Loans, as the case may be, pro rata based upon the then remaining principal amount thereof. Amounts prepaid on account of the Term Loans may not be reborrowed.
- (c) Each payment (including each prepayment) by the Borrower on account of principal of and interest on the Revolving Loans shall be made pro rata according to the respective outstanding principal amounts of the Revolving Loans then held by the Revolving Lenders.
- (d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, with respect to the amount of any mandatory prepayment of the Term Loans pursuant to Section 2.9 and, if

the Borrower so elects in its sole discretion, any optional prepayment of the Term Loans pursuant to Section 2.8, that in any such case is allocated to Tranche B Term Loans or Incremental Term Loans (such amounts, the "Tranche B Prepayment Amount" and the "Incremental Prepayment Amount", respectively), at any time when Tranche A Term Loans remain outstanding, the Borrower will (or, in the case of optional prepayments, may), in lieu of applying such amount to the prepayment of Tranche B Term Loans and Incremental Term Loans, respectively, on the date specified in Section 2.9 or 2.8, as the case may be, for such prepayment, give the Administrative Agent telephonic notice (promptly confirmed in writing) requesting that the Administrative agent telephonic notice (promptly confirmed in writing) in writing) requesting that the Administrative Agent prepare and provide to each Tranche B Lender and Incremental Term Lender a notice (each, a "Prepayment Option Notice") as described below. As promptly as practicable after receiving such notice from the Borrower, the Administrative Agent will send to each Tranche B Lender and Incremental Term Lender a Prepayment Option Notice, which shall be in the form of Exhibit F, and shall include an offer by the Borrower to prepay on the date (each a "Prepayment Date") that is 10 Business Days after the date of the Prepayment Option Notice, the relevant Term Loans of such Lender by an amount equal to the portion of the prepayment amount indicated in such Lender's Prepayment Option Notice as being applicable to such Lender's Tranche B Term Loans or Incremental Term Loans, as the case may be. On the Prepayment Date, (i) the Borrower shall pay to the relevant Tranche B Lenders and Incremental Term Lenders the aggregate amount necessary to prepay that portion of the outstanding relevant Term Loans in respect of which such Lenders have accepted prepayment as described in the Prepayment Option Notice, (ii) the Borrower shall pay to the Tranche A Term Lenders an amount equal to 50% (or, the case of optional prepayments, such percentage as shall be determined by the Borrower in its sole discretion) of the portion of the Tranche B Prepayment Amount and the Incremental Prepayment Amount not accepted by the relevant Lenders, and such amount shall be applied pro rata to the prepayment of the Tranche A Term Loans, and (iii) the Borrower shall be entitled to retain the remaining portion of the Tranche B Prepayment Amount and the Incremental Prepayment Amount not accepted by the relevant Lenders.

(e) All payments (including prepayments) to be made by the Borrower hereunder, whether on account of principal, interest, fees or otherwise, shall be made without setoff or counterclaim and shall be made prior to 12:00 Noon, Houston time, on the due date thereof to the Administrative Agent, for the account of the Lenders, at the Funding Office, in Dollars and in immediately available funds. The Administrative Agent shall distribute such payments to the Lenders promptly upon receipt in like funds as received. If any payment hereunder (other than payments on the Eurodollar Loans) becomes due and payable on a day other than a Business Day, such payment shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day. If any payment on a Eurodollar Loan becomes due and payable on a day other than a Business Day, the maturity thereof shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless the result of such extension would be to extend such payment into another calendar month, in which event such payment shall be made on the immediately preceding Business Day. In the case of any extension of any payment of principal pursuant to the preceding two sentences, interest thereon shall be payable at the then applicable rate during such extension.

(f) Unless the Administrative Agent shall have been notified in writing by any Lender prior to a borrowing that such Lender will not make the amount that would constitute its share of such borrowing available to the Administrative Agent, the Administrative Agent may assume that such Lender is making such amount available to the Administrative Agent, and the

Administrative Agent may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to the Borrower a corresponding amount. If such amount is not made available to the Administrative Agent by the required time on the Borrowing Date therefor, such Lender shall pay to the Administrative Agent, on demand, such amount with interest thereon at a rate equal to the daily average Federal Funds Effective Rate for the period until such Lender makes such amount immediately available to the Administrative Agent. A certificate of the Administrative Agent submitted to any Lender with respect to any amounts owing under this paragraph shall be conclusive in the absence of manifest error. If such Lender's share of such borrowing is not made available to the Administrative Agent by such Lender within three Business Days of such Borrowing Date, the Administrative Agent shall also be entitled to recover such amount with interest thereon at the rate per annum applicable to ABR Loans under the relevant Facility, on demand, from the Borrower.

- (g) Unless the Administrative Agent shall have been notified in writing by the Borrower prior to the date of any payment being made hereunder that the Borrower will not make such payment to the Administrative Agent, the Administrative Agent may assume that the Borrower is making such payment, and the Administrative Agent may, but shall not be required to, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to the Lenders their respective pro rata shares of a corresponding amount. If such payment is not made to the Administrative Agent by the Borrower within three Business Days of such required date, the Administrative Agent shall be entitled to recover, on demand, from each Lender to which any amount which was made available pursuant to the preceding sentence, such amount with interest thereon at the rate per annum equal to the daily average Federal Funds Effective Rate. Nothing herein shall be deemed to limit the rights of the Administrative Agent or any Lender against the Borrower.
- 2.16. Requirements of Law. (a) If the adoption of or any change in any Requirement of Law or in the interpretation or application thereof or compliance by any Lender with any request or directive (whether or not having the force of law) from any central bank or other Governmental Authority made subsequent to the date hereof:
  - (i) shall subject any Lender to any tax of any kind whatsoever with respect to this Agreement, any Letter of Credit, any Application or any Eurodollar Loan made by it, or change the basis of taxation of payments to such Lender in respect thereof (except for Non-Excluded Taxes covered by Section 2.17 and changes in the rate of tax on the overall net income of such Lender);
  - (ii) shall impose, modify or hold applicable any reserve, special deposit, compulsory loan or similar requirement against assets held by, deposits or other liabilities in or for the account of, advances, loans or other extensions of credit by, or any other acquisition of funds by, any office of such Lender that is not otherwise included in the determination of the Eurodollar Rate hereunder; or
    - (iii) shall impose on such Lender any other condition;

and the result of any of the foregoing is to increase the cost to such Lender, by an amount that such Lender deems to be material, of making, converting into, continuing or maintaining Eurodollar Loans or issuing or participating in Letters of Credit, or to reduce any amount

receivable hereunder in respect thereof, then, in any such case, the Borrower shall promptly pay such Lender, upon its demand, any additional amounts necessary to compensate such Lender for such increased cost or reduced amount receivable. If any Lender becomes entitled to claim any additional amounts pursuant to this paragraph, it shall promptly notify the Borrower (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) of the event by reason of which it has become so entitled.

- (b) If any Lender shall have determined that the adoption of or any change in any Requirement of Law regarding capital adequacy or in the interpretation or application thereof or compliance by such Lender or any corporation controlling such Lender with any request or directive regarding capital adequacy (whether or not having the force of law) from any Governmental Authority made subsequent to the date hereof shall have the effect of reducing the rate of return on such Lender's or such corporation's capital as a consequence of its obligations hereunder or under or in respect of any Letter of Credit to a level below that which such Lender or such corporation could have achieved but for such adoption, change or compliance (taking into consideration such Lender's or such corporation's policies with respect to capital adequacy) by an amount deemed by such Lender to be material, then from time to time, after submission by such Lender to the Borrower (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) of a written request therefor, the Borrower shall pay to such Lender such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender for such reduction; provided that the Borrower shall not be required to compensate a Lender pursuant to this paragraph for any amounts incurred more than six months prior to the date that such Lender notifies the Borrower of such Lender's intention to claim compensation therefor; and provided further that, if the circumstances giving rise to such claim have a retroactive effect, then such six-month period shall be extended to include the period of such retroactive effect.
- (c) A certificate as to any additional amounts payable pursuant to this Section submitted by any Lender to the Borrower (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) shall be conclusive in the absence of manifest error. The obligations of the Borrower pursuant to this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement and the payment of the Loans and all other amounts payable hereunder.
- 2.17. Taxes. (a) All payments made by the Borrower under this Agreement shall be made free and clear of, and without deduction or withholding for or on account of, any present or future income, stamp or other taxes, levies, imposts, duties, charges, fees, deductions or withholdings, now or hereafter imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by any Governmental Authority, excluding net income taxes and franchise taxes (imposed in lieu of net income taxes) imposed on the Administrative Agent or any Lender as a result of a present or former connection between the Administrative Agent or such Lender and the jurisdiction of the Governmental Authority imposing such tax or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein (other than any such connection arising solely from the Administrative Agent or such Lender having executed, delivered or performed its obligations or received a payment under, or enforced, this Agreement or any other Loan Document). If any such non-excluded taxes, levies, imposts, duties, charges, fees, deductions or withholdings ("Non-Excluded Taxes") or Other Taxes are required to be withheld from any amounts payable to the Administrative Agent or any Lender hereunder, the amounts so payable to the Administrative Agent or such Lender shall be increased to the extent necessary to yield to the Administrative Agent or such Lender (after payment of all Non-Excluded Taxes and Other Taxes) interest or any such other

amounts payable hereunder at the rates or in the amounts specified in this Agreement, provided, however, that the Borrower shall not be required to increase any such amounts payable to any Lender with respect to any Non-Excluded Taxes (i) that are attributable to such Lender's failure to comply with the requirements of paragraph (d) or (e) of this Section or (ii) that are United States withholding taxes imposed on amounts payable to such Lender at the time the Lender becomes a party to this Agreement, except to the extent that such Lender's assignor (if any) was entitled, at the time of assignment, to receive additional amounts from the Borrower with respect to such Non-Excluded Taxes pursuant to this paragraph.

- (b) In addition, the Borrower shall pay any Other Taxes to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law.
- (c) Whenever any Non-Excluded Taxes or Other Taxes are payable by the Borrower, as promptly as possible thereafter the Borrower shall send to the Administrative Agent for its own account or for the account of the relevant Lender, as the case may be, a certified copy of an original official receipt received by the Borrower showing payment thereof. If the Borrower fails to pay any Non-Excluded Taxes or Other Taxes when due to the appropriate taxing authority or fails to remit to the Administrative Agent the required receipts or other required documentary evidence, the Borrower shall indemnify the Administrative Agent and the Lenders for any incremental taxes, interest or penalties that may become payable by the Administrative Agent or any Lender as a result of any such failure.
- (d) Each Lender (or Transferee) that is not a citizen or resident of the United States of America, a corporation, partnership or other entity created or organized in or under the laws of the United States of America (or any jurisdiction thereof), or any estate or trust that is subject to federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income (a "Non-U.S. Lender") shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (or, in the case of a Participant, to the Lender from which the related participation shall have been purchased) two copies of either U.S. Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN or Form W-8ECI, or, in the case of a Non-U.S. Lender claiming exemption from U.S. federal withholding tax under Section 871(h) or 881(c) of the Code with respect to payments of "portfolio interest", a statement substantially in the form of Exhibit G and a Form W-8BEN, or any subsequent versions thereof or successors thereto, properly completed and duly executed by such Non-U.S. Lender claiming complete exemption from U.S. federal withholding tax on all payments by the Borrower under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. Such forms shall be delivered by each Non-U.S. Lender on or before the date it becomes a party to this Agreement (or, in the case of any Participant, on or before the date such Participant purchases the related participation). In addition, each Non-U.S. Lender shall deliver such forms promptly upon the obsolescence or invalidity of any form previously delivered by such Non-U.S. Lender. Each Non-U.S. Lender shall promptly notify the Borrower at any time it determines that it is no longer in a position to provide any previously delivered certificate to the Borrower (or any other form of certification adopted by the U.S. taxing authorities for such purpose). Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, a Non-U.S. Lender shall not be required to deliver any form pursuant to this paragraph that such Non-U.S. Lender is not legally able to deliver.
- (e) A Lender that is entitled to an exemption from non-U.S. withholding tax under the law of the jurisdiction in which the Borrower is located, or any treaty to which such

jurisdiction is a party, with respect to payments under this Agreement shall deliver to the Borrower (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), at the time or times prescribed by applicable law or reasonably requested by the Borrower, such properly completed and executed documentation prescribed by applicable law as will permit such payments to be made without withholding, provided that such Lender is legally entitled to complete, execute and deliver such documentation and in such Lender's judgment such completion, execution or submission would not materially prejudice the legal position of such Lender.

- (f) The agreements in this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement and the payment of the Loans and all other amounts payable hereunder.
- 2.18. Indemnity. The Borrower agrees to indemnify each Lender and to hold each Lender harmless from any loss or expense that such Lender may sustain or incur as a consequence of (a) default by the Borrower in making a borrowing of, conversion into or continuation of Eurodollar Loans after the Borrower has given a notice requesting the same in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, (b) default by the Borrower in making any prepayment of or conversion from Eurodollar Loans after the Borrower has given a notice thereof in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement or (c) the making of a prepayment of Eurodollar Loans on a day that is not the last day of an Interest Period with respect thereto. Such indemnification may include an amount equal to the excess, if any, of (i) the amount of interest that would have accrued on the amount so prepaid, or not so borrowed, converted or continued, for the period from the date of such prepayment or of such failure to borrow, convert or continue to the last day of such Interest Period (or, in the case of a failure to borrow, convert or continue, the Interest Period that would have commenced on the date of such failure) in each case at the applicable rate of interest for such Loans provided for herein (excluding, however, the Applicable Margin included therein, if any) over (ii) the amount of interest (as reasonably determined by such Lender) that would have accrued to such Lender on such amount by placing such amount on deposit for a comparable period with leading banks in the interbank eurodollar market. A certificate as to any amounts payable pursuant to this Section submitted to the Borrower by any Lender shall be conclusive in the absence of manifest error. This covenant shall survive the termination of this Agreement and the payment of the Loans and all other amounts payable hereunder.
- 2.19. Change of Lending Office. Each Lender agrees that, upon the occurrence of any event giving rise to the operation of Section 2.16 or 2.17(a) with respect to such Lender, it will, if requested by the Borrower, use reasonable efforts (subject to overall policy considerations of such Lender) to designate another lending office for any Loans affected by such event with the object of avoiding the consequences of such event; provided, that such designation is made on terms that, in the sole judgment of such Lender, cause such Lender and its lending office(s) to suffer no economic, legal or regulatory disadvantage, and provided, further, that nothing in this Section shall affect or postpone any of the obligations of any Borrower or the rights of any Lender pursuant to Section 2.16 or 2.17(a).
- 2.20. Replacement of Lenders. The Borrower shall be permitted to replace any Lender that (a) requests reimbursement for amounts owing pursuant to Section 2.16 or 2.17(a) or (b) defaults in its obligation to make Loans hereunder, with a replacement financial institution; provided that (i) such replacement does not conflict with any Requirement of Law, (ii) no Event

of Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of such replacement, (iii) prior to any such replacement, such Lender shall have taken no action under Section 2.19 which has eliminated the continued need for payment of amounts owing pursuant to Section 2.16 or 2.17(a), (iv) the replacement financial institution shall purchase, at par, all Loans and other amounts owing to such replaced Lender on or prior to the date of replacement, (v) the Borrower shall be liable to such replaced Lender under Section 2.18 if any Eurodollar Loan owing to such replaced Lender shall be purchased other than on the last day of the Interest Period relating thereto, (vi) the replacement financial institution, if not already a Lender, shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, (vii) the replaced Lender shall be obligated to make such replacement in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.6 (provided that the Borrower shall be obligated to pay the registration and processing fee referred to therein), (viii) until such time as such replacement shall be consummated, the Borrower shall pay all additional amounts (if any) required pursuant to Section 2.16 or 2.17(a), as the case may be, and (ix) any such replacement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any rights that the Borrower, the Agents or any other Lender shall have against the replaced Lender.

#### ARTICLE III LETTERS OF CREDIT

- 3.1. L/C Commitment. (a) Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, each Issuing Lender, in reliance on the agreements of the other Revolving Lenders set forth in Section 3.4(a), agrees to issue letters of credit ("Letters of Credit") for the account of the Borrower on any Business Day during the Revolving Commitment Period in such form as may be approved from time to time by such Issuing Lender; provided that no Issuing Lender shall issue any Letter of Credit if, after giving effect to such issuance, (i) the L/C Obligations would exceed the L/C Commitment or (ii) the aggregate amount of the Available Revolving Commitments would be less than zero. Each Letter of Credit shall (i) be denominated in Dollars, (ii) unless otherwise agreed by the Administrative Agent and the relevant Issuing Lender, have a face amount of at least \$200,000 and (iii) expire no later than the earlier of (x) the first anniversary of its date of issuance and (y) the date that is five Business Days prior to the Revolving Termination Date, provided that any Letter of Credit with a one-year term may provide for the renewal thereof for additional one-year periods (which shall in no event extend beyond the date referred to in clause (y) above).
- (b) No Issuing Lender shall be obligated to issue any Letter of Credit hereunder if such issuance would conflict with, or cause such Issuing Lender or any L/C Participant to exceed any limits imposed by, any applicable Requirement of Law.
- 3.2. Procedure for Issuance of Letter of Credit. The Borrower may from time to time request that any Issuing Lender issue a Letter of Credit by delivering to such Issuing Lender an Application therefor, completed to the satisfaction of such Issuing Lender, and such other certificates, documents and other papers and information as such Issuing Lender may request. Upon receipt of any Application, the relevant Issuing Lender will process such Application and the certificates, documents and other papers and information delivered to it in connection therewith in accordance with its customary procedures and shall promptly issue the Letter of Credit requested thereby (but in no event shall such Issuing Lender be required to issue any Letter of Credit earlier than three Business Days after its receipt of the Application therefor and all such other certificates, documents and other papers and information relating thereto) by

issuing the original of such Letter of Credit to the beneficiary thereof or as otherwise may be agreed to by such Issuing Lender and the Borrower. The relevant Issuing Lender shall furnish a copy of such Letter of Credit to the Borrower promptly following the issuance thereof. The relevant Issuing Lender shall promptly furnish to the Administrative Agent, which shall in turn promptly furnish to the Lenders, notice of the issuance of each Letter of Credit (including the amount thereof).

- 3.3. Fees and Other Charges. (a) The Borrower will pay a fee on all outstanding Letters of Credit at a per annum rate equal to the Applicable Margin then in effect with respect to Eurodollar Loans under the Revolving Facility, shared ratably among the Revolving Lenders and payable quarterly in arrears on each L/C Fee Payment Date after the issuance date. In addition, the Borrower shall pay to the relevant Issuing Lender for its own account a fronting fee of 0.25% per annum on the undrawn and unexpired amount of each Letter of Credit issued by such Issuing Lender, payable quarterly in arrears on each L/C Fee Payment Date after the issuance date.
- (b) In addition to the foregoing fees, the Borrower shall pay or reimburse the relevant Issuing Lender for such normal and customary costs and expenses as are incurred or charged by such Issuing Lender in issuing, negotiating, effecting payment under, amending or otherwise administering any Letter of Credit.
- 3.4. L/C Participations. (a) Each Issuing Lender irrevocably agrees to grant and hereby grants to each L/C Participant, and, to induce the Issuing Lenders to issue Letters of Credit hereunder, each L/C Participant irrevocably agrees to accept and purchase and hereby accepts and purchases from each Issuing Lender, on the terms and conditions hereinafter stated, for such L/C Participant's own account and risk an undivided interest equal to such L/C Participant's Revolving Percentage in each Issuing Lender's obligations and rights under each Letter of Credit issued by it hereunder and the amount of each draft paid by such Issuing Lender thereunder. Each L/C Participant unconditionally and irrevocably agrees with each Issuing Lender that, if a draft is paid under any Letter of Credit issued by such Issuing Lender for which such Issuing Lender is not reimbursed in full by the Borrower in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, such L/C Participant shall pay to such Issuing Lender upon demand an amount equal to such L/C Participant's Revolving Percentage of the amount of such draft, or any part thereof, that is not so reimbursed.
- (b) If any amount required to be paid by any L/C Participant to any Issuing Lender pursuant to Section 3.4(a) in respect of any unreimbursed portion of any payment made by such Issuing Lender under any Letter of Credit is paid to such Issuing Lender within three Business Days after the date such payment is due, such L/C Participant shall pay to such Issuing Lender on demand an amount equal to the product of (i) such amount, times (ii) the daily average Federal Funds Effective Rate during the period from and including the date such payment is required to the date on which such payment is immediately available to such Issuing Lender, times (iii) a fraction the numerator of which is the number of days that elapse during such period and the denominator of which is 360. If any such amount required to be paid by any L/C Participant pursuant to Section 3.4(a) is not made available to the relevant Issuing Lender by such L/C Participant within three Business Days after the date such payment is due, such Issuing Lender shall be entitled to recover from such L/C Participant, on demand, such amount with

interest thereon calculated from such due date at the rate per annum applicable to ABR Loans under the Revolving Facility. A certificate of the relevant Issuing Lender submitted to any L/C Participant with respect to any amounts owing under this Section shall be conclusive in the absence of manifest error.

- (c) Whenever, at any time after the relevant Issuing Lender has made payment under any Letter of Credit and has received from any L/C Participant its pro rata share of such payment in accordance with Section 3.4(a), such Issuing Lender receives any payment related to such Letter of Credit (whether directly from the Borrower or otherwise, including proceeds of collateral applied thereto by such Issuing Lender), or any payment of interest on account thereof, such Issuing Lender will distribute to such L/C Participant its pro rata share thereof; provided, however, that in the event that any such payment received by such Issuing Lender shall be required to be returned by such Issuing Lender, such L/C Participant shall return to such Issuing Lender the portion thereof previously distributed by such Issuing Lender to it.
- 3.5. Reimbursement Obligation of the Borrower. The Borrower agrees to reimburse the relevant Issuing Lender on each date on which such Issuing Lender notifies the Borrower of the date and amount of a draft presented under any Letter of Credit and paid by such Issuing Lender for the amount of (a) such draft so paid and (b) any taxes, fees, charges or other costs or expenses incurred by such Issuing Lender in connection with such payment. Each such payment shall be made to the relevant Issuing Lender in lawful money of the United States and in immediately available funds. Interest shall be payable on any and all amounts remaining unpaid by the Borrower under this Section from the date such amounts become payable (whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise) until payment in full at the rate set forth in (i) until the second Business Day following the date of the applicable drawing, Section 2.12(b) and (ii) thereafter, Section 2.12(c).
- 3.6. Obligations Absolute. The Borrower's obligations under this Section 3 shall be absolute and unconditional under any and all circumstances and irrespective of any setoff, counterclaim or defense to payment that the Borrower may have or have had against any Issuing Lender, any other Lender, any beneficiary of a Letter of Credit or any other Person. The Borrower also agrees with each Issuing Lender that no Issuing Lender shall be responsible for, and the Borrower's Reimbursement Obligations under Section 3.5 shall not be affected by, among other things, the validity or genuineness of documents or of any endorsements thereon, even though such documents shall in fact prove to be invalid, fraudulent or forged, or any dispute between or among the Borrower and any beneficiary of any Letter of Credit or any other party to which such Letter of Credit may be transferred or any claims whatsoever of the Borrower against any beneficiary of such Letter of Credit or any such transferee. No Issuing Lender shall be liable for any error, omission, interruption or delay in transmission, dispatch or delivery of any message or advice, however transmitted, in connection with any Letter of Credit, except for errors or omissions found by a final and nonappealable decision of a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the relevant Issuing Lender. The Borrower agrees that any action taken or omitted by any Issuing Lender under or in connection with any Letter of Credit or the related drafts or documents, if done in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct and in accordance with the standards of care specified in the Uniform Commercial Code of the State of New York, shall be binding on the Borrower and shall not result in any liability of any Issuing Lender to the Borrower.

- 3.7. Letter of Credit Payments. If any draft shall be presented for payment under any Letter of Credit, the relevant Issuing Lender shall promptly notify the Borrower of the date and amount thereof. The responsibility of each Issuing Lender to the Borrower in connection with any draft presented for payment under any Letter of Credit shall, in addition to any payment obligation expressly provided for in such Letter of Credit, be limited to determining that the documents (including each draft) delivered under such Letter of Credit in connection with such presentment are substantially in conformity with such Letter of Credit.
- 3.8. Applications. To the extent that any provision of any Application related to any Letter of Credit is inconsistent with the provisions of this Section 3, the provisions of this Section 3 shall apply.

## ARTICLE IV REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

To induce the Agents and the Lenders to enter into this Agreement and to make the Loans and issue or participate in the Letters of Credit, Holdings and the Borrower hereby jointly and severally represent and warrant to the Agents and each Lender that:

- 4.1. Financial Condition. The unaudited consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower as at September 30, 2000, and the related unaudited consolidated statements of operations and cash flows for the nine-month period ended on such date, have been prepared based on the best information available to the Borrower as of the date of delivery thereof, and present fairly the consolidated financial condition of the Borrower as at such date, and the consolidated results of its operations and its consolidated cash flows for the nine-month period then ended (subject to normal year-end audit adjustments). All such financial statements, including the related schedules and notes thereto, have been prepared in accordance with GAAP applied consistently throughout the periods involved (except as approved by the aforementioned firm of accountants and disclosed therein). Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries do not have any material Guarantee Obligations, contingent liabilities and liabilities for taxes, or any long-term leases or unusual forward or long-term commitments, including any interest rate or foreign currency swap or exchange transaction or other obligation in respect of derivatives, that are not reflected in the most recent financial statements referred to in this paragraph. During the period from December 31, 1999 to and including the date hereof there has been no Disposition by Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries of any material part of its business or property.
- 4.2. No Change. Since December 31, 1999 there has been no event, development or circumstance that has had or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- 4.3. Existence; Compliance with Law. Each of Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries (a) is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, (b) has the power and authority, and the legal right, to own and operate its property, to lease the property it operates as lessee and to conduct the business in which it is currently engaged, (c) is duly qualified as a foreign entity and in good standing under the laws of each jurisdiction where its ownership, lease or operation of property or the conduct of its business requires such qualification and (d) is in compliance with all Requirements of Law, in

each case with respect to clauses (c) and (d), except as could not, in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

- 4.4. Power; Authorization; Enforceable Obligations. Each Loan Party has the power and authority, and the legal right, to make, deliver and perform the Loan Documents to which it is a party and, in the case of the Borrower, to borrow hereunder. Each Loan Party has taken all necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of the Loan Documents to which it is a party and, in the case of the Borrower, to authorize the borrowings on the terms and conditions of this Agreement. No consent or authorization of, filing with, notice to or other act by or in respect of, any Governmental Authority or any other Person is required in connection with the borrowings hereunder or with the execution, delivery, performance, validity or enforceability of this Agreement or any of the Loan Documents, except the filings referred to in Section 4.20. Each Loan Document has been duly executed and delivered on behalf of each Loan Party party thereto. This Agreement constitutes, and each other Loan Document upon execution will constitute, a legal, valid and binding obligation of each Loan Party party thereto, enforceable against each such Loan Party in accordance with its terms, except as enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and by general equitable principles (whether enforcement is sought by proceedings in equity or at law).
- 4.5. No Legal Bar. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, the issuance of Letters of Credit, the borrowings hereunder and the use of the proceeds thereof will not violate any Requirement of Law or any material Contractual Obligation of Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries and will not result in, or require, the creation or imposition of any Lien on any of their respective properties or revenues pursuant to any Requirement of Law or any such Contractual Obligation (other than the Liens created by the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement).
- 4.6. Litigation. No litigation, investigation or proceeding of or before any arbitrator or Governmental Authority is pending or, to the knowledge of Holdings or the Borrower, threatened by or against Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or against any of their respective properties or revenues (a) with respect to any of the Loan Documents or any of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, or (b) that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- 4.7. No Default. Neither Holdings, the Borrower nor any of its Subsidiaries is in default under or with respect to any of its Contractual Obligations in any respect that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. No Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.
- 4.8. Ownership of Property; Liens. Each of Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries has good and sufficient legal title to, or a valid leasehold interest in, all its material real property, and good title to, or a valid leasehold interest in, all its other material property, and none of such property is subject to any Lien except as permitted by Section 7.3.
- $4.9.\$  Intellectual Property. Holdings, the Borrower and each of its Subsidiaries owns, or is licensed to use, all material Intellectual Property necessary for the conduct of its

business as currently conducted. No material claim has been asserted and is pending by any Person challenging or questioning the use, validity or effectiveness of any material Intellectual Property owned or licensed by Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, nor does Holdings or the Borrower know of any valid basis for any such claim. The use of Intellectual Property by Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries does not infringe on the rights of any Person in any material respect.

- 4.10. Taxes. Each of Holdings, the Borrower and each of its Subsidiaries has filed or caused to be filed all federal, state and other material tax returns that are required to be filed and has paid all taxes shown to be due and payable on said returns or on any assessments made against it or any of its property and all other taxes, fees or other charges imposed on it or any of its property by any Governmental Authority (other than any the amount or validity of that are currently being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and with respect to which reserves in conformity with GAAP have been provided on the books of Holdings, the Borrower or its Subsidiaries, as the case may be); no tax Lien has been filed, and, to the knowledge of Holdings and the Borrower, no claim is being asserted, with respect to any such tax, fee or other charge.
- 4.11. Federal Regulations. No part of the proceeds of any Loans will be used for "buying" or "carrying" any "margin stock" within the respective meanings of each of the quoted terms under Regulation U as now and from time to time hereafter in effect or for any purpose that violates the provisions of the Regulations of the Board. If requested by any Lender or the Administrative Agent, the Borrower will furnish to the Administrative Agent and each Lender a statement to the foregoing effect in conformity with the requirements of FR Form G-3 or FR Form U-1, as applicable, referred to in Regulation U.
- 4.12. Labor Matters. Except as, in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect: (a) there are no strikes or other labor disputes against Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries pending or, to the knowledge of Holdings or the Borrower, threatened; (b) hours worked by and payment made to employees of Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries have not been in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act or any other applicable Requirement of Law dealing with such matters; and (c) all payments due from Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries on account of employee health and welfare insurance have been paid or accrued as a liability on the books of Holdings, the Borrower or the relevant Subsidiary.
- 4.13. ERISA. Each Plan is in material compliance with the applicable provisions of ERISA and the Code. No Plan is a Multiemployer Plan or a "defined benefit plan" (as defined in ERISA). Each Commonly Controlled Entity has met all of the funding standards applicable to all Plans, and no condition exists which would permit the institution of proceedings to terminate any Plan under Section 4042 of ERISA.
- 4.14. Investment Company Act; Other Regulations. No Loan Party is an "investment company", or a company "controlled" by an "investment company", within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. No Loan Party is subject to regulation under any Requirement of Law (other than Regulation X of the Board) that limits its ability to incur Indebtedness.

- 4.15. Subsidiaries. Except as disclosed to the Administrative Agent by the Borrower in writing from time to time after the Restatement Effective Date, (a) Schedule 4.15 sets forth the name and jurisdiction of organization of Holdings and each of its Subsidiaries and, as to each such Subsidiary, the percentage of each class of Equity Interests owned by any Loan Party and (b) except as set forth on Schedule 4.15, there are no outstanding subscriptions, options, warrants, calls, rights or other agreements or commitments of any nature relating to any Equity Interests of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, except as created by the Loan Documents.
- 4.16. Use of Proceeds. The proceeds of the Loans, and the Letters of Credit, shall be used for general purposes, including to refinance the debt under Michigan/New England's existing credit facility and permitted Investments.
- 4.17. Environmental Matters. Except as, in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect:
  - (a) the facilities and properties owned, leased or operated by Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries (the "Properties") do not contain, and have not previously contained, any Materials of Environmental Concern in amounts or concentrations or under circumstances that constitute or constituted a violation of, or could give rise to liability under, any Environmental Law;
  - (b) neither Holdings, the Borrower nor any of its Subsidiaries has received or is aware of any notice of violation, alleged violation, non-compliance, liability or potential liability regarding environmental matters or compliance with Environmental Laws with regard to any of the Properties or the business operated by Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries (the "Business"), nor does Holdings or the Borrower have knowledge or reason to believe that any such notice will be received or is being threatened;
  - (c) Materials of Environmental Concern have not been transported or disposed of from the Properties in violation of, or in a manner or to a location that could give rise to liability under, any Environmental Law, nor have any Materials of Environmental Concern been generated, treated, stored or disposed of at, on or under any of the Properties in violation of, or in a manner that could give rise to liability under, any applicable Environmental Law;
  - (d) no judicial proceeding or governmental or administrative action is pending or, to the knowledge of Holdings and the Borrower, threatened, under any Environmental Law to which Holdings, the Borrower or any Subsidiary is or will be named as a party with respect to the Properties or the Business, nor are there any consent decrees or other decrees, consent orders, administrative orders or other orders, or other administrative or judicial requirements outstanding under any Environmental Law with respect to the Properties or the Business;

operations of Holdings, the Borrower or any Subsidiary in connection with the Properties or otherwise in connection with the Business, in violation of or in amounts or in a manner that could give rise to liability under Environmental Laws;

- (f) the Properties and all operations at the Properties are in compliance, and have in the last five years been in compliance, with all applicable Environmental Laws, and there is no contamination at, under or about the Properties or violation of any Environmental Law with respect to the Properties or the Business; and
- (g) neither Holdings, the Borrower nor any of its Subsidiaries has assumed any liability of any other Person under Environmental Laws.
- 4.18. Certain Cable Television Matters. Except as, in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect:
  - (a) (i) Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries possess all Authorizations necessary to own, operate and construct the CATV Systems or otherwise for the operations of their businesses and are not in violation thereof and (ii) all such Authorizations are in full force and effect and no event has occurred that permits, or after notice or lapse of time could permit, the revocation, termination or material and adverse modification of any such Authorization;
  - (b) neither Holdings, the Borrower nor any of its Subsidiaries is in violation of any duty or obligation required by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, or any FCC rule or regulation applicable to the operation of any portion of any of the CATV Systems;
  - (c) (i) there is not pending or, to the best knowledge of Holdings or the Borrower, threatened, any action by the FCC to revoke, cancel, suspend or refuse to renew any FCC License held by Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries and (ii) there is not pending or, to the best knowledge of Holdings or the Borrower, threatened, any action by the FCC to modify adversely, revoke, cancel, suspend or refuse to renew any other Authorization; and
  - (d) there is not issued or outstanding or, to the best knowledge of Holdings or the Borrower, threatened, any notice of any hearing, violation or complaint against Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries with respect to the operation of any portion of the CATV Systems and neither Holdings nor the Borrower has any knowledge that any Person intends to contest renewal of any Authorization.
- 4.19. Accuracy of Information, etc. No statement or information contained in this Agreement, any other Loan Document, the Confidential Information Memorandum or any other document, certificate or statement furnished by or on behalf of any Loan Party to the Agents or the Lenders, or any of them, for use in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the other Loan Documents, as supplemented from time to time prior to the date this representation and warranty is made or deemed made, contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained herein or therein not misleading. The projections and pro forma financial information contained in the

materials referenced above are based upon good faith estimates and assumptions believed by management of the Borrower to be reasonable at the time made, it being recognized by the Lenders that such financial information as it relates to future events is not to be viewed as fact and that actual results during the period or periods covered by such financial information may differ from the projected results set forth therein by a material amount. There is no fact known to any Loan Party that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect that has not been expressly disclosed herein, in the other Loan Documents, in the Confidential Information Memorandum or in any other documents, certificates and statements furnished to the Agents and the Lenders for use in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby and by the other Loan Documents.

- 4.20. Security Interests. The Guarantee and Collateral Agreement is effective to create in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders, a legal, valid and enforceable security interest in the Collateral described therein and proceeds thereof. In the case of certificated Pledged Stock described in the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, when certificates representing such Pledged Stock are delivered to the Administrative Agent, and in the case of the other Collateral described in the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, when financing statements specified on Schedule 4.20 in appropriate form are filed in the offices specified on Schedule 4.20, the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement shall constitute a fully perfected Lien on, and security interest in, all right, title and interest of the Loan Parties in such Collateral and the proceeds thereof, as security for the Obligations (as defined in the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement), in each case prior and superior in right to any other Person.
- 4.21. Solvency. Each Loan Party (other than any Shell Subsidiary) is, and after giving effect to the financing transactions referred to herein will be and will continue to be, Solvent.
- 4.22. Certain Tax Matters. As of the Restatement Effective Date, each of Holdings, the Borrower and each of its Subsidiaries (other than any such Subsidiary that is organized as a corporation) is a Flow-Through Entity.

## ARTICLE V CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

- $\,$  5.1. Conditions to Restatement Effective Date. The effectiveness of this Agreement is subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions precedent:
  - (a) Credit Agreement; Guarantee and Collateral Agreement; Reaffirmation Agreement. The Administrative Agent shall have received (i) this Agreement, executed and delivered by the Agents, Holdings and the Borrower, (ii) an Addendum, executed and delivered by (x) the "Majority Lenders" under and as defined in the Existing Credit Agreement, (y) each Lender that is not a "Lender" under and as defined in the Existing Credit Agreement and (z) each Lender whose commitments or extensions of credit under the Existing Credit Agreement are increasing pursuant to this Agreement, (iii) such supplements to the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement as shall be requested by the Administrative Agent, executed and delivered by the relevant Loan Parties and (iv) the Reaffirmation Agreement, executed and delivered by the parties thereto.

- (b) Michigan/New England. CC Michigan, LLC and CC New England, LLC (collectively, "Michigan/New England") and their respective Subsidiaries shall have been contributed to the Borrower as a capital contribution. The proceeds of the initial borrowing under this Facility shall have been applied to repay all amounts outstanding under Michigan/New England's existing credit facility and, upon such repayment, such facility and all Liens created pursuant thereto shall have been terminated pursuant to documentation satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.
- (c) Fees. The Lenders and the Agents shall have received all fees required to be paid, and all expenses for which invoices have been presented (including the reasonable fees and expenses of legal counsel), on or before the Restatement Effective Date. All such amounts will be paid with proceeds of Loans made on the Restatement Effective Date and will be reflected in the funding instructions given by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent on or before the Restatement Effective Date.
- (d) Closing Certificate; No Material Restrictions; Pro Forma Compliance. The Administrative Agent shall have received, with a counterpart for each Lender, a certificate of each Loan Party, dated the Restatement Effective Date, substantially in the form of Exhibit C, with appropriate insertions and attachments, which (i) in the case of Holdings, shall also certify that Holdings and its Subsidiaries are not subject to material contractual or other restrictions that would be violated by the transactions contemplated hereby and (ii) in the case of the Borrower, shall also certify, in reasonable detail, pro forma compliance with Section 7.1(a) for, or as at the end of, as the case may be, the most recent three-month period for which the relevant financial information is available.
- (e) Legal Opinions. The Administrative Agent shall have received one or more signed legal opinions covering such matters incident to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement as the Administrative Agent may reasonably require.
- (f) Filings, Registrations, Recordings, etc. Each document (including any Uniform Commercial Code financing statement) reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent to be filed, registered or recorded in order to create or maintain in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders, a perfected Lien on the Collateral described in the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement (as supplemented as contemplated by paragraph (a)(iii) above), prior and superior in right to any other Person, shall be in proper form for filing, registration or recordation. The Administrative Agent shall have received (i) the certificates, if any, representing the Equity Interests pledged pursuant to the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement (as so supplemented) in respect of Michigan/New England and its Subsidiaries, together with an undated stock power for each such certificate executed by the pledgor thereof, and (ii) each promissory note (if any) pledged to the Administrative Agent pursuant to the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement (as so supplemented) issued by Michigan/New England or any of its, endorsed in blank by the pledgor thereof.

- 5.2. Conditions to Each Extension of Credit. The agreement of each Lender to make any extension of credit requested to be made by it on any date (including its initial extension of credit) is subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions precedent:
  - (a) Representations and Warranties. Each of the representations and warranties made by any Loan Party in or pursuant to the Loan Documents shall be true and correct in all material respects on and as of such date as if made on and as of such date.
  - (b) No Default. No Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing on such date or after giving effect to the extensions of credit requested to be made on such date.
  - (c) Other Documents. In the case of any extension of credit made on an Increased Facility Closing Date, the Administrative Agent shall have received such documents and information as it may reasonably request.

Each borrowing by and issuance of a Letter of Credit on behalf of the Borrower hereunder shall constitute a representation and warranty by the Borrower as of the date of such extension of credit that the conditions contained in Sections 5.2(a) and (b) have been satisfied.

# ARTICLE VI AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS

Holdings and the Borrower hereby agree that, so long as the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments or the Revolving Commitments remain in effect, any Letter of Credit remains outstanding or any Loan or other amount is owing to any Lender or any Agent hereunder, each of Holdings and the Borrower shall, and shall cause each Subsidiary of the Borrower to:

- $\,$  6.1. Financial Statements. Furnish to the Administrative Agent (with sufficient copies for each Lender):
  - (a) as soon as available, but in any event within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Borrower, a copy of the audited consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its consolidated Subsidiaries as at the end of such year and the related audited consolidated statements of income and of cash flows for such year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous year, reported on without a "going concern" or like qualification or exception, or qualification arising out of the scope of the audit, or any other material adverse exception or qualification, by Arthur Andersen LLP or other independent certified public accountants of nationally recognized standing; and
  - (b) as soon as available, but in any event not later than 45 days after the end of each of the first three quarterly periods of each fiscal year of the Borrower, the unaudited consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its consolidated Subsidiaries as at the end of such quarter and the related unaudited consolidated statements of income and of cash flows for such quarter and the portion of the fiscal year through the end of such quarter, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous

year, certified by a Responsible Officer as being fairly stated in all material respects (subject to normal year-end audit adjustments).

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

- 6.2. Certificates; Other Information. Furnish to the Administrative Agent (with sufficient copies for each Lender) (or (i) in the case of clause (e) below, to the Administrative Agent and (ii) in the case of clause (f) below, to the relevant Lender):
  - (a) concurrently with the delivery of the financial statements referred to in Section 6.1(a), a certificate of the independent certified public accountants reporting on such financial statements stating that in making the examination necessary therefor no knowledge was obtained of any Default or Event of Default under Section 7.1, except as specified in such certificate;
  - (b) concurrently with the delivery of any financial statements pursuant to Section 6.1, (i) a certificate of a Responsible Officer stating that, to the best of each such Responsible Officer's knowledge, each Loan Party during such period has observed or performed all of its covenants and other agreements, and satisfied every condition, contained in this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which it is a party to be observed, performed or satisfied by it, and that such Responsible Officer has obtained no knowledge of any Default or Event of Default except as specified in such certificate and (ii) a Compliance Certificate containing all information and calculations necessary for determining compliance by Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries with the provisions of this Agreement referred to therein as of the last day of the fiscal quarter or fiscal year of the Borrower, as the case may be;
  - (c) as soon as available, and in any event no later than 45 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Borrower, a budget for the following fiscal year (which shall include projected Consolidated Operating Cash Flow and budgeted capital expenditures), and, as soon as available, material revisions, if any, of such budget with respect to such fiscal year (collectively, the "Budget"), which Budget shall in each case be accompanied by a certificate of a Responsible Officer stating that such Budget is based on reasonable estimates, information and assumptions and that such Responsible Officer has no reason to believe that such Budget is incorrect or misleading in any material respect;
  - (d) upon request by the Administrative Agent and within five days after the same are sent, copies of all financial statements and reports (including reports on Form 10-K, 10-Q or 8-K) that Holdings or the Borrower sends to the holders of any class of its debt securities or public equity securities and, within five days after the same are filed, copies of all financial statements and reports that Holdings or the Borrower may make to, or file with, the SEC;

- (e) no later than three Business Days prior to consummating any transaction described in Section 7.2(f), 7.2(g), 7.5(e), 7.5(f), 7.5(g), 7.6(b), 7.7(f), 7.7(g) or (with respect to payment of deferred management fees) 7.8(c), a certificate of a Responsible Officer demonstrating in reasonable detail (i) that both before and after giving effect to such transaction, no Default or Event of Default shall be in effect (including, on a pro forma basis, pursuant to Section 7.1) and (ii) compliance with any other financial tests referred to in the relevant Section, provided that, in the case of Investments, Dispositions or the payment of deferred management fees, the requirement to deliver such certificate shall not apply to any Investment or Disposition pursuant to which the Consideration paid is less than \$25,000,000 or to any such payment of deferred management fees in an amount less than \$5,000,000; and
- (f) promptly, such additional financial and other information as any Lender may from time to time reasonably request.
- 6.3. Payment of Obligations. Pay, discharge or otherwise satisfy at or before maturity or before they become delinquent, as the case may be, all its material obligations of whatever nature, except where the amount or validity thereof is currently being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and reserves in conformity with GAAP with respect thereto have been provided on the books of Holdings, the Borrower or its Subsidiaries, as the case may be.
- 6.4. Maintenance of Existence; Compliance. (a) (i) Preserve, renew and keep in full force and effect its existence and take all reasonable action to maintain all rights, privileges and franchises necessary or desirable in the normal conduct of its business, except, in each case, as otherwise permitted by Section 7.4 and except, in the case of clause (ii) above, to the extent that failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and (b) comply with all Contractual Obligations and Requirements of Law except to the extent that failure to comply therewith could not, in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- 6.5. Maintenance of Property; Insurance. (a) Keep all material property useful and necessary in its business in good working order and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted and (b) maintain with reputable insurance companies insurance on all its material property in at least such amounts and against at least such risks (but including in any event public liability, product liability and business interruption) as are usually insured against in the same general area by companies engaged in the same or a similar business.
- 6.6. Inspection of Property; Books and Records; Discussions. (a) Keep proper books of records and account in which full, true and correct entries in conformity with GAAP and all Requirements of Law shall be made of all dealings and transactions in relation to its business and activities and (b) permit representatives of any Lender, coordinated through the Administrative Agent, to visit and inspect any of its properties and examine and make abstracts from any of its books and records at any reasonable time and as often as may reasonably be desired and to discuss the business, operations, properties and financial and other condition of Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries with officers and employees of Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries and with its independent certified public accountants.

- $\,$  6.7. Notices. Promptly give notice to the Administrative Agent and each Lender of:
  - (a) the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default;
  - (b) any (i) default or event of default under any Contractual Obligation of Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or (ii) litigation, investigation or proceeding that may exist at any time between Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries and any Governmental Authority, that, in either case, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;
  - (c) any litigation or proceeding commenced against Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries which could reasonably be expected to result in a liability of \$25,000,000 or more to the extent not covered by insurance or which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect:
  - (d) the following events, as soon as possible and in any event within 30 days after the Borrower knows or has reason to know thereof: (i) the occurrence of any Reportable Event with respect to any Plan, a failure to make any required contribution to a Plan, the creation of any Lien in favor of the PBGC or a Plan or any withdrawal from, or the termination, Reorganization or Insolvency of, any Multiemployer Plan or (ii) the institution of proceedings or the taking of any other action by the PBGC or the Borrower or any Commonly Controlled Entity or any Multiemployer Plan with respect to the withdrawal from, or the termination, Reorganization or Insolvency of, any Plan; and
  - (e) any other development or event that has had or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Each notice pursuant to this Section 6.7 shall be accompanied by a statement of a Responsible Officer setting forth details of the occurrence referred to therein and stating what action Holdings, the Borrower or the relevant Subsidiary proposes to take with respect thereto.

- 6.8. Environmental Laws. (a) Except as, in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, comply with, and ensure compliance by all tenants and subtenants, if any, with, all applicable Environmental Laws, and obtain and comply with and maintain, and ensure that all tenants and subtenants obtain and comply with and maintain, any and all licenses, approvals, notifications, registrations or permits required by applicable Environmental Laws.
- (b) Except as, in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, conduct and complete all investigations, studies, sampling and testing, and all remedial, removal and other actions required under Environmental Laws and promptly comply with all lawful orders and directives of all Governmental Authorities regarding Environmental Laws.
- $\,$  6.9. Additional Collateral. With respect to any new Subsidiary (other than a Shell Subsidiary so long as it qualifies as such) created or acquired after the Restatement

Effective Date by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries (which shall be deemed to have occurred in the event that any Non-Recourse Subsidiary ceases to qualify as such), promptly (a) execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent such amendments to the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement as the Administrative Agent deems necessary or advisable to grant to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders, a perfected first priority security interest in the Equity Interests and intercompany obligations of such new Subsidiary that are held by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries (limited, in the case of Equity Interests of any Foreign Subsidiary, to 66% of the total outstanding Equity Interests of such Foreign Subsidiary), (b) deliver to the Administrative Agent the certificates, if any, representing such Equity Interests, and any intercompany notes evidencing such obligations, together with undated stock powers and endorsements, in blank, executed and delivered by a duly authorized officer of the Borrower or such Subsidiary, as the case may be, and (c) except in the case of a Foreign Subsidiary or an Excluded Acquired Subsidiary (until it ceases to qualify as such), cause such new Subsidiary (i) to become a party to the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement and (ii) to take such actions necessary or advisable to grant to the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Lenders a perfected first priority security interest in the Collateral described in the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement with respect to such new Subsidiary, including the filing of Uniform Commercial Code financing statements in such jurisdictions as may be required by the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement or by law or as may be requested by the Administrative Agent.

6.10. Organizational Separateness. In the case of Holdings, each Specified Holdings Subsidiary, each Non-Recourse Subsidiary and the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, (a) satisfy customary formalities with respect to organizational separateness, including, without limitation, (i) the maintenance of separate books and records and (ii) the maintenance of separate bank or other deposit or investment accounts in its own name; (b) act solely in its own name and through its authorized officers and agents; (c) in the case of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, not make or agree to make any payment to a creditor of Holdings, any Specified Holdings Subsidiary or any Non-Recourse Subsidiary; (d) not commingle any money or other assets of Holdings, any Specified Holdings Subsidiary or any Non-Recourse Subsidiary with any money or other assets of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries; and (e) not take any action, or conduct its affairs in a manner, which could reasonably be expected to result in the separate organizational existence of Holdings, each Specified Holdings Subsidiary and each Non-Recourse Subsidiary from the Borrower and its Subsidiaries being ignored under any circumstance. Holdings agrees to cause each Specified Holdings Subsidiary, and the Borrower agrees to cause each Non-Recourse Subsidiary, to comply with the applicable provisions of this Section 6.10.

6.11. ERISA Reports. Furnish to the Administrative Agent as soon as available to the Borrower or Holdings the following items with respect to any Plan:

- (a) any request for a waiver of the funding standards or an extension of the amortization period;
- (b) any reportable event (as defined in Section 4043 of ERISA), unless the notice requirement with respect thereto has been waived by regulation;

- (c) any notice received by any Commonly Controlled Entity that the PBGC has instituted or intends to institute proceedings to terminate any Plan, or that any Multiemployer Plan is Insolvent or in Reorganization;
- (d) notice of the possibility of the termination of any Plan by its administrator pursuant to Section 4041 of ERISA; and
- (e) notice of the intention of any Commonly Controlled Entity to withdraw, in whole or in part, from any Multiemployer Plan.
- 6.12. ERISA, etc. Comply in all material respects with the provisions of ERISA and the Code applicable to each Plan. Each of Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries will meet all minimum funding requirements applicable to them with respect to any Plan pursuant to Section 302 of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code, without giving effect to any waivers of such requirements or extensions of the related amortization periods which may be granted. At no time shall the Accumulated Benefit Obligations under any Plan that is not a Multiemployer Plan exceed the fair market value of the assets of such Plan allocable to such benefits by more than \$10,000,000. After the Restatement Effective Date, Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries will not withdraw, in whole or in part, from any Multiemployer Plan so as to give rise to withdrawal liability exceeding \$10,000,000 in the aggregate. At no time shall the actuarial present value of unfunded liabilities for post-employment health care benefits, whether or not provided under a Plan, calculated in a manner consistent with Statement No. 106 of the Financial Accounting Standards Board, exceed \$10,000,000.

### ARTICLE VII NEGATIVE COVENANTS

Holdings and the Borrower hereby agree that, so long as the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments or the Revolving Commitments remain in effect, any Letter of Credit remains outstanding or any Loan or other amount is owing to any Lender or any Agent hereunder, each of Holdings and the Borrower shall not, and shall not permit any Subsidiary of the Borrower to, directly or indirectly (provided that only Sections 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.10, 7.12, 7.14(b) and 7.15 shall apply to Holdings):

### 7.1. Financial Condition Covenants.

(a) Consolidated Leverage Ratio. Permit the Consolidated Leverage Ratio determined as of the last day of any fiscal quarter of the Borrower ending during any period set forth below to exceed the ratio set forth below opposite such period:

Period 	Consolidated Leverage Ratio
through 12/31/01	6.00 to 1.0
01/01/02 - 12/31/02	5.50 to 1.0
01/01/03 - 09/30/03	4.75 to 1.0
10/01/03 and thereafter	4.00 to 1.0

(b) Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio. Permit the Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio determined as of the last day of any fiscal quarter ending during any period set forth below to be less than the ratio set forth below opposite such period:

Period	Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio
through 12/31/02	1.50 to 1.0
01/01/03 - 12/31/03	1.75 to 1.0
01/01/04 and thereafter	2.00 to 1.0

- (c) Consolidated Debt Service Coverage Ratio. Permit the Consolidated Debt Service Coverage Ratio determined as of the last day of any fiscal quarter to be less than (i) 1.15 to 1.0, in the case of any fiscal quarter ending on or prior to June 30, 2003 or (ii) 1.25 to 1.0, in the case of any fiscal quarter ending thereafter.
- 7.2. Indebtedness. Create, issue, incur, assume, become liable in respect of or suffer to exist any Indebtedness, except:
  - (a) Indebtedness of any Loan Party pursuant to any Loan  $\ensuremath{\operatorname{\textsc{Document}}};$
  - (b) Indebtedness of the Borrower to any Subsidiary and of any Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor to the Borrower or any other Subsidiary;
  - (c) Guarantee Obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries of obligations of any Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor;
    - (d) Indebtedness described on Schedule 7.2(d);
  - (e) Indebtedness (including, without limitation, Capital Lease Obligations) secured by Liens permitted by Section 7.3(f) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$30,000,000 at any one time outstanding;
  - (f) Indebtedness of the Borrower (but not any Subsidiary of the Borrower) incurred on any Threshold Transaction Date so long as (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom, (ii) such Indebtedness shall have no scheduled amortization prior to the date that is one year after the final maturity of the Term Loans outstanding on the date such Indebtedness is incurred, (iii) such Indebtedness is unsecured and the covenants and default provisions applicable to such Indebtedness shall be no more restrictive than those contained in this Agreement and (iv) such Indebtedness shall be subordinated to the Loans and other obligations under the Loan Documents pursuant to subordination terms reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, provided that the requirement that such Indebtedness be incurred on a Threshold Transaction Date shall not apply in the case of any refinancing of Indebtedness previously incurred pursuant to this Section 7.2(f) so

long as the interest rate and cash-pay characteristics applicable to such refinancing Indebtedness are no more onerous than those applicable to such refinanced Indebtedness:

- (g) Indebtedness of any Person that becomes a Subsidiary pursuant to an Investment permitted by Section 7.7, so long as (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom, (ii) such Indebtedness existed at the time of such Investment and was not created in anticipation thereof, (iii) the Borrower shall use its best efforts to cause such Indebtedness to be repaid no later than 120 days after the date of such Investment, (iv) if such Indebtedness is not repaid within such period then, until such Indebtedness is repaid, the operating cash flow of the relevant Subsidiary shall be excluded for the purposes of calculating Consolidated Operating Cash Flow (whether or not distributed to the Borrower or any of its other Subsidiaries) and (v) the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Indebtedness incurred pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed \$150.000.000:
- (h) letters of credit for the account of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries obtained other than pursuant to this Agreement, so long as the aggregate undrawn face amount thereof, together with any unreimbursed reimbursement obligations in respect thereof, does not exceed \$20,000,000 at any one time;
- (i) Indebtedness of Holdings (but not the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries) owing to any Affiliate of Holdings so long as (i) such Indebtedness shall have no scheduled amortization prior to the date that is one year after the final maturity of the Term Loans outstanding on the date such Indebtedness is incurred and (ii) 100% of the Net Cash Proceeds thereof (other than any such Net Cash Proceeds that are applied to refinance other Indebtedness of Holdings) shall be used by Holdings to make Investments in one or more of its Affiliates engaged substantially exclusively in businesses of the type described in Section 7.14(a); and
- (j) additional Indebtedness of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in an aggregate principal amount (for the Borrower and all Subsidiaries) not to exceed \$50,000,000 at any one time outstanding.
- 7.3. Liens. Create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien upon any of its property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, except:
  - (a) Liens for taxes, assessments and other governmental charges not yet due or that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, provided that adequate reserves with respect thereto are maintained on the books of Holdings, the Borrower or its Subsidiaries, as the case may be, in conformity with GAAP;
  - (b) carriers', warehousemen's, mechanics', materialmen's, repairmen's or other like Liens arising in the ordinary course of business that are not overdue for a period of more than 30 days or that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings;
  - (c) pledges or deposits in connection with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security legislation;

- (d) deposits made to secure the performance of bids, tenders, trade contracts, leases, statutory or regulatory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, bankers acceptances, government contracts, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business, in each case excluding obligations for borrowed money;
- (e) easements, rights-of-way, municipal and zoning ordinances, title defects, restrictions and other similar encumbrances incurred in the ordinary course of business that, in the aggregate, are not substantial in amount and that do not in any case materially detract from the value of the property subject thereto or materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of the business of Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries;
- (f) Liens securing Indebtedness of Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries incurred pursuant to Section 7.2(e) to finance the acquisition of fixed or capital assets, provided that (i) such Liens shall be created substantially simultaneously with the acquisition of such fixed or capital assets, (ii) such Liens do not at any time encumber any property other than the property financed by such Indebtedness and (iii) the amount of Indebtedness secured thereby is not increased;
- (g) Liens created pursuant to the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement securing obligations of the Loan Parties under (i) the Loan Documents, (ii) Hedge Agreements provided by any Lender or any Affiliate of any Lender and (iii) letters of credit issued pursuant to Section 7.2(h) by any Lender or any Affiliate of any Lender;
- (h) any landlord's Lien or other interest or title of a lessor under any lease or a licensor under a license entered into by Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of its business and covering only the assets so leased or licensed;
- (i) Liens created under Pole Agreements on cables and other property affixed to transmission poles or contained in underground conduits;
- (j) Liens of or restrictions on the transfer of assets imposed by any franchisors, utilities or other regulatory bodies or any federal, state or local statute, regulation or ordinance, in each case arising in the ordinary course of business in connection with franchise agreements or Pole Agreements;
- (k) Liens arising from judgments or decrees not constituting an Event of Default under Section 8(h); and
- (1) Liens not otherwise permitted by this Section so long as neither (i) the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the obligations secured thereby nor (ii) the aggregate fair market value (determined as of the date such Lien is incurred) of the assets subject thereto exceeds (as to Holdings, the Borrower and all Subsidiaries) \$20,000,000 at any one time.

- 7.4. Fundamental Changes. Enter into any merger, consolidation or amalgamation, or liquidate, wind up or dissolve itself (or suffer any liquidation or dissolution), or Dispose of all or substantially all of its property or business, except that:
  - (a) any Subsidiary of the Borrower may be merged or consolidated with or into any Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor (provided that the Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor shall be the continuing or surviving entity);
  - (b) any Subsidiary of the Borrower may be merged or consolidated with or into the Borrower (provided that the Borrower shall be the continuing or surviving entity);
  - (c) any Subsidiary of the Borrower may Dispose of any or all of its assets (upon voluntary liquidation or otherwise) to any Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor;
    - (d) any Shell Subsidiary may be dissolved; and
  - (e) so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred or is continuing or would result therefrom, Holdings may be merged or consolidated with any Affiliate of Paul G. Allen (provided that either (i) Holdings is the continuing or surviving entity or (ii) if Holdings is not the continuing or surviving entity, such continuing or surviving entity assumes the obligations of Holdings under the Loan Documents to which it is a party pursuant to an instrument in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and, in connection therewith, the Administrative Agent shall receive such legal opinions, certificates and other documents as it may reasonably request).
- 7.5. Disposition of Property. Dispose of any of its property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, or, in the case of any Subsidiary, issue or sell any Equity Interests to any Person, except:
  - (a) the Disposition of obsolete or worn out property in the ordinary course of business;
    - (b) the sale of inventory in the ordinary course of business;
    - (c) Dispositions expressly permitted by Section 7.4;
  - (d) the sale or issuance of any Subsidiary's Equity Interests to the Borrower or any Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor;
  - (e) the Disposition (directly or indirectly through the Disposition of 100% of the Equity Interests of a Subsidiary) of operating assets by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries (it being understood that Exchange Excess Amounts shall be deemed to constitute usage of availability in respect of Dispositions pursuant to this Section 7.5(e)), provided that (i) on the date of such Disposition (the "Disposition Date"), no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result

therefrom; (ii) the Annualized Asset Cash Flow Amount attributable to the assets being disposed of, when added to the Annualized Asset Cash Flow Amount attributable to all other assets previously disposed of pursuant to this Section 7.5(e) during the one-year period ending on such Disposition Date (or, if shorter, the period from the Restatement Effective Date to such Disposition Date), shall not exceed an amount equal to 30% of Annualized Pro Forma Operating Cash Flow determined as of such Disposition Date; (iii) the Annualized Asset Cash Flow Amount attributable to the assets being disposed of, when added to the Annualized Asset Cash Flow Amount attributable to all other assets previously disposed of pursuant to this Section 7.5(e) during the period from the Restatement Effective Date to such Disposition Date), shall not exceed an amount equal to 50% of Annualized Pro Forma Operating Cash Flow determined as of such Disposition Date; (iv) at least 75% of the proceeds of such Disposition shall be in the form of cash; and (v) the Net Cash Proceeds of such Disposition shall be applied to prepay the Term Loans to the extent required by Section 2.9(a);

- (f) any Exchange by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, provided that (i) on the date of such Exchange, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom; (ii) the assets received in connection with such Exchange shall be received by the Borrower or a Wholly Owned Subsidiary of the Borrower; (iii) in the event that (x) any cash consideration is paid to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in connection with such Exchange and (y) the Annualized Asset Cash Flow Amount attributable to the assets being Exchanged exceeds the annualized asset cash flow amount (determined in a manner comparable to the manner in which Annualized Asset Cash Flow Amounts are determined hereunder) of the assets received in connection with such Exchange (such excess amount, an "Exchange Excess Amount"), then, the Disposition of such Exchange Excess Amount is permitted by clauses (ii) and (iii) of Section 7.5(e); and (iv) the Net Cash Proceeds of such Exchange, if any, shall be applied to prepay the Term Loans to the extent required by Section 2.9(a);
- (g) Dispositions of property acquired after the Restatement Effective Date, (other than property acquired in connection with Exchanges of property owned on the Restatement Effective Date), so long as (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom, (ii) a definitive agreement to consummate such Disposition is executed no later than twelve months after the date on which relevant property is acquired and (iii) such Disposition is consummated within eighteen months after the date on which the relevant property is acquired; and
- (h) the Disposition of other property having a fair market value not to exceed 5,000,000 in the aggregate for any fiscal year of the Borrower.
- 7.6. Restricted Payments. Declare or pay any dividend (other than dividends payable solely in common stock of the Person making such dividend) on, or make any payment on account of, or set apart assets for a sinking or other analogous fund for, the purchase, redemption, defeasance, retirement or other acquisition of, any Equity Interests of Holdings, the Borrower or any Subsidiary, whether now or hereafter outstanding, or make any other distribution in respect thereof, either directly or indirectly, whether in cash or property

obligations of Holdings, the Borrower or any Subsidiary (collectively, "Restricted Payments"), except that:

- (a) any Subsidiary may make Restricted Payments to the Borrower or any Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor;
- (b) the Borrower may make distributions (directly or indirectly) to any Qualified Parent Company or any Affiliate of the Borrower for the purpose of enabling such Person to make scheduled interest payments in respect of its Qualified Indebtedness, provided that (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom, (ii) each such distribution shall be made on a Threshold Transaction Date (except in the case of any distribution made for the purpose of paying interest on (x) Qualified Indebtedness to the extent that the Net Cash Proceeds thereof were contributed to the Borrower as a capital contribution or (y) Qualified Indebtedness incurred to refinance such Qualified Indebtedness or (z) the 8% Senior Notes due 2009, issued by Bresnan Communications Group LLC and Bresnan Capital Corporation on February 2, 1999 outstanding as of the Restatement Effective Date or any replacement debt thereof in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$170,000,000) (it being understood that, in the event that any Qualified Indebtedness is used for any of the purposes described in clause (x), (y) or (z) of the preceding parenthetical and for other purposes, the portion used for such purposes described in such clause will be entitled to the exclusion created by the preceding parenthetical) and (iii) each such distribution shall be made no earlier than three Business Days prior to the date the relevant interest payment is due;
- (c) so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom, (i) the Borrower may make distributions to Holdings or direct payments to be used to repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire or retire for value any Equity Interests of any Qualified Parent Company held by any member of management of Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries pursuant to any management equity subscription agreement or stock option agreement in effect as of the Restatement Effective Date, provided that the aggregate amount of such distributions shall not exceed \$10,000,000 in any fiscal year of the Borrower and (ii) the Borrower may make distributions to Holdings as described in the last sentence of Section 7.9;
- (d) so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom, the Borrower may make distributions to Holdings for any purpose, provided that, after giving effect to any such distribution pursuant to this paragraph (d), the Consolidated Leverage Ratio shall be less than 3.50 to 1.0;
- (e) the Borrower may make distributions to Holdings to permit Holdings (or any parent company thereof) to pay (i) attorneys' fees, investment banking fees, accountants' fees, underwriting discounts and commissions and other customary fees and expenses actually incurred in connection with any issuance, sale or incurrence by Holdings (or any such parent company) of Equity Interests or Indebtedness (other than any such amounts customarily paid out of the proceeds of transactions of such type), provided, that such amounts shall be allocated in an appropriate manner (determined after

consultation with the Administrative Agent) among the Borrower and the other Subsidiaries, if any, of the issuer or obligor in respect of such Equity Interests or Indebtedness and (ii) other administrative expenses (including legal, accounting, other professional fees and costs, printing and other such fees and expenses) incurred in the ordinary course of business, in an aggregate amount in the case of this clause (ii) not to exceed \$4,000,000 in any fiscal year; and

- (f) in respect of any calendar year or portion thereof during which the Borrower is a Flow-Through Entity, so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom, the Borrower may make distributions (directly or indirectly) to the direct or indirect holders of the Equity Interests of the Borrower that are not Flow-Through Entities, in proportion to their ownership interests, sufficient to permit each such holder to pay income taxes that are required to be paid by it with respect to its Equity Interests in the Borrower for the prior calendar year, as estimated by the Borrower in good faith.
- 7.7. Investments. Make any advance, loan, extension of credit (by way of guaranty or otherwise) or capital contribution to, or purchase any Equity Interests, bonds, notes, debentures or other debt securities of, or any assets constituting a significant part of a business unit of, or make any other investment in, any Person (all of the foregoing, "Investments"), except:
  - (a) extensions of trade credit in the ordinary course of business;
    - (b) investments in Cash Equivalents;
    - (c) Guarantee Obligations permitted by Section 7.2;
  - (d) loans and advances to employees of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business (including for travel, entertainment and relocation expenses) in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 at any one time outstanding;
  - (e) Investments by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in the Borrower or any Person that, prior to such investment, is a Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor;
  - (f) acquisitions by the Borrower or any Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor of operating assets (substantially all of which consist of cable systems), directly through an asset acquisition or indirectly through the acquisition of 100% of the Equity Interests of a Person substantially all of whose assets consist of cable systems, provided, that (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom and (ii) the aggregate Consideration (excluding Consideration paid with the proceeds of Paul Allen Contributions and Consideration consisting of operating assets transferred in connection with Exchanges) paid in connection with such acquisitions, other than acquisitions consummated on a Threshold Transaction Date, shall not exceed \$300,000,000 during the term of this Agreement;

- (g) the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries may contribute cable systems to any Non-Recourse Subsidiary so long as (i) such Disposition is permitted pursuant to Section 7.5(e), (ii) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom, (iii) after giving effect thereto, the Consolidated Leverage Ratio shall be equal to or lower than the Consolidated Leverage Ratio in effect immediately prior thereto and (iv) the Equity Interests received by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in connection therewith shall be pledged as Collateral (either directly or through a holding company parent of such Non-Recourse Subsidiary so long as such parent is a Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor); and
- (h) in addition to Investments otherwise expressly permitted by this Section, Investments by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in an aggregate amount (valued at cost) not to exceed \$200,000,000 during the term of this Agreement.
- 7.8. Certain Payments and Modifications Relating to Indebtedness and Management Fees. (a) Make or offer to make any payment, prepayment, repurchase or redemption in respect of, or otherwise optionally or voluntarily defease or segregate funds with respect to (collectively, "prepayment"), any Specified Long-Term Indebtedness, other than (i) the payment of scheduled interest payments required to be made in cash, (ii) the prepayment of Specified Subordinated Debt with the proceeds of other Specified Long-Term Indebtedness or of Loans and (iii) the prepayment of any such Indebtedness with the proceeds of other Specified Long-Term Indebtedness so long as such new Indebtedness has terms no less favorable to the interests of the Borrower and the Lenders than those applicable to the Indebtedness being refinanced.
- (b) Amend, modify, waive or otherwise change, or consent or agree to any amendment, modification, waiver or other change to, any of the terms of the any Specified Long-Term Indebtedness, other than any such amendment, modification, waiver or other change that (i) (x) would extend the maturity or reduce the amount of any payment of principal thereof or reduce the rate or extend any date for payment of interest thereon or (y) is immaterial to the interests of the Lenders and (ii) does not involve the payment of a consent fee.
- (c) Make, agree to make or expense any payment in respect of management fees, directly or indirectly, except that the Borrower may pay management fees pursuant to the Management Fee Agreement so long as (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom, (ii) the aggregate amount of such payments expensed during any fiscal year of the Borrower shall not exceed 3.50% of consolidated revenues of the Borrower and its consolidated Subsidiaries for such fiscal year (provided that, in addition, payments of management fees may be made in respect of amounts that have been accrued, but were not paid, during any preceding fiscal year of the Borrower ending on or after December 31, 2000, so long as the aggregate amount of payments made pursuant to this parenthetical during any fiscal year of the Borrower (other than any such payments made on a Threshold Management Fee Date), when added to the aggregate amount of non-deferred management fees otherwise paid pursuant to this clause (ii) during such fiscal year, shall not exceed 5.0% of consolidated revenues of the Borrower and its consolidated Subsidiaries for such fiscal year) and (iii) each such payment shall be made no earlier than three Business Days prior to the date such payment is due.

- (d) Amend, modify, waive or otherwise change, or consent or agree to any amendment, modification, waiver or other change to, any of the terms of the Management Fee Agreement, other than any such amendment, modification, waiver or other change that (i) (x) would extend the due date or reduce (or increase to the amount permitted by Section 7.8(c)) the amount of any payment thereunder or (y) does not adversely affect the interests of the Lenders (it being understood that a change in the manager thereunder to another member of the Charter Group does not adversely affect the interests of the Lenders) and (ii) does not involve the payment of a consent fee or adversely affect the subordination of the management fees to the Loans or the guarantees thereof, as the case may be.
- 7.9. Transactions with Affiliates. Enter into any transaction, including any purchase, sale, lease or exchange of property, the rendering of any service or the payment of any management, advisory or similar fees, with any Affiliate (other than the Borrower or any Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor) unless such transaction is (a) not prohibited under this Agreement, (b) in the ordinary course of business of the Borrower or such Subsidiary, as the case may be, and (c) upon fair and reasonable terms no less favorable to the Borrower or such Subsidiary, as the case may be, than it would obtain in a comparable arm's length transaction with a Person that is not an Affiliate. The foregoing restrictions shall not apply to transactions expressly permitted by Section 7.6 or Section 7.8(c). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 7.9, so long as no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom, the Borrower shall be permitted to pay (either directly or by way of a distribution to Holdings) amounts not in excess of 1.0% of the aggregate enterprise value of Investments permitted hereby to certain Affiliates of the Borrower.
- 7.10. Sales and Leasebacks. Enter into any arrangement with any Person (other than Subsidiaries of the Borrower) providing for the leasing by Holdings, the Borrower or any Subsidiary of real or personal property that has been or is to be sold or transferred by Holdings, the Borrower or such Subsidiary to such Person or to any other Person to whom funds have been or are to be advanced by such Person on the security of such property or rental obligations of Holdings, the Borrower or such Subsidiary unless, after giving effect thereto, the aggregate outstanding amount of Attributable Debt does not exceed \$40,000,000.
- 7.11. Changes in Fiscal Periods. Permit the fiscal year of the Borrower to end on a day other than December 31 or change the Borrower's method of determining fiscal quarters.
- 7.12. Negative Pledge Clauses. Enter into or suffer to exist or become effective any agreement that prohibits or limits the ability of Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries to create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien upon any of its property or revenues, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, to secure its obligations under the Loan Documents to which it is a party (without regard to the amount of such obligations), other than (a) this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, (b) any agreements governing any purchase money Liens or Capital Lease Obligations otherwise permitted hereby (in which case, any prohibition or limitation shall only be effective against the assets financed thereby) and (c) pursuant to Contractual Obligations assumed in connection with Investments (but not created in contemplation thereof) so long as the maximum aggregate liabilities of Holdings and its Subsidiaries pursuant thereto do not exceed \$4,000,000 at any time.

- 7.13. Clauses Restricting Subsidiary Distributions. Enter into or suffer to exist or become effective any consensual encumbrance or restriction on the ability of any Subsidiary of the Borrower to (a) make Restricted Payments in respect of any Equity Interests of such Subsidiary held by, or pay any Indebtedness owed to, the Borrower or any other Subsidiary of the Borrower, (b) make loans or advances to, or other Investments in, the Borrower or any other Subsidiary of the Borrower or (c) transfer any of its assets to the Borrower or any other Subsidiary of the Borrower, except for such encumbrances or restrictions existing under or by reason of (i) any restrictions existing under the Loan Documents and (ii) any restrictions with respect to a Subsidiary imposed pursuant to an agreement that has been entered into in connection with the Disposition of all or substantially all of the Equity Interests or assets of such Subsidiary in a transaction otherwise permitted by this Agreement.
- 7.14. Lines of Business; Holding Company Status. (a) Enter into any business, either directly or through any Subsidiary, except for (i) those businesses in which the Borrower and its Subsidiaries are significantly engaged on the date of this Agreement and (ii) businesses which are reasonably similar or related thereto or reasonable extensions thereof but not, in the case of this clause (ii), in the aggregate, material to the overall business of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries (collectively, "Permitted Lines of Business"), provided, that, in any event, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries will continue to be primarily engaged in the businesses in which they are primarily engaged on the date of this Agreement.
- (b) In the case of Holdings, (i) conduct, transact or otherwise engage in, or commit to conduct, transact or otherwise engage in, any business or operations other than those incidental to its ownership of the Equity Interests in other Persons or (ii) own, lease, manage or otherwise operate any properties or assets other than Equity Interests in the Borrower.
- 7.15. Investments by Holdings in the Borrower. In the case of Holdings, make any Investment in the Borrower other than in the form of a capital contribution, unless such Investment is evidenced by a note and pledged to the Administrative Agent pursuant to the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement.

## ARTICLE VIII EVENTS OF DEFAULT

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

- (a) the Borrower shall fail to pay any principal of any Loan or Reimbursement Obligation when due in accordance with the terms hereof; or the Borrower shall fail to pay any interest on any Loan or Reimbursement Obligation, or any other amount payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document, within five days after any such interest or other amount becomes due in accordance with the terms hereof; or
- (b) any representation or warranty made or deemed made by any Loan Party herein or in any other Loan Document or that is contained in any certificate, document or financial or other statement furnished by it at any time under or in connection with this Agreement or any such other Loan Document shall prove to have been inaccurate in any material respect on or as of the date made or deemed made; or

- (c) any Loan Party shall default in the observance or performance of any agreement contained in clause (i) or (ii) of Section 6.4(a) (with respect to Holdings and the Borrower only), Section 6.7(a) or Section 7 of this Agreement or Sections 6.4 and 6.6(b) of the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement; or
- (d) any Loan Party shall default in the observance or performance of any other agreement contained in this Agreement or any other Loan Document (other than as provided in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this Section), and such default shall continue unremedied for a period of 30 days after notice to the Borrower from the Administrative Agent or the Majority Lenders; or
- (e) Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall (i) default in making any payment of any principal of any Indebtedness (including any Guarantee Obligation, but excluding the Loans) on the scheduled or original due date with respect thereto; or (ii) default in making any payment of any interest on any such Indebtedness beyond the period of grace, if any, provided in the instrument or agreement under which such Indebtedness was created; or (iii) default in the observance or performance of any other agreement or condition relating to any such Indebtedness or contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing, securing or relating thereto, or any other event shall occur or condition exist, the effect of which default or other event or condition is to cause, or to permit the holder or beneficiary of such Indebtedness (or a trustee or agent on behalf of such holder or beneficiary) to cause, with the giving of notice if required, such Indebtedness to become due prior to its stated maturity or (in the case of any such Indebtedness constituting a Guarantee Obligation) to become payable; provided, that a default, event or condition described in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) of this paragraph (e) shall not at any time constitute an Event of Default unless, at such time, one or more defaults, events or conditions of the type described in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph (e) shall have occurred and be continuing with respect to Indebtedness of Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries the outstanding principal amount of which exceeds in the aggregate \$25,000,000; or
- (f) (i) Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall commence any case, proceeding or other action (A) under any existing or future law of any jurisdiction, domestic or foreign, relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or relief of debtors, seeking to have an order for relief entered with respect to it, or seeking to adjudicate it a bankrupt or insolvent, or seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, winding-up, liquidation, dissolution, composition or other relief with respect to it or its debts, or (B) seeking appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator or other similar official for it or for all or any substantial part of its assets, or Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall make a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or (ii) there shall be commenced against Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries any case, proceeding or other action of a nature referred to in clause (i) above that (A) results in the entry of an order for relief or any such adjudication or appointment or (B) remains undismissed, undischarged or unbonded for a period of 60 days; or (iii) there shall be commenced against Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries any case, proceeding or other action seeking issuance of a warrant of attachment, execution, distraint or similar process against all or any substantial part of its

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

- (g) (i) Commonly Controlled Entities shall fail to pay when due amounts (other than amounts being contested in good faith through appropriate proceedings) for which they shall have become liable under Title IV of ERISA to pay to the PBGC or to a Plan, (ii) the PBGC shall institute proceedings under Title IV of ERISA to terminate or to cause a trustee to be appointed to administer any Plan or a proceeding shall be instituted by a fiduciary of any Plan against any Commonly Controlled Entity to enforce Sections 515 or 4219(c)(5) of ERISA and such proceeding shall not have been dismissed within 30 days thereafter, or (iii) a condition shall exist which would require the PBGC to obtain a decree adjudicating that any Plan must be terminated; and in each case in clauses (i) through (iii) above, such event or condition, together with all other such events or conditions, if any, could, in the sole judgment of the Majority Lenders, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; or
- (h) one or more judgments or decrees shall be entered against Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries involving in the aggregate for all such Persons a liability (to the extent not paid or fully covered by insurance as to which the relevant insurance company has acknowledged coverage) of \$25,000,000 or more, and all such judgments or decrees shall not have been vacated, discharged, stayed or bonded pending appeal within 30 days from the entry thereof; or
- (i) the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement shall cease, for any reason (other than the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Administrative Agent), to be in full force and effect, or any Loan Party or any Affiliate of any Loan Party shall so assert, or any Lien created by the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement shall cease to be enforceable and of the same effect and priority purported to be created thereby; or
- (j) (i) the Paul Allen Group shall cease to have the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or direct the voting of Equity Interests having at least 51% (determined on a fully diluted basis) of the ordinary voting power for the management of the Borrower; (ii) the Paul Allen Group shall cease to own of record and beneficially, directly or indirectly, Equity Interests of the Borrower representing at least 25% (determined on a fully diluted basis) of the economic interests therein; (iii) a Specified Change of Control shall occur; (iv) Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC shall cease to own of record and beneficially, directly or indirectly, Equity Interests of the Borrower representing at least 51% (determined on a fully diluted basis) of the economic interests therein; or (v) the Borrower shall cease to be a direct Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Holdings; or

(k) the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall have received a notice of termination or suspension with respect to any of its CATV Franchises or CATV Systems from the FCC or any Governmental Authority or other franchising authority or the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or the grantors of any CATV Franchises or CATV Systems shall fail to renew such CATV Franchises or CATV Systems at the stated expiration thereof if the percentage represented by such CATV Franchises or CATV Systems and any other CATV Franchises or CATV Systems which are then so terminated, suspended or not renewed of Consolidated Operating Cash Flow for the 12-month period preceding the date of the termination, suspension or failure to renew, as the case may be, (giving pro forma effect to any acquisitions or Dispositions that have occurred since the beginning of such 12-month period as if such acquisitions or Dispositions had occurred at the beginning of such 12-month period), would exceed 10%, unless (i) an alternative CATV Franchise or CATV System in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Majority Lenders shall have been procured and come into effect prior to or concurrently with the termination or expiration date of such terminated, suspended or non-renewed CATV Franchise or CATV System or (ii) the Borrower or such Subsidiary continues to operate and retain the revenues received from such systems after the stated termination or expiration and is engaged in negotiations to renew or extend such franchise rights and obtains such renewal or extension within one year following the stated termination or expiration, provided that such negotiations have not been terminated by either party thereto, such franchise rights or the equivalent thereof have not been awarded on an exclusive basis to a third Person and no final determination (within the meaning of Section 635 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended) has been made that the Borrower or such Subsidiary is not entitled to the renewal or extension thereof;

then, and in any such event, (A) if such event is an Event of Default specified in clause (i) or (ii) of paragraph (f) above with respect to the Borrower, automatically the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments and the Revolving Commitments shall immediately terminate and the Loans hereunder (with accrued interest thereon) and all other amounts owing under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (including all amounts of L/C Obligations, whether or not the beneficiaries of the then outstanding Letters of Credit shall have presented the documents required thereunder) shall immediately become due and payable, and (B) if such event is any other Event of Default, either or both of the following actions may be taken: (i) with the consent of the Majority Lenders, the Administrative Agent may, or upon the request of the Majority Lenders, the Administrative Agent shall, by notice to the Borrower declare the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments and the Revolving Commitments to be terminated forthwith, whereupon the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments and the Revolving Commitments shall immediately terminate; and (ii) with the consent of the Majority Lenders, the Administrative Agent may, or upon the request of the Majority Lenders, the Administrative Agent shall, by notice to the Borrower, declare the Loans hereunder (with accrued interest thereon) and all other amounts owing under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (including all amounts of L/C Obligations, whether or not the beneficiaries of the then outstanding Letters of Credit shall have presented the documents required thereunder) to be due and payable forthwith, whereupon the same shall immediately become due and payable. With respect to all Letters of Credit with respect to which presentment for honor shall not have occurred at the time of an acceleration pursuant to this paragraph, the Borrower shall at such

time deposit in a cash collateral account opened by the Administrative Agent an amount equal to the aggregate then undrawn and unexpired amount of such Letters of Credit. Amounts held in such cash collateral account shall be applied by the Administrative Agent to the payment of drafts drawn under such Letters of Credit, and the unused portion thereof after all such Letters of Credit shall have expired or been fully drawn upon, if any, shall be applied to repay other obligations of the Borrower hereunder and under the other Loan Documents. After all such Letters of Credit shall have expired or been fully drawn upon, all Reimbursement Obligations shall have been satisfied and all other obligations of the Borrower hereunder and under the other Loan Documents shall have been paid in full, the balance, if any, in such cash collateral account shall be returned to the Borrower (or such other Person as may be lawfully entitled thereto). Except as expressly provided above in this Section, presentment, demand, protest and all other notices of any kind are hereby expressly waived by the Borrower.

### ARTICLE IX THE AGENTS

- 9.1. Appointment. Each Lender hereby irrevocably designates and appoints the Administrative Agent as the agent of such Lender under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, and each such Lender irrevocably authorizes the Administrative Agent, in such capacity, to take such action on its behalf under the provisions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and to exercise such powers and perform such duties as are expressly delegated to the Administrative Agent by the terms of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, together with such other powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary elsewhere in this Agreement, the Administrative Agent shall not have any duties or responsibilities, except those expressly set forth herein, or any fiduciary relationship with any Lender, and no implied covenants, functions, responsibilities, duties, obligations or liabilities shall be read into this Agreement or any other Loan Document or otherwise exist against the Administrative Agent.
- 9.2. Delegation of Duties. The Administrative Agent may execute any of its duties under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents by or through agents or attorneys-in-fact and shall be entitled to advice of counsel concerning all matters pertaining to such duties. The Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for the negligence or misconduct of any agents or attorneys in-fact selected by it with reasonable care.
- 9.3. Exculpatory Provisions. Neither any Agent nor any of their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or affiliates shall be (i) liable for any action lawfully taken or omitted to be taken by it or such Person under or in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document (except to the extent that any of the foregoing are found by a final and nonappealable decision of a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted from its or such Person's own gross negligence or willful misconduct) or (ii) responsible in any manner to any of the Lenders for any recitals, statements, representations or warranties made by any Loan Party or any officer thereof contained in this Agreement or any other Loan Document or in any certificate, report, statement or other document referred to or provided for in, or received by the Agents under or in connection with, this Agreement or any other Loan Document or for the value, validity, effectiveness, genuineness, enforceability or sufficiency of this Agreement or any other Loan Document or for any failure of any Loan Party a party thereto to perform its obligations hereunder or thereunder. The Agents shall not be under any obligation to

any Lender to ascertain or to inquire as to the observance or performance of any of the agreements contained in, or conditions of, this Agreement or any other Loan Document, or to inspect the properties, books or records of any Loan Party.

- 9.4. Reliance by Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent shall be entitled to rely, and shall be fully protected in relying, upon any instrument, writing, resolution, notice, consent, certificate, affidavit, letter, telecopy, telex or teletype message, statement, order or other document or conversation believed by it to be genuine and correct and to have been signed, sent or made by the proper Person or Persons and upon advice and statements of legal counsel (including counsel to Holdings or the Borrower), independent accountants and other experts selected by the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent may deem and treat the payee of any Note as the owner thereof for all purposes unless a written notice of assignment, negotiation or transfer thereof shall have been filed with the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent shall be fully justified in failing or refusing to take any Administrative Agent Shall be fully justified in latting of lefusing to take any action under this Agreement or any other Loan Document unless it shall first receive such advice or concurrence of the Majority Lenders (or, if so specified by this Agreement, all Lenders) as it deems appropriate or it shall first be indemnified to its satisfaction by the Lenders against any and all liability and expense that may be incurred by it by reason of taking or continuing to take any such action. The Administrative Agent shall in all cases be fully protected in acting, or in refraining from acting, under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents in accordance with a request of the Majority Lenders (or, if so specified by this Agreement, all Lenders), and such request and any action taken or failure to act pursuant thereto shall be binding upon all the Lenders and all future holders of the Loans.
- 9.5. Notice of Default. The Administrative Agent shall not be deemed to have knowledge or notice of the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default hereunder unless the Administrative Agent has received notice from a Lender, Holdings or the Borrower referring to this Agreement, describing such Default or Event of Default and stating that such notice is a "notice of default". In the event that the Administrative Agent receives such a notice, the Administrative Agent shall promptly give notice thereof to the Lenders. The Administrative Agent shall take such action with respect to such Default or Event of Default as shall be reasonably directed by the Majority Lenders (or, if so specified by this Agreement, all Lenders); provided that unless and until the Administrative Agent shall have received such directions, the Administrative Agent may (but shall not be obligated to) take such action, or refrain from taking such action, with respect to such Default or Event of Default as it shall deem advisable in the best interests of the Lenders.
- 9.6. Non-Reliance on Agents and Other Lenders. Each Lender expressly acknowledges that neither the Agents nor any of their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or affiliates have made any representations or warranties to it and that no act by any Agent hereinafter taken, including any review of the affairs of a Loan Party or any affiliate of a Loan Party, shall be deemed to constitute any representation or warranty by any Agent to any Lender. Each Lender represents to the Agents that it has, independently and without reliance upon any Agent or any other Lender, and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own appraisal of and investigation into the business, operations, property, financial and other condition and creditworthiness of the Loan Parties and their affiliates and made its own decision to make its Loans hereunder and enter into

this Agreement. Each Lender also represents that it will, independently and without reliance upon any Agent or any other Lender, and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit analysis, appraisals and decisions in taking or not taking action under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, and to make such investigation as it deems necessary to inform itself as to the business, operations, property, financial and other condition and creditworthiness of the Loan Parties and their affiliates. Except for notices, reports and other documents expressly required to be furnished to the Lenders by the Administrative Agent hereunder, the Administrative Agent shall not have any duty or responsibility to provide any Lender with any credit or other information concerning the business, operations, property, condition (financial or otherwise), prospects or creditworthiness of any Loan Party or any affiliate of a Loan Party that may come into the possession of the Administrative Agent or any of its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or affiliates.

- 9.7. Indemnification. The Lenders agree to indemnify each Agent in its capacity as such (to the extent not reimbursed by Holdings or the Borrower and without limiting the obligation of Holdings or the Borrower to do so), ratably according to their respective Aggregate Exposure Percentages in effect on the date on which indemnification is sought under this Section (or, if indemnification is sought after the date upon which the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments and the Revolving Commitments shall have terminated and the Loans shall have been paid in full, ratably in accordance with such Aggregate Exposure Percentages immediately prior to such date), from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind whatsoever that may at any time (whether before or after the payment of the Loans) be imposed on, incurred by or asserted against such Agent in any way relating to or arising out of, the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments, the Revolving Commitments, this Agreement, any of the other Loan Documents or any documents contemplated by or referred to herein or therein or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or any action taken or omitted by such Agent under or in connection with any of the foregoing; provided that no Lender shall be liable for the payment of any portion of such liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements that are found by a final and nonappealable decision of a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted from such Agent's gross negligence or willful misconduct. The agreements in this Section shall survive the payment of the Loans and all other amounts payable hereunder.
- 9.8. Agent in Its Individual Capacity. Each Agent and its affiliates may make loans to, accept deposits from and generally engage in any kind of business with any Loan Party as though such Agent was not an Agent. With respect to its Loans made or renewed by it and with respect to any Letter of Credit issued or participated in by it, each Agent shall have the same rights and powers under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents as any Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not an Agent, and the terms "Lender" and "Lenders" shall include each Agent in its individual capacity.
- 9.9. Resignation of Agents. (a) The Administrative Agent may resign at any time by giving at least 60 days' prior written notice of its intention to do so to each of the other Lenders and the Borrower pending the appointment by the Borrower of a successor Administrative Agent reasonably satisfactory to the Majority Lenders. If no successor

Administrative Agent shall have been so appointed and shall have accepted such appointment within 45 days after the retiring Administrative Agent's giving of such notice of resignation, then the retiring Administrative Agent may with the consent of the Borrower, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed, appoint a successor Administrative Agent which shall be a bank or a trust company organized, or having a branch that is licensed, under the laws of the United States of America or any state thereof and having a combined capital, surplus and undivided profit of at least \$100,000,000.

- (b) Any Agent other than the Administrative Agent may resign at any time by giving at least 60 days' prior written notice of its intention to do so to each of the other Lenders and the Borrower. Upon any such resignation, the Borrower may, but shall not be obligated to, appoint a successor Agent in the relevant capacity reasonably satisfactory to the Majority Lenders, provided, that the effectiveness of such resignation shall not be conditioned upon the appointment of a successor.
- (c) After any retiring Agent's resignation hereunder as Agent, the provisions of this Agreement shall continue to inure to the benefit of such Agent as to any actions taken or omitted to be taken by it while it was an Agent under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.
- 9.10. Other Agents. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary elsewhere in this Agreement (including the circumstance that the Syndication Agent shall have certain rights regarding notification, consents and other matters, to the extent expressly provided herein), no Agent other than the Administrative Agent shall have any duties or responsibilities hereunder or under any other Loan Document, or any fiduciary relationship with any Lender, and no implied covenants, functions, responsibilities, duties, obligations or liabilities shall be read into this Agreement or any other Loan Document or otherwise exist against any Agent.

### ARTICLE X MISCELLANEOUS

10.1. Amendments and Waivers. Neither this Agreement, any other Loan Document nor any term hereof or thereof may be amended orally, nor may any provision hereof or thereof be waived orally but only by an instrument in writing signed by the Majority Lenders (or by the Administrative Agent if authorized in writing to do so by the Majority Lenders) and by the Borrower, except in connection with the Incremental Term Facility or other transactions described in Section 2.1(c) (which requires no consent) and in the event of (a) any reduction in a scheduled payment of principal, interest or fees due hereunder (other than the waiver of charging interest at the Default Rate), (b) any postponement of the timing of scheduled payments of principal, interest or fees hereunder to any Lender, (c) any waiver of any Default due to the Borrower's failure to pay any principal, interest or fees when scheduled to be due hereunder to any Lender, (d) any amendment of this Section 10.1 or of the definition of Majority Lenders or Majority Facility Lenders, (e) any release of Collateral or guarantees, (f) any changes in the several nature of the obligations of the Lenders, or (g) any change to the provisions of Section 2.15 hereof which provide for payments to be distributed to the Lenders on a pro rata basis, any amendment or waiver may be made only by an instrument in writing signed by the Administrative Agent and all the Lenders and by the Borrower. No Lender's Revolving

Commitment, Tranche A Incremental Term Commitment or Tranche B Incremental Term Commitment hereunder may be increased without the written consent of such

10.2. Notices. All notices, requests and demands to or upon the respective parties hereto to be effective shall be in writing (including by telecopy), and, unless otherwise expressly provided herein, shall be deemed to have been duly given or made when delivered, or three Business Days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, or, in the case of telecopy notice, when received, addressed as follows in the case of Holdings, the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, and as set forth in an administrative questionnaire delivered to the Administrative Agent in the case of the Lenders, or to such other address as may be hereafter notified by the respective parties hereto:

> c/o CC VIII Operating, LLC Anv Loan Party:

12444 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 100

St. Louis, Missouri 63131 Attention: Kent D. Kalkwarf Telecopy: (314) 965-8793 Telephone: (314) 543-2309

The Administrative

Toronto Dominion (Texas), Inc.

Agent:

909 Fannin, Suite 1700 Houston, Texas 77010 Attention: Jeff Lents Telecopy: (713) 951-0033 Telephone: (713) 653-8229

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

- 10.3. No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies. No failure to exercise and no delay in exercising, on the part of any Agent or any Lender, any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder or under the other Loan Documents shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege. The rights, remedies, powers and privileges herein provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights, remedies, powers and privileges provided by law.
- 10.4. Survival of Representations and Warranties. All representations and warranties made hereunder, in the other Loan Documents and in any document, certificate or statement delivered pursuant hereto or in connection herewith shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the making of the Loans and other extensions of credit hereunder.
- 10.5. Payment of Expenses and Taxes. The Borrower agrees (a) to pay or reimburse the Administrative Agent for all its reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred in connection with the development, preparation and execution of, and any amendment,

supplement or modification to, this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and any other documents prepared in connection herewith or therewith, and the consummation and administration of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of one firm of counsel to the Administrative Agent and filing and recording fees and expenses, with statements with respect to the foregoing to be submitted to the Borrower prior to the Restatement Effective Date (in the case of amounts to be paid on the Restatement Effective Date) and from time to time thereafter on a quarterly basis or such other periodic basis as the Administrative Agent shall deem appropriate, (b) to pay or reimburse each Lender and each Agent for all its costs and expenses incurred in connection with the enforcement or preservation of any rights under this Agreement, the other Loan Documents and any such other documents, including the fees and disbursements of one firm of counsel selected by the Administrative Agent and reasonably acceptable to the Syndication Agent (or, in the event that either Syndication Agent determines in good faith that issues apply to it that are not applicable to the Administrative Agent or, with respect to an issue as to which another counsel is proposed to be engaged, that its interests are different from those of the Administrative Agent, one additional firm of counsel selected by Chase Securities Inc.), together with any special or local counsel to the Administrative Agent, and not more than one other firm of counsel to the Lenders, (c) to pay, indemnify, and hold each Lender and each Agent harmless from, any and all recording and filing fees and any and all liabilities with respect to, or resulting from any delay in paying, stamp, excise and other taxes, if any, that may be payable or determined to be payable in connection with the execution and delivery of, or consummation or administration of any of the transactions contemplated by, or any amendment, supplement or modification of, or any waiver or consent under or in respect of, this Agreement, the other Loan Documents and any such other documents, and (d) to pay, indemnify, and hold each Lender, each Agent, their affiliates and their respective officers, directors, trustees, employees, agents and controlling persons (each, an "Indemnitee") harmless from and against any and all other liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind or nature whatsoever with respect to the execution, delivery, enforcement, performance and administration of this Agreement, the other Loan Documents and any such other documents, including any of the foregoing relating to the use of proceeds of the Loans or the violation of, noncompliance with or liability under, any Environmental Law applicable to the operations of Holdings, the Borrower any of its Subsidiaries or any of the Properties and the reasonable fees and expenses of legal counsel in connection with claims, actions or proceedings by any Indemnitee against any Loan Party under any Loan Document (all the foregoing in this clause (d), collectively, the "Indemnified Liabilities"), provided, that the Borrower shall have no obligation hereunder to any Indemnitee with respect to Indemnified Liabilities to the extent such Indemnified Liabilities are found by a final and nonappealable decision of a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee. Without limiting the foregoing, and to the extent permitted by applicable law, the Borrower agrees not to assert and to cause its Subsidiaries not to assert, and hereby waives and agrees to cause its Subsidiaries to so waive, all rights for contribution or any other rights of recovery with respect to all claims, demands, penalties, fines, liabilities, settlements, damages, costs and expenses of whatever kind or nature, under or related to Environmental Laws, that any of them might have by statute or otherwise against any Indemnitee. All amounts due under this Section 10.5 shall be payable not later than 15 days after written demand therefor. Statements payable by the Borrower pursuant to this Section 10.5 shall be submitted to Kent Kalkwarf (Telephone No. 314-543-2309)

(Telecopy No. 314-965-8793), at the address of the Borrower set forth in Section 10.2, or to such other Person or address as may be hereafter designated by the Borrower in a written notice to the Administrative Agent. The agreements in this Section 10.5 shall survive repayment of the Loans and all other amounts payable hereunder.

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

(b) Any Lender other than any Conduit Lender may, without the consent of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, in accordance with applicable law, at any time sell to one or more banks, financial institutions or other entities (each, a "Participant"), including, without limitation, any Conduit Participant, participating interests in any Loan owing to such Lender, any Tranche A Incremental Term Commitment or Revolving Commitment of such Lender or any other interest of such Lender hereunder and under the other Loan Documents. In the event of any such sale by a Lender of a participating interest to a Participant, such Lender's obligations under this Agreement to the other parties to this Agreement shall remain unchanged, such Lender shall remain solely responsible for the performance thereof, such Lender shall remain the holder of any such Loan for all purposes under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, and the Borrower and the Agents shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. In no event shall any Participant under any such participation have any right to approve any amendment or waiver of any provision of any Loan Document, or any consent to any departure by any Loan Party therefrom, except to the extent that such amendment, waiver or consent would (i) reduce the amount or extend the scheduled date of amortization or maturity of any Loan, (ii) reduce the rate of interest or any fee or extend any due date thereof or (iii) increase the amount or extend the expiry date of any Lender's commitment, in each case to the extent subject to such participation. The Borrower agrees that if amounts outstanding under this Agreement and the Loans are due or unpaid, or shall have been declared or shall have become due and payable upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, each Participant shall, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, be deemed to have the right of setoff in respect of its participating interest in amounts owing under this Agreement to the same extent as if the amount of its participating interest were owing directly to it as a Lender under this Agreement, provided that, in purchasing such participating interest, such Participant shall be deemed to have agreed to share with the Lenders the proceeds thereof as provided in Section 10.7(a) as fully as if it were a Lender hereunder. The Borrower also agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of Sections 2.16, 2.17 and 2.18 with respect to its participation in the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments and the Revolving Commitments and the Loans outstanding from time to time as if it was a Lender; provided that, in the case of Section 2.17, such Participant shall have complied with the requirements of said Section and provided, further, that no Participant shall be entitled to receive any greater amount pursuant to any such Section than the transferor Lender would have been entitled to receive in respect of the amount of the participation transferred by such transferor Lender to such Participant had no such transfer occurred.

accordance with applicable law, at any time and from time to time assign to any Lender, any affiliate of any Lender or any Approved Fund or, with the consent of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (which, in each case, shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed), to an additional bank, financial institution or other entity (an "Assignee") all or any part of its rights and obligations under this Agreement pursuant to an Assignment and Acceptance, executed by such Assignee, such Assignor and any other Person whose consent is required pursuant to this paragraph, and delivered to the Administrative Agent for its acceptance and recording in the Register; provided that, except in the case of an assignment of all of a Lender's interests under this Agreement, no such assignment to an Assignee (other than any Lender, any affiliate of any Lender or any Approved Fund, each an "Intracreditor Assignee") shall (i) be in an aggregate principal amount of less than (x) \$5,000,000, in the case of the Revolving Facility and the Tranche A Term Facility or (y) \$1,000,000, in the case of the Tranche B Term Facility and the Incremental Term Facility or (ii) cause the Assignor to have Aggregate Exposure of less than (x) \$3,000,000, in the case of the Revolving Facility and the Tranche A Term Facility or (y) \$1,000,000, in the case of the Tranche B Term Facility and the Incremental Term Facility, in the case of either clause (i) or (ii), unless otherwise agreed by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent; provided further that, except in the case of an assignment of all of a Lender's interests under this Agreement, no such assignment to an Intracreditor Assignee shall (i) be in an aggregate principal amount of less than \$250,000 or (ii) cause the Assignor to have Aggregate Exposure of less than \$250,000, in each case unless otherwise agreed by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent. For purposes of clauses (i) and (ii) of the preceding sentence, the amounts described therein shall be aggregated in respect of each Lender and its related Approved Funds, if any. Any such assignment need not be ratable as among the Facilities. Upon such execution, delivery, acceptance and recording, from and after the effective date determined pursuant to such Assignment and Acceptance, (x) the Assignee thereunder shall be a party hereto and, to the extent provided in such Assignment and Acceptance, have the rights and obligations of a Lender hereunder with a Tranche A Incremental Term Commitment or a Revolving Commitment and/or Loans as set forth therein, and (y) the Assignor thereunder shall, to the extent provided in such Assignment and Acceptance, be released from its obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an Assignment and Acceptance covering all of an Assignor's rights and obligations under this Agreement, such Assignor shall cease to be a party hereto). Notwithstanding any provision of this Section 10.6, the consent of the Borrower shall not be required for any assignment that occurs when an Event of Default pursuant to Section 8(a) or 8(f) shall have occurred and be continuing. On the effective date of any Assignment and Acceptance, the Administrative Agent shall give notice of the terms thereof to the Syndication Agent. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Conduit Lender may assign at any time to its designating Lender hereunder without the consent of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent any or all of the Loans it may have funded hereunder and pursuant to its designation agreement and without regard to the limitations set forth in the first sentence of this Section 10.6(c).

(c) Any Lender other than any Conduit Lender (an "Assignor") may, in

(d) The Administrative Agent shall, on behalf of the Borrower, maintain at its address referred to in Section 10.2 a copy of each Assignment and Acceptance delivered to it and a register (the "Register") for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders and the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitment and the Revolving Commitment of, and the principal amount of the Loans owing to, each Lender from time to time. The entries in the Register shall be conclusive, in the absence of manifest error, and the Borrower, each other Loan Party, the

Agents and the Lenders shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register as the owner of the Loans and any Notes evidencing the Loans recorded therein for all purposes of this Agreement. Any assignment of any Loan, whether or not evidenced by a Note, shall be effective only upon appropriate entries with respect thereto being made in the Register (and each Note shall expressly so provide). Any assignment or transfer of all or part of a Loan evidenced by a Note shall be registered on the Register only upon surrender for registration of assignment or transfer of the Note evidencing such Loan, accompanied by a duly executed Assignment and Acceptance, and thereupon one or more new Notes shall be issued to the designated Assignee. The Administrative Agent will promptly send a copy of the Register to the Borrower upon request.

- (e) Upon its receipt of an Assignment and Acceptance executed by an Assignor, an Assignee and any other Person whose consent is required by Section 10.6(c), together with payment to the Administrative Agent of a registration and processing fee of \$3,500, the Administrative Agent shall (i) promptly accept such Assignment and Acceptance and (ii) record the information contained therein in the Register on the effective date determined pursuant thereto.
- (f) For avoidance of doubt, the parties to this Agreement acknowledge that the provisions of this Section 10.6 concerning assignments relate only to absolute assignments and that such provisions do not prohibit assignments creating security interests, including any pledge or assignment by a Lender of any Loan to any Federal Reserve Bank in accordance with applicable law or including, in the case of any Lender that is an investment fund, any pledge or assignment of all or any portion of such Lender's rights under this Agreement to any holders of obligations owed, or securities issued, by such Lender as security for such obligations or securities, or to any trustee for, or any other representative of, such holders; provided that no such pledge or assignment of a security interest shall release a Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledgee or assignee for such Lender as a party hereto.
- (g) Each of Holdings, the Borrower, each Lender and the Administrative Agent hereby confirms that it will not institute against a Conduit Lender or join any other Person in instituting against a Conduit Lender any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceeding under any state bankruptcy or similar law, for one year and one day after the payment in full of the latest maturing commercial paper note issued by such Conduit Lender; provided, however, that each Lender designating any Conduit Lender hereby agrees to indemnify, save and hold harmless each other party hereto for any loss, cost, damage or expense arising out of its inability to institute such a proceeding against such Conduit Lender during such period of forbearance.
- 10.7. Adjustments; Set-off. (a) Except to the extent that this Agreement expressly provides for payments to be allocated to a particular Lender or to the Lenders under a particular Facility, if any Lender (a "Benefitted Lender") shall receive any payment of all or part of the amounts owing to it hereunder, or receive any collateral in respect thereof (whether voluntarily or involuntarily, by set-off, pursuant to events or proceedings of the nature referred to in Section 8(f), or otherwise), in a greater proportion than any such payment to or collateral received by any other Lender, if any, in respect of the amounts owing to such other Lender hereunder, such Benefitted Lender shall purchase for cash from the other Lenders a participating

interest in such portion of the amounts owing to each such other Lender hereunder, or shall provide such other Lenders with the benefits of any such collateral, as shall be necessary to cause such Benefitted Lender to share the excess payment or benefits of such collateral ratably with each of the Lenders; provided, however, that if all or any portion of such excess payment or benefits is thereafter recovered from such Benefitted Lender, such purchase shall be rescinded, and the purchase price and benefits returned, to the extent of such recovery, but without interest, unless such Benefitted Lender is required to pay interest thereon, in which case each Lender returning funds to such Benefitted Lender shall pay its pro rata share of such interest.

- (b) In addition to any rights and remedies of the Lenders provided by law, each Lender shall have the right, without prior notice to Holdings or the Borrower, any such notice being expressly waived by Holdings and the Borrower to the extent permitted by applicable law, upon any amount becoming due and payable by Holdings or the Borrower hereunder (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise), to set off and appropriate and apply against such amount any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final), in any currency, and any other credits, indebtedness or claims, in any currency, in each case whether direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, matured or unmatured, at any time held or owing by such Lender or any branch or agency thereof to or for the credit or the account of Holdings or the Borrower, as the case may be. Each Lender agrees promptly to notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent after any such setoff and application made by such Lender, provided that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such setoff and application.
- 10.8. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed by one or more of the parties to this Agreement on any number of separate counterparts, and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed signature page of this Agreement by facsimile transmission shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart hereof. A set of the copies of this Agreement signed by all the parties shall be lodged with the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.
- 10.9. Severability. Any provision of this Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.
- 10.10. Integration. This Agreement and the other Loan Documents represent the agreement of Holdings, the Borrower, the Agents and the Lenders with respect to the subject matter hereof, and there are no promises, undertakings, representations or warranties by the any Agent or any Lender relative to subject matter hereof not expressly set forth or referred to herein or in the other Loan Documents.
- 10.11. GOVERNING LAW. THIS AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

- 10.12. Submission To Jurisdiction; Waivers. Each of Holdings and the Borrower hereby irrevocably and unconditionally:
  - (a) submits for itself and its property in any legal action or proceeding relating to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which it is a party, or for recognition and enforcement of any judgment in respect thereof, to the non-exclusive general jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York, the courts of the United States for the Southern District of New York, and appellate courts from any thereof;
  - (b) consents that any such action or proceeding may be brought in such courts and waives any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the venue of any such action or proceeding in any such court or that such action or proceeding was brought in an inconvenient court and agrees not to plead or claim the same:
  - (c) agrees that service of process in any such action or proceeding may be effected by mailing a copy thereof by registered or certified mail (or any substantially similar form of mail), postage prepaid, to Holdings or the Borrower, as the case may be at its address set forth in Section 10.2 or at such other address of which the Administrative Agent shall have been notified pursuant thereto;
  - (d) agrees that nothing herein shall affect the right to effect service of process in any other manner permitted by law or shall limit the right to sue in any other jurisdiction; and
  - (e) waives, to the maximum extent not prohibited by law, any right it may have to claim or recover in any legal action or proceeding referred to in this Section any special, exemplary, punitive or consequential damages.
- 10.13. Acknowledgments. Each of Holdings and the Borrower hereby acknowledges that:
  - (a) it has been advised by counsel in the negotiation, execution and delivery of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents;
  - (b) neither any Agent nor any Lender has any fiduciary relationship with or duty to Holdings or the Borrower arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents, and the relationship between the Agents and Lenders, on one hand, and Holdings and the Borrower, on the other hand, in connection herewith or therewith is solely that of debtor and creditor; and
  - (c) no joint venture is created hereby or by the other Loan Documents or otherwise exists by virtue of the transactions contemplated hereby among the Agents and the Lenders or among Holdings, the Borrower and the Agents and the Lenders.
- 10.14. Releases of Guarantees and Liens. (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or in any other Loan Document, the Administrative Agent is hereby irrevocably authorized by each Lender (without requirement of notice to or consent of any Lender except as expressly required by Section 10.1) to take any action requested by the

Borrower having the effect of releasing any Collateral or Guarantee Obligations (i) to the extent necessary to permit consummation of any transaction not prohibited by any Loan Document or that has been approved in accordance with Section 10.1 or (ii) under the circumstances described in paragraph (b) below.

(b) At such time as the Loans, the Reimbursement Obligations and the other obligations under the Loan Documents (other than obligations under or in respect of Hedge Agreements or letters of credit obtained other than pursuant to this Agreement) shall have been paid in full, the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments and the Revolving Commitments have been terminated and no Letters of Credit shall be outstanding, the Collateral shall be released from the Liens created by the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, and the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement and all obligations (other than those expressly stated to survive such termination) of the Administrative Agent and each Loan Party under the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement shall terminate, all without delivery of any instrument or performance of any act by any Person.

10.15. Confidentiality. Each Agent and each Lender agrees to keep confidential all non-public information provided to it by any Loan Party pursuant to this Agreement that is designated by such Loan Party as confidential; provided that nothing herein shall prevent any Agent or any Lender from disclosing any such information (a) to any Agent, any Lender or any affiliate of any Lender or any Approved Fund, (b) to any Transferee or prospective Transferee that agrees to comply with the provisions of this Section, (c) to its employees, directors, agents, attorneys, accountants and other professional advisors or those of any of its affiliates who have a need to know, (d) upon the request or demand of any Governmental Authority, (e) in response to any order of any court or other Governmental Authority or as may otherwise be required pursuant to any Requirement of Law, (f) if requested or required to do so in connection with any litigation or similar proceeding, (g) that has been publicly disclosed, (h) any nationally recognized rating agency that requires access to information about a Lender's investment portfolio in connection with ratings issued with respect to such Lender, (i) in connection with the exercise of any remedy hereunder or under any other Loan Document or (j) to any direct or indirect contractual counterparty in swap agreements or such contractual counterparty's professional advisor to such contractual counterparty or professional advisor to such contractual counterparty agrees to be bound by the provisions of this Section 10.15).

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

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

CC VIII HOLDINGS, LLC

By: /s/ Eloise A. Engman

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Name: Eloise A. Engman Title: Vice President

CC VIII OPERATING, LLC

By: /s/ Eloise A. Engman

Name: Eloise A. Engman Title: Vice President The Administrative Agent:

TORONTO DOMINION (TEXAS), INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey R. Lents
Name: Jeffrey R. Lents
Title: Vice President

The Syndication Agent:

THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK

By: /s/ Edmond DeForest

Name: Edmond DeForest

Name: Edmond DeForest Title: Vice President The Documentation Agents:

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

By: /s/ Ian A. Hodgart

Name: Ian A. Hodgart Title: Authorized Signatory

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, INC.

By: /s/ Geoffrey C. Brooks

Name: Geoffrey C. Brooks Title: Senior Vice President FIRSTAR BANK, N.A.

By: /s/ Gail F. Scannell

Name: Gail F. Scannell Title: Vice President

PRICING GRID

Out of the total transport of transport of the total transport of transport	Applicable Margin for Eurodollar Loans				
Consolidated Leverage Ratio					Fee Rate
	A/RC	В	A/RC	В	
Greater than or equal to 5.50 to 1.0	2.25%	2.75%	1.25%	1.75%	0.375%
Greater than or equal to 4.75 to 1.0 but	2.00%	2.75%	1.00%	1.75%	0.375%
Greater than or equal to 4.50 to 1.0 but less than 4.75 to 1.0	1.75%	2.75%	0.75%	1.75%	0.375%
Greater than or equal to 4.00 to 1.0 but less than 4.50 to 1.0	1.50%	2.50%	0.50%	1.50%	0.375%
Greater than or equal to 3.75 to 1.0 but less than 4.00 to 1.0	1.25%	2.50%	0.25%	1.50%	0.250%
Greater than or equal to 3.00 to 1.0 but less than 3.75 to 1.0	1.00%	2.50%	0%	1.50%	0.250%
Less than 3.00 to 1.0	0.75%	2.50%	0%	1.50%	0.250%

As used above, (a) "A/RC" refers to Tranche A Term Loans, Revolving Loans and Swingline Loans and (b) "B" refers to Tranche B Term Loans.

Until the date that is six months after the Restatement Effective Date, rates corresponding to a Consolidated Leverage Ratio of less than  $4.50\ \text{to}$  1.0 will not be available.

Changes in the Applicable Margin or in the Commitment Fee Rate resulting from changes in the Consolidated Leverage Ratio shall become effective on the date (the "Adjustment Date") on which financial statements are delivered to the Lenders pursuant to Section 6.1 (but in any event not later than the 45th day after the end of each of the first three quarterly periods of each fiscal year or the 90th day after the end of each fiscal year, as the case may be) and shall remain in effect until the next change to be effected pursuant to this paragraph. If any financial statements referred to above are not delivered within the time periods specified above, then, until such financial statements are delivered, the highest rates referred to in the Pricing Grid shall be applicable. In addition, the highest rates referred to in the Pricing Grid shall be applicable at all times while an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

1 EXHIBIT 12.1

# CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES CALCULATION (In thousands)

Charter Communications Properties Holdings, LLC Charter Communications Holdings, LLC 1/1/98 12/24/98 through through 1997 12/23/98 12/31/98 1999 2000 -----FARNINGS Loss before income taxes, minority interest and extraordinary item \$ (2,723) \$ (4,623) \$ (17,222) \$ (5,277) \$ (639,884) \$(2,036,521) 17,347 \$ 125 Fixed Charges 4,442 5,160 2,390 474,721 1,069,974 \$ 537 Earnings \$ 1,719 \$ (2,887) \$ (165, 163) \$ (966,547) ======== ======= ======= ======== ========= ======== FIXED CHARGES \$ 4,997 \$ 2,353 \$ 17,010 \$ 461,571 \$ 1,040,361 Interest Expense 4,415 37 Amortization of Debt Costs 123 267 10,300 24,875 40 Interest Element of Rentals 27 70 2,850 4,738 \$ 4,442 \$ 5,160 \$ 2,390 \$ 474,721 Total Fixed Charges \$ 17,347 \$ 1,069,974 ======== ========== ======= ======= ======= ========= --Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges (1) --------- -======= ======= ======= ======= ======== ========

<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; and for the years ended December 31, 1999 and 2000 were insufficient to cover fixed charges by \$2,723; \$4,623; \$17,222; \$5,277; \$639,884; and \$2,036,521, respectively. As a result of such deficiencies, the ratios are not presented.

## CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC SUBSIDIARIES OF REGISTRANT

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212 Seventh Street, Inc.
American Cable Entertainment Company, LLC
ARH Ltd.
Athens Cablevision, Inc.
Ausable Cable TV, Inc.
Bend Cable Communications, LLC
Bresnan Capital Corporation
Cable Equities Colorado LLC
Cable Equities of Colorado Management Corp.
Cable Systems, Inc.
CC Michigan, LLC
CC New England, LLC
CC V Finance, Inc.
CC V Holdings Finance, Inc.
CC V Holdings, LLC
CC V.com LLC
CC VI Holdings, LLC
CC VI Operating, LLC CC VII Holdings, LLC
CC VIII Holdings, LLC
CC VIII Operating, LLC
CC VIII, LLC
CCG VIII Capital Corporation
CCG VIII, LLL
CCO Property, LLC
CCO Purchasing, LLC
Cedar Bluff Cablevision, Inc.
Cencom Cable Entertainment, LLC
Central Oregon Advertising, LLC
CF Finance LaGrange, Inc.
Charter Advertising Saint Louis, LLC
Charter Cable Operating Company, LLC
Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC
Charter Communications Entertainment II, LLC
Charter Communications Entertainment, LLC
Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation
Charter Communications Operating, LLC
Charter Communications Properties LLC
Charter Communications Services, LLC
Charter Communications V, LLC Charter Communications VI, LLC
Charter Communications VII, LLC
Charter Communications, Inc.
Charter Communications, L.L.C.
Charter Fiberlink - Kansas, LLC
Charter Fiberlink - Michigan, LLC
Charter Fiberlink, LLC
Charter RMG, LLC
Charter Telephone of Michigan, LLC
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Charter Telephone of Minnesota, LLC

Charter-Helicon, LLC Charter-LaGrange, L.L.C. Cross Country Cable, LLC

## CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC SUBSIDIARIES OF REGISTRANT (CONTINUED)

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Dalton Cablevision, Inc.
Eastern Mississippi Cablevision, Inc.
Enstar Cable Corporation
Enstar Communications Corporation
Enstar Finance Company, LLC
Falcon Cable Communications, LLC
Falcon Cable Media (CA LP)
Falcon Cable Systems Company II, LP
Falcon Cable Systems Company II, LP
Falcon Cablevision (CA LP)
Falcon Community Cable, L.P.
Falcon Community Investors, LP (CA LP)
Falcon Community Ventures I (CA LP)
Falcon Equipment Company, LLC
Falcon First Cable of New York, Inc.
Falcon First Cable of the Southeast, Inc.
Falcon First Holdings, Inc.
Falcon First, Inc.
Falcon First, Inc.
Falcon Funding Corporation
Falcon Investors Group, Ltd.
Falcon Lake Las Vegas Cablevision, L.P.
Falcon Media Investors Group (CA LP)
Falcon Pacific Microwave
Falcon Telecable (CA LP)
Falcon Telecable Investors Group (CA LP)
Falcon Telecom, L.P.
Falcon Video Communications Investors, L.P.
Falcon Video Communications, L.P.
Falcon/Capital Cable G.P.
Falcon/Capital Cable Partners, L.P.
FF Cable Holdings, Inc.
Helicon Capital Corp.
Helicon Network Solutions, L.P.
Helicon Online, L.P.
Helicon Partners I, LP
Hometown TV, Inc.
Hornell Television Service, Inc.
HPI Acquisitions Co. LLC
Interlink Communications Partners, LLC
Lauderdale Cablevision, Inc.
Long Beach, LLC
Marcus Cable Associates, L.L.C.
Marcus Cable of Alabama, L.L.C.
Marcus Cable Partners, L.L.C.
Marcus Cable, Inc.
Midwest Cable Communications, Inc.
Midwest Video Electronics, Inc.
Multivision Northeast, Inc.
Multivision of Commerce, Inc.
Peachtree Cable TV, L.P.
Peachtree Cable TV, LLC
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Plattsburgh Cablevision, Inc. Renaissance Media (Louisiana), LLC

EXHIBIT 21.1

## CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, LLC SUBSIDIARIES OF REGISTRANT (CONTINUED)

Renaissance Media (Tennessee), LLC
Renaissance Media Capital Corporation
Renaissance Media Group LLC
Renaissance Media LLC
Rifkin Acquisition Capital Corp.
Rifkin Acquisition Partners, LLC
Robin Media Group, Inc.
Scottsboro Cablevision, Inc.
Scottsboro TV Cable, Inc.
SFC Transmissions
Tennessee, LLC
The Helicon Group, L.P.
Tioga Cable Company, Inc.
Vista Broadband Communications, LLC
Wilcat Transmission Co, Inc.

#### RISK FACTORS

#### OUR 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 and this has the ability to control fundamental corporate transactions requiring Charter Communications, Inc. 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. Through his control of Charter Communications, Inc., Mr. Allen controls Charter Communications Holding Company and Charter Holdings.

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 our public debt. Further, through his effective control, 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. 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 our public debt. 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.

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

As a holding company, we depend entirely on cash from our operating subsidiaries to satisfy our obligations to the holders of our debt securities. 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 amounts due on our debt securities.

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 our 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.

## 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 DUSTNESS

We and our subsidiaries have a significant amount of debt. As of December 31, 2000, pro forma for the sale of the January 2001 Charter Holdings notes and the application of these proceeds to repay all remaining amounts outstanding under the Charter Holdings 2000 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, our total debt would have been approximately \$12.4 billion and the deficiency of our earnings available to cover fixed charges would have been approximately \$2.1 billion.

Our significant amount of debt could have important consequences. For example, it could:

- make it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations to the lenders under our subsidiaries' credit facilities and to our 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

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 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 OUR DEBT SECURITIES.

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

OUR ABILITY TO GENERATE THE SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF CASH NEEDED TO SERVICE OUR DEBT AND THE DEBT OF OUR SUBSIDIARIES AND GROW OUR BUSINESS DEPENDS ON MANY FACTORS BEYOND OUR CONTROL.

Our ability to service 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 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 repay our debt or to grow our business or fund our other liquidity needs.

PROSPECTIVE LENDERS' COMMITMENTS TO LEND TO US UNDER THE 2001 SENIOR BRIDGE LOAN FACILITY WE HAVE OBTAINED ARE SUBJECT TO A NUMBER OF CONDITIONS. IF THESE CONDITIONS ARE NOT MET, THESE FUNDS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO US. AS A RESULT, WE MAY BE UNABLE TO CONSUMMATE PENDING ACQUISITIONS WHICH COULD TRIGGER DEFAULTS UNDER OUR ACQUISITION AGREEMENTS AND OUR DEBT OBLIGATIONS. IF THIS WERE TO OCCUR, THE RELEVANT SELLERS OR CREDITORS COULD INITIATE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST US.

The 2001 senior bridge loan facility for which we have received commitments will not close unless specified closing conditions are satisfied. Some of these closing conditions are not under our control, and we cannot assure you that all closing conditions will be satisfied. For example, the closing conditions for these facilities include:

- the absence of various types of material adverse changes, including material adverse changes in the financial and capital markets; and
- receipt of required approvals from third parties.

If the committed 2001 senior bridge loan facility is not closed, we would need to raise \$2.0 billion to replace it, and we cannot assure you that alternate financing sources will be available to us. Our affiliates may as a result be unable to consummate pending AT&T transactions and may be in default under the related acquisition agreements. The relevant sellers could initiate legal proceedings against us, including under bankruptcy and reorganization laws, for any damages they suffer as a result of our non-performance. Any such action could trigger defaults under our other obligations, including our credit facilities and debt instruments.

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 December 31, 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 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 minority interest in loss of subsidiary and extraordinary items of \$22 million for 1998 and \$639 million for 1999 and \$2.1 billion for 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 an insignificant subsidiary in December 2000, the sale of the March 1999 and January 2000 Charter Holdings notes, the drawdown on the Charter Holdings 2000 senior bridge loan facility, application of the net proceeds contributed to us from the sale of Charter Communications, Inc.'s convertible senior notes and the sale of the January 2001 Charter Holdings notes and the application of the net proceeds, we had net losses before minority interest in loss of subsidiary and extraordinary item of \$1.5 billion for 1999 and \$2.1 billion for 2000. We cannot predict what impact, if any, continued losses will have on our ability to finance our operations in the future.

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 rapidly through acquisitions of cable systems, and now own and operate cable systems serving approximately 6.4 million customers. We may acquire more cable systems in the future, through acquisitions, system swaps or otherwise. The integration of newly acquired cable systems poses a number of significant risks, including:

- our acquisitions may not have a positive impact on our cash flows from operations;
- the integration of 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.

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 repay our 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.

Without giving effect to the pending AT&T transactions, in 2001, 2002 and 2003, we expect to spend a total of approximately \$2.9 billion, \$1.75 billion and \$950,000, respectively, to upgrade and rebuild our systems in order to offer advanced services to our customers. In addition, we anticipate rebuild costs associated with the AT&T systems we expect to acquire to total approximately \$350 million. The amount that we spend on these types of capital expenditures 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. Currently, a projected \$500 million to \$750 million funding shortfall exists regarding anticipated capital expenditures through late 2000 or early 2003, when we expect to become cash flow positive. If we borrow the full amount available under the 2001 bridge loan commitment, our planned capital expenditures are funded through the end of 2002 and our funding shortfall will be \$300 million to \$500 million through 2003. 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.

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 terminals for analog and digital cable services. This equipment is available from a limited number of suppliers. We typically purchase set-top terminals under purchase orders placed from time to time and do not carry significant inventories of set-top terminals. If demand for set-top terminals exceeds our inventories and we are unable to obtain required set-top terminals 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 set-top terminal 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 or to us or 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. or 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 our securities.

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.

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.

### 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 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 December 31, 2000, we are aware of overbuild situations impacting 139,000 of our basic customers or approximately 2% of our total basic customers and potential overbuild situations in areas servicing another 253,000 basic customers or 4% of our total basic customers, together representing a total of 392,000 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 December 31, 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 rate methodology prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission. 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 to the United States Supreme Court, suggests that the provision of Internet service may subject cable systems to substantially higher pole attachment rates, and certain utilities have already proposed vastly higher pole attachment rates based in part on the existing court decision.