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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2006

or

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

> For the transition period from ____ to

> > Commission file number: 000-27927



Charter Communications, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

43-1857213

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

12405 Powerscourt Drive St. Louis, Missouri 63131

(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)

(314) 965-0555

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer o filer 🗹

Non-accelerated filer o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes oNo 🗵

Number of shares of Class A common stock outstanding as of March 31, 2006: 438,437,984 Number of shares of Class B common stock outstanding as of March 31, 2006: 50,000

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Charter Communications, Inc. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Period ended March 31, 2006

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This quarterly report on Form 10-Q is for the three months ended March 31, 2006. The Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") allows us to "incorporate by reference" information that we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you directly to those documents. Information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this quarterly report. In addition, information that we file with the SEC in the future will automatically update and supersede information contained in this quarterly report. In this quarterly report, "we," "us" and "our" refer to Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC and their subsidiaries.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS:

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

- the availability, in general, of funds to meet interest payment obligations under our debt and to fund our operations and necessary capital expenditures, either through cash flows from operating activities, further borrowings or other sources and, in particular, our ability to be able to provide under the applicable debt instruments such funds (by dividend, investment or otherwise) to the applicable obligor of such debt;
- our ability to comply with all covenants in our indentures and credit facilities, any violation of which would result in a violation of the applicable facility or indenture and could trigger a default of other obligations under cross-default provisions;
- our ability to pay or refinance debt prior to or when it becomes due and/or to take advantage of market opportunities and market windows to refinance that debt through new issuances, exchange offers or otherwise, including restructuring our balance sheet and leverage position;
- our ability to sustain and grow revenues and cash flows from operating activities by offering video, high-speed Internet, telephone and other services and to maintain and grow a stable customer base, particularly in the face of increasingly aggressive competition from other service providers;
- · our ability to obtain programming at reasonable prices or to pass programming cost increases on to our customers;
- · general business conditions, economic uncertainty or slowdown; and
- the effects of governmental regulation, including but not limited to local franchise authorities, on our business.

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

Item 1. Financial Statements.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Shareholders Charter Communications, Inc.:

We have reviewed the condensed consolidated balance sheet of Charter Communications, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company) as of March 31, 2006, and the related condensed consolidated statements of operations and cash flows for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2006 and 2005. These condensed consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management.

We conducted our reviews in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our reviews, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the condensed consolidated financial statements referred to above for them to be in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We have previously audited, in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheet of the Company as of December 31, 2005, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in shareholders' equity (deficit), and cash flows for the year then ended (not presented herein), and in our report dated February 27, 2006, which includes explanatory paragraphs regarding the adoption, effective September 30, 2004, of EITF Topic D-108, *Use of the Residual Method to Value Acquired Assets Other than Goodwill*, and effective January 1, 2003, of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*, as amended by SFAS No. 148, *Accounting for Stock Based Compensation—Transition and Disclosure—an amendment of FASB Statement No. 123*, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2005, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.

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/s/ KPMG LLP

St. Louis, Missouri April 28, 2006

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (DOLLARS IN MILLIONS, EXCEPT SHARE DATA)

	2006	March 31, 2006 (Unaudited)		ember 31, 2005
ASSETS	(Unauu	ittu)		
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	40	\$	21
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of				
\$15 and \$17, respectively		149		214
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		87		92
Assets held for sale		754		
Total current assets		1,030		327
INVESTMENT IN CABLE PROPERTIES:				
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated				
depreciation of \$7,098 and \$6,749, respectively		5,440		5,840
Franchises, net		9,287		9,826
Total investment in cable properties, net		14,727		15,666
OTHER NONCURRENT ASSETS		446		438
		440		450
Total assets	\$	16,203	\$	16,431
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT				
CURRENT LIABILITIES:				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	1,285	\$	1,191
Liabilities held for sale	Ψ	1,205	Ψ	1,151
Total current liabilities		1,304		1,191
LONG-TERM DEBT		19,522		19,388
NOTE PAYABLE - RELATED PARTY		51		49
DEFERRED MANAGEMENT FEES - RELATED PARTY		14		14
OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		503		517
MINORITY INTEREST		188		188
PREFERRED STOCK - REDEEMABLE; \$.001 par value; 1 million				
shares authorized; 36,713 shares issued and outstanding		4		4
SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT:				
Class A Common stock; \$.001 par value; 1.75 billion shares authorized;				
438,437,984 and 416,204,671 shares issued and outstanding, respectively				
Class B Common stock; \$.001 par value; 750 million				
shares authorized; 50,000 shares issued and outstanding				
Preferred stock; \$.001 par value; 250 million shares				
authorized; no non-redeemable shares issued and outstanding				
Additional paid-in capital		5,238		5,241
Accumulated deficit		(10,625)		(10,166)
Accumulated other comprehensive income		4		5
Total shareholders' deficit		(5,383)		(4,920)
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Total liabilities and shareholders' deficit	\$	16,203	\$	16,431

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (DOLLARS IN MILLIONS, EXCEPT SHARE AND PER SHARE DATA) Unaudited

	Three Months E	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2006	2005		
REVENUES	<u>\$ 1,374</u>	\$ 1,271		
COSTS AND EXPENSES:				
Operating (excluding depreciation and amortization)	626	559		
Selling, general and administrative	281	241		
Depreciation and amortization	358	381		
Asset impairment charges	99	31		
Other operating expenses, net	3	8		
	1,367	1,220		
Income from operations	7	51		
OTHER INCOME AND (EXPENSES):				
Interest expense, net	(468)	(420)		
Other income, net	11	32		
	(457)	(388)		
Loss before income taxes	(450)	(337)		
INCOME TAX EXPENSE	(9)	(15)		
Net loss	(459)	(352)		
Dividends on preferred stock - redeemable		(1)		
Net loss applicable to common stock	<u>\$ (459)</u>	<u>\$ (353)</u>		
LOSS PER COMMON SHARE, basic and diluted	<u>\$ (1.45)</u>	<u>\$ (1.16</u>)		
Weighted average common shares outstanding, basic and diluted	317,413,472	303,308,880		

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (DOLLARS IN MILLIONS) Unaudited

	Three Months Ended March 31,		March 31,	
		2006		2005
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Net loss	\$	(459)	\$	(352)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash flows from operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization		358		381
Asset impairment charges		99		31
Noncash interest expense		52		49
Deferred income taxes		7		13
Other, net		(7)		(28)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisitions and dispositions:				
Accounts receivable		61		45
Prepaid expenses and other assets		3		(4)
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other		95		18
Net cash flows from operating activities		209		153
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:				
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		(241)		(211)
Change in accrued expenses related to capital expenditures		(7)		14
Proceeds from sale of assets		9		6
Purchase of cable system		(42)		
Purchases of investments				(2)
Proceeds from investments		5		
Net cash flows from investing activities		(276)		(193)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:				
Borrowings of long-term debt		415		200
Repayments of long-term debt		(759)		(775)
Proceeds from issuance of debt		440		
Payments for debt issuance costs		(10)		(3)
Net cash flows from financing activities		86		(578)
		10		(61.0)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period		19		(618)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period		21		650
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	\$	40	\$	32
CASH PAID FOR INTEREST	\$	240	\$	249
NONCASH TRANSACTIONS:	<i>ф</i>	25	ተ	0.51
Issuance of debt by Charter Communications Operating, LLC	\$	37	\$	271
Retirement of Renaissance Media Group LLC debt	\$	(37)	\$	
Retirement of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC debt	\$		\$	(284)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

1. Organization and Basis of Presentation

Charter Communications, Inc. ("Charter") is a holding company whose principal assets at March 31, 2006 are the 48% controlling common equity interest in Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC ("Charter Holdco") and "mirror" notes which are payable by Charter Holdco to Charter and have the same principal amount and terms as those of Charter's convertible senior notes. Charter Holdco is the sole owner of CCHC, LLC ("CCHC"), which is the sole owner of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC ("Charter Holdings"). The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Charter, Charter Holdco, CCHC, Charter Holdings and all of their subsidiaries where the underlying operations reside, which are collectively referred to herein as the "Company." Charter has 100% voting control over Charter Holdco and had historically consolidated on that basis. Charter continues to consolidate Charter Holdco as a variable interest entity under Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Interpretation ("FIN") 46(R) *Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities*. Charter Holdco's limited liability company agreement provides that so long as Charter's Class B common stock retains its special voting rights, Charter will maintain a 100% voting interest in Charter Holdco. Voting control gives Charter full authority and control over the operations of Charter Holdco. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions among consolidated entities have been eliminated. The Company is a broadband communications company operating in the United States. The Company offers its customers traditional cable video programming (analog and digital video) as well as high-speed Internet services and, in some areas, advanced broadband services on a subscription basis. The Company also sells local advertising on satellite-delivered networks.

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

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

Reclassifications

Certain 2005 amounts have been reclassified to conform with the 2006 presentation.

2. Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company had net loss applicable to common stock of \$459 million and \$353 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The Company's net cash flows from operating activities were \$209 million and \$153 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

Recent Financing Transactions

On January 30, 2006, CCH II, LLC ("CCH II") and CCH II Capital Corp. issued \$450 million in debt securities, the proceeds of which were provided, directly or indirectly, to Charter Communications Operating, LLC ("Charter Operating"), which used such funds to reduce borrowings, but not commitments, under the revolving portion of its credit facilities.



In April 2006, Charter Operating completed a \$6.85 billion refinancing of its credit facilities including a new \$350 million revolving/term facility (which converts to a term loan in one year), a \$5.0 billion term loan due in 2013 and certain amendments to the existing \$1.5 billion revolving credit facility. In addition, the refinancing reduced margins on Eurodollar rate loans to 2.625% from 3.15% previously and margins on base rate loans to 1.625% from 2.15% previously. Concurrent with this refinancing, the CCO Holdings, LLC ("CCO Holdings") Bridge Loan (the "Bridge Loan") was terminated.

The Company has a significant level of debt. The Company's long-term financing as of March 31, 2006 consists of \$5.4 billion of credit facility debt, \$13.3 billion accreted value of high-yield notes and \$866 million accreted value of convertible senior notes. Pro forma for the completion of the credit facility refinancing discussed above, \$20 million of the Company's debt matures in the remainder of 2006, and in 2007 and 2008, an additional \$130 million and \$128 million mature, respectively. In 2009 and beyond, significant additional amounts will become due under the Company's remaining long-term debt obligations.

The Company requires significant cash to fund debt service costs, capital expenditures and ongoing operations. The Company has historically funded these requirements through cash flows from operating activities, borrowings under its credit facilities, sales of assets, issuances of debt and equity securities and cash on hand. However, the mix of funding sources changes from period to period. For the three months ended March 31, 2006, the Company generated \$209 million of net cash flows from operating activities, after paying cash interest of \$240 million. In addition, the Company used approximately \$241 million for purchases of property, plant and equipment. Finally, the Company had net cash flows from financing activities of \$86 million.

The Company expects that cash on hand, cash flows from operating activities, proceeds from sales of assets and the amounts available under its credit facilities will be adequate to meet its cash needs through 2007. The Company believes that cash flows from operating activities and amounts available under the Company's credit facilities may not be sufficient to fund the Company's operations and satisfy its interest and debt repayment obligations in 2008 and will not be sufficient to fund such needs in 2009 and beyond. The Company continues to work with its financial advisors in its approach to addressing liquidity, debt maturities and its overall balance sheet leverage.

Debt Covenants

The Company's ability to operate depends upon, among other things, its continued access to capital, including credit under the Charter Operating credit facilities. The Charter Operating credit facilities, along with the Company's indentures, contain certain restrictive covenants, some of which require the Company to maintain specified financial ratios and meet financial tests and to provide annual audited financial statements with an unqualified opinion from the Company's independent auditors. As of March 31, 2006, the Company is in compliance with the covenants under its indentures and credit facilities, and the Company expects to remain in compliance with those covenants for the next twelve months. As of March 31, 2006, the Company's potential availability under its credit facilities totaled approximately \$904 million, although the actual availability at that time was only \$516 million because of limits imposed by covenant restrictions. However, pro forma for the completion of the credit facility refinancing discussed above, the Company's potential availability under its credit facilities as of March 31, 2006 would have been approximately \$1.3 billion, although actual covenanted availability of \$516 million would remain unchanged. Continued access to the Company's credit facilities is subject to the Company remaining in compliance with these covenants, including covenants tied to the Company's operating performance. If any events of non-compliance occur, funding under the credit facilities may not be available and defaults on some or potentially all of the Company's debt obligations could occur. An event of default under any of the Company's debt instruments could result in the acceleration of its payment obligations under that debt and, under certain circumstances, in cross-defaults under its other debt obligations, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition and results of operations.

Specific Limitations

Charter's ability to make interest payments on its convertible senior notes, and, in 2006 and 2009, to repay the outstanding principal of its convertible senior notes of \$20 million and \$863 million, respectively, will depend on its ability to raise additional capital and/or on receipt of payments or distributions from Charter Holdco and its subsidiaries. As of March 31, 2006, Charter Holdco was owed \$24 million in intercompany loans from its subsidiaries, which were available to pay interest and principal on Charter's convertible senior notes. In addition, Charter has \$99 million of governmental securities pledged as security for the next four scheduled semi-annual interest payments on Charter's 5.875% convertible senior notes.

Distributions by Charter's subsidiaries to a parent company (including Charter, CCHC and Charter Holdco) for payment of principal on parent company notes are restricted under the indentures governing the CIH notes, CCH I notes, CCH II notes, CCO Holdings notes and Charter Operating notes unless there is no default, each applicable subsidiary's leverage ratio test is met at the time of such distribution and, in the case of the convertible senior notes, other specified tests are met. For the quarter ended March 31, 2006, there was no default under any of these indentures and the other specified tests were met. However, certain of the Company's subsidiaries did not meet their respective leverage ratio tests based on March 31, 2006 financial results. As a result, distributions from certain of the Company's subsidiaries to their parent companies have been restricted and will continue to be restricted until those tests are met. Distributions by Charter Operating for payment of principal on parent company notes are further restricted by the covenants in the credit facilities.

Distributions by CIH, CCH I, CCH II, CCO Holdings and Charter Operating to a parent company for payment of parent company interest are permitted if there is no default under the aforementioned indentures. However, distributions for payment of interest on the convertible senior notes are further limited to when each applicable subsidiary's leverage ratio test is met and other specified tests are met. There can be no assurance that they will satisfy these tests at the time of such distribution.

The indentures governing the Charter Holdings notes permit Charter Holdings to make distributions to Charter Holdco for payment of interest or principal on the convertible senior notes, only if, after giving effect to the distribution, Charter Holdings can incur additional debt under the leverage ratio of 8.75 to 1.0, there is no default under Charter Holdings' indentures and other specified tests are met. For the quarter ended March 31, 2006, there was no default under Charter Holdings' indentures and other specified tests are met. For the quarter ended March 31, 2006, there was no default under Charter Holdings' indentures and the other specified tests were met. However, Charter Holdings did not meet the leverage ratio test of 8.75 to 1.0 based on March 31, 2006 financial results. As a result, distributions from Charter Holdings to Charter or Charter Holdco have been restricted and will continue to be restricted until that test is met. During this restriction period, the indentures governing the Charter Holdings notes permit Charter Holdings and its subsidiaries to make specified investments (that are not restricted payments) in Charter Holdco or Charter up to an amount determined by a formula, as long as there is no default under the indentures.

3. Sale of Assets

In February 2006, the Company signed three separate definitive agreements to sell certain cable television systems serving a total of approximately 360,000 analog video customers in West Virginia, Virginia, Illinois, Kentucky, Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah for a total of approximately \$971 million. As of March 31, 2006, those cable systems met the criteria for assets held for sale under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets*. As such, the assets were written down to fair value less estimated costs to sell resulting in asset impairment charges during the three months ended March 31, 2006 of approximately \$99 million. In addition, assets and liabilities to be sold were reclassified as held for sale. Assets held for sale on the Company's balance sheet as of March 31, 2006 included current assets of approximately \$51 million, property, plant and equipment of approximately \$312 million and franchises of approximately \$437 million. Liabilities held for sale on the Company's balance sheet as of March 31, 2006 included current liabilities of approximately \$6 million and other long-term liabilities of approximately \$13 million.

In 2005, the Company closed the sale of certain cable systems in Texas, West Virginia and Nebraska representing a total of approximately 33,000 analog video customers. During the three months ended March 31, 2005, certain of those cable systems met the criteria for assets held for sale. As such, the assets were written down to fair value less estimated costs to sell resulting in asset impairment charges during the three months ended March 31, 2005 of approximately \$31 million.

4. Franchises and Goodwill

Franchise rights represent the value attributed to agreements with local authorities that allow access to homes in cable service areas acquired through the purchase of cable systems. Management estimates the fair value of franchise rights at the date of acquisition and determines if the franchise has a finite life or an indefinite-life as defined by SFAS No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*. Franchises that qualify for indefinite-life treatment under SFAS No. 142 are tested for impairment annually each October 1 based on valuations, or more frequently as warranted by events or changes in circumstances. Franchises are aggregated into essentially inseparable asset groups to conduct the valuations. The asset groups generally represent geographic clustering of the Company's cable systems into groups by which such systems are managed. Management believes such grouping represents the highest and best use of those assets.

As of March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, indefinite-lived and finite-lived intangible assets are presented in the following table:

	March 31, 2006				December 31, 2005						
	 Gross Carrying Amount		Accumulated		Net Carrying Amount		Gross Carrying Amount		cumulated nortization	Net Carrying Amount	-
Indefinite-lived intangible assets:											
Franchises with indefinite lives	\$ 9,270	\$		\$	9,270	\$	9,806	\$	\$	9,806	5
Goodwill	 52	_			52		52			52	2
	\$ 9,322	\$		\$	9,322	\$	9,858	\$	\$	9,858	}
Finite-lived intangible assets:											
Franchises with finite lives	\$ 23	\$	6	\$	17	\$	27	\$	7 \$	20)

For the three months ended March 31, 2006, the net carrying amount of indefinite-lived and finite-lived franchises was reduced by \$434 million and \$3 million, respectively, related to franchises reclassified as assets held for sale. For the three months ended March 31, 2006, franchises with indefinite lives also decreased \$3 million related to a cable asset sale completed in the first quarter of 2006 and \$99 million as a result of the asset impairment charges recorded related to assets held for sale (see Note 3). Franchise amortization expense for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005 was approximately \$0 and \$1 million, respectively, which represents the amortization relating to franchises that did not qualify for indefinite-life treatment under SFAS No. 142, including costs associated with franchise renewals. The Company expects that amortization expense on franchise assets will be approximately \$2 million annually for each of the next five years. Actual amortization expense in future periods could differ from these estimates as a result of new intangible asset acquisitions or divestitures, changes in useful lives and other relevant factors.

5. Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses

Accounts payable and accrued expenses consist of the following as of March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005:

	March 31, 2006		December 31, 2005
Accounts payable - trade	\$ 9	0 \$	114
Accrued capital expenditures	6	6	73
Accrued expenses:			
Interest	50	8	333
Programming costs	28	8	272
Franchise-related fees	4	4	67
Compensation	8	2	90
Other	20	7	242
	<u>\$</u> 1,28	<u>5</u> \$	1,191

6. Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt consists of the following as of March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005:

	March 31, 2006		Decembe	er 31, 2005	
			Principal		
	Principal Amount	Accreted Value	Amount	Accreted Value	
Long-Term Debt					
Charter Communications, Inc.:					
4.750% convertible senior notes due 2006	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	
5.875% convertible senior notes due 2009	863	846	863	843	
Charter Communications Holdings, LLC:					
8.250% senior notes due 2007	105	105	105	105	
8.625% senior notes due 2009	292	292	292	292	
9.920% senior discount notes due 2011	198	198	198	198	
10.000% senior notes due 2009	154	154	154	154	
10.250% senior notes due 2010	49	49	49	49	
11.750% senior discount notes due 2010	43	43	43	43	
10.750% senior notes due 2009	131	131	131	131	
11.125% senior notes due 2011	217	217	217	217	
13.500% senior discount notes due 2011	94	94	94	94	
9.625% senior notes due 2009	107	107	107	107	
10.000% senior notes due 2011	137	136	137	136	
11.750% senior discount notes due 2011	125	123	125	120	
12.125% senior discount notes due 2012	113	103	113	100	
CCH I Holdings, LLC:					
11.125% senior notes due 2014	151	151	151	151	
9.920% senior discount notes due 2014	471	471	471	471	
10.000% senior notes due 2014	299	299	299	299	
11.750% senior discount notes due 2014	815	804	815	781	
13.500% senior discount notes due 2014	581	581	581	578	
12.125% senior discount notes due 2015	217	198	217	192	
CCH I, LLC:					

11.000% senior notes due 2015	3,525	3,680	3,525	3,683
CCH II, LLC:				
10.250% senior notes due 2010	2,051	2,041	1,601	1,601
CCO Holdings, LLC:				
8¾% senior notes due 2013	800	795	800	794
Senior floating notes due 2010	550	550	550	550
Charter Communications Operating, LLC:				
8% senior second lien notes due 2012	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
8 3/8% senior second lien notes due 2014	770	770	733	733
Renaissance Media Group LLC:				
10.000% senior discount notes due 2008	77	78	114	115
Credit Facilities				
Charter Operating	 5,386	5,386	5,731	5,731
	\$ 19,441	\$ 19,522	\$ 19,336	\$ 19,388

The accreted values presented above generally represent the principal amount of the notes less the original issue discount at the time of sale plus the accretion to the balance sheet date except as follows. The accreted value of the CIH notes issued in exchange for Charter Holdings notes and the portion of the CCH I notes issued in 2005 in exchange for the 8.625% Charter Holdings notes due 2009 are recorded at the historical book values of the Charter Holdings notes for financial reporting purposes as opposed to the current accreted value for legal purposes and notes indenture purposes (the amount that is currently payable if the debt becomes immediately due). As of March 31, 2006, the accreted value of the Company's debt for legal purposes and notes indenture purposes is approximately \$19.0 billion.

On January 30, 2006, CCH II and CCH II Capital Corp. issued \$450 million in debt securities, the proceeds of which were provided, directly or indirectly, to Charter Operating, which used such funds to reduce borrowings, but not commitments, under the revolving portion of its credit facilities.

On March 13, 2006, the Company exchanged \$37 million of Renaissance Media Group LLC 10% senior discount notes due 2008 for \$37 million principal amount of new Charter Operating 8 3/8% senior second-lien notes due 2014 issued in a private transaction under Rule 144A. The terms and conditions of the new Charter Operating 8 3/8% senior second-lien notes due 2014 are identical to Charter Operating's currently outstanding 8 3/8% senior second-lien notes due 2014 are identical to Charter Operating's currently outstanding 8 3/8% senior second-lien notes due 2014.

Gain on extinguishment of debt

In March 2005, Charter Operating consummated exchange transactions with a small number of institutional holders of Charter Holdings 8.25% senior notes due 2007 pursuant to which Charter Operating issued, in private placements, approximately \$271 million principal amount of new notes with terms identical to Charter Operating's 8.375% senior second lien notes due 2014 in exchange for approximately \$284 million of the Charter Holdings 8.25% senior notes due 2007. The exchanges resulted in a net gain on extinguishment of debt of approximately \$11 million for the three months ended March 31, 2005 included in other expense on the Company's condensed consolidated statements of operations. The Charter Holdings notes received in the exchange were thereafter distributed to Charter Holdings and canceled.

In March 2005, the Company repurchased, in private transactions, from a small number of institutional holders, a total of \$34 million principal amount of its 4.75% convertible senior notes due 2006. These transactions resulted in a net gain on extinguishment of debt of approximately \$1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2005 included in other expense on the Company's condensed consolidated statements of operations.

In March 2005, Charter's subsidiary, CC V Holdings, LLC, redeemed all of its 11.875% notes due 2008, at 103.958% of principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. The total cost of redemption was

approximately \$122 million and was funded through borrowings under the Charter Operating credit facilities. The redemption resulted in a loss on extinguishment of debt for the three months ended March 31, 2005 of approximately \$5 million included in other expense on the Company's condensed consolidated statements of operations.

7. Minority Interest and Equity Interest of Charter Holdco

Charter is a holding company whose primary assets are a controlling equity interest in Charter Holdco, the indirect owner of the Company's cable systems, and \$866 million and \$863 million at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively, of mirror notes that are payable by Charter Holdco to Charter and have the same principal amount and terms as those of Charter's convertible senior notes. Minority interest on the Company's consolidated balance sheets as of March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005 primarily represents preferred membership interests in CC VIII, LLC ("CC VIII"), an indirect subsidiary of Charter Holdco, of \$188 million. As more fully described in Note 19, this preferred interest is held by Mr. Allen, Charter's Chairman and controlling shareholder. Approximately 5.6% of CC VIII's income is allocated to minority interest.

8. Share Lending Agreement

Charter issued 94.9 million and 22.0 million shares of Class A common stock during 2005 and the three months ended March 31, 2006, respectively, in public offerings, which were effected pursuant to an effective registration statement that initially covered the issuance and sale of up to 150 million shares of Class A common stock. The shares were issued pursuant to the share lending agreement, pursuant to which Charter had previously agreed to loan up to 150 million shares to Citigroup Global Markets Limited ("CGML"). Because less than the full 150 million shares covered by the share lending agreement were sold in offerings as of March 31, 2006, Charter is obligated to issue, at CGML's request, up to an additional 33.1 million loaned shares in subsequent registered public offerings pursuant to the share lending agreement.

This offering of Charter's Class A common stock was conducted to facilitate transactions by which investors in Charter's 5.875% convertible senior notes due 2009, issued on November 22, 2004, hedged their investments in the convertible senior notes. Charter did not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of this Class A common stock. However, under the share lending agreement, Charter received a loan fee of \$.001 for each share that it lends to CGML.

The issuance of up to a total of 150 million shares of common stock (of which 116.9 million were issued in 2005 and 2006) pursuant to a share lending agreement executed by Charter in connection with the issuance of the 5.875% convertible senior notes in November 2004 is essentially analogous to a sale of shares coupled with a forward contract for the reacquisition of the shares at a future date. An instrument that requires physical settlement by repurchase of a fixed number of shares in exchange for cash is considered a forward purchase instrument. While the share lending agreement does not require a cash payment upon return of the shares, physical settlement is required (i.e., the shares borrowed must be returned at the end of the arrangement.) The fair value of the 116.9 million shares lent is approximately \$127 million as of March 31, 2006. However, the net effect on shareholders' deficit of the shares lent pursuant to the share lending agreement, which includes Charter's requirement to lend the shares and the counterparties' requirement to return the shares, is de minimis and represents the cash received upon lending of the shares and is equal to the par value of the common stock to be issued.

The 116.9 million shares issued through March 31, 2006 pursuant to the share lending agreement are required to be returned, in accordance with the contractual arrangement, and are treated in basic and diluted earnings per share as if they were already returned and retired. Consequently, there is no impact of the shares of common stock lent under the share lending agreement in the earnings per share calculation.

9. Comprehensive Loss

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 loss on the accompanying condensed consolidated



balance sheets. Additionally, the Company reports changes in the fair value of interest rate agreements designated as hedging the variability of cash flows associated with floating-rate debt obligations, that meet the effectiveness criteria of SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, in accumulated other comprehensive loss, after giving effect to the minority interest share of such gains and losses. Comprehensive loss for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005 was \$460 million and \$349 million, respectively.

10. Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

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

The Company does not hold or issue derivative instruments for trading purposes. The Company does, however, have certain interest rate derivative instruments that have been designated as cash flow hedging instruments. Such instruments effectively convert variable interest payments on certain debt instruments into fixed payments. For qualifying hedges, SFAS No. 133 allows derivative gains and losses to offset related results on hedged items in the consolidated statement of operations. The Company has formally documented, designated and assessed the effectiveness of transactions that receive hedge accounting. For the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, other income includes gains of \$2 million and \$1 million, respectively, which represent cash flow hedge ineffectiveness on interest rate hedge agreements arising from differences between the critical terms of the agreements and the related hedged obligations. Changes in the fair value of interest rate agreements designated as hedging instruments of the variability of cash flows associated with floating-rate debt obligations that meet the effectiveness criteria of SFAS No. 133 are reported in accumulated other comprehensive loss. For the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 3005, respectively, related to derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges, was recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss and minority interest. The amounts are subsequently reclassified into interest expense as a yield adjustment in the same period in which the related interest on the floating-rate debt obligations affects earnings (losses).

Certain interest rate derivative instruments are not designated as hedges as they do not meet the effectiveness criteria specified by SFAS No. 133. However, management believes such instruments are closely correlated with the respective debt, thus managing associated risk. Interest rate derivative instruments not designated as hedges are marked to fair value, with the impact recorded as other income in the Company's condensed consolidated statements of operations. For the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, other income includes gains of \$6 million and \$26 million, respectively, for interest rate derivative instruments not designated as hedges.

As of March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, the Company had outstanding \$1.8 billion and \$1.8 billion and \$20 million and \$20 million, respectively, in notional amounts of interest rate swaps and collars, respectively. The notional amounts of interest rate instruments do not represent amounts exchanged by the parties and, thus, are not a measure of exposure to credit loss. The amounts exchanged are determined by reference to the notional amount and the other terms of the contracts.

Certain provisions of the Company's 5.875% convertible senior notes issued in November 2004 were considered embedded derivatives for accounting purposes and were required to be accounted for separately from the convertible senior notes. In accordance with SFAS No. 133, these derivatives are marked to market with gains or losses recorded in interest expense on the Company's condensed consolidated statement of operations. For the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, the Company recognized gains of \$2 million and \$19 million, respectively. The gain resulted in a reduction in interest expense related to these derivatives. At March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, \$1 million and \$1 million, respectively, is recorded in accounts payable and accrued expenses relating to the short-term

portion of these derivatives and \$0 and \$1 million, respectively, is recorded in other long-term liabilities related to the long-term portion.

11. Revenues

Revenues consist of the following for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005:

		Three Months Ended March 31,		
	200	5		2005
Video	\$	869	\$	842
High-speed Internet		254		215
Telephone		20		6
Advertising sales		70		64
Commercial		76		65
Other		85		79
	\$	1,374	\$	1,271

12. Operating Expenses

Operating expenses consist of the following for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005:

		'hree N ded M			
	2006	2006		2005	
Programming	\$	391	\$	358	
Service		209		176	
Advertising sales		26		25	
	\$	626	\$	559	

13. Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses consist of the following for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005:

		Three I Ended M	
		2006	 2005
General and administrative	\$	243	\$ 206
Marketing		38	 35
	<u>\$</u>	281	\$ 241

Components of selling expense are included in general and administrative and marketing expense.

14. Other Operating Expenses

Other operating expenses consist of the following for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005:

 2006	2005
\$ \$	4
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\$ 3 \$	8
\$	Three Mont Ended March 2006 \$ \$ 3 \$ \$ 3

Special charges for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005 primarily represent severance costs as a result of reducing workforce, consolidating administrative offices and executive severance.

15. Other Income

Other income consist of the following for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005:

		Three Months Ended March 31,				
	200	6		2005		
Gain on derivative instruments and hedging activities, net	\$	8	\$	27		
Gain on extinguishment of debt	Ŷ		Ψ	7		
Minority interest				(3)		
Other, net		3		1		
	\$	11	\$	32		

16. Income Taxes

All operations are held through Charter Holdco and its direct and indirect subsidiaries. Charter Holdco and the majority of its subsidiaries are not subject to income tax. However, certain of these subsidiaries are corporations and are subject to income tax. All of the taxable income, gains, losses, deductions and credits of Charter Holdco are passed through to its members: Charter, CII and Vulcan Cable III Inc. ("Vulcan Cable"). Charter is responsible for its share of taxable income or loss of Charter Holdco allocated to Charter in accordance with the Charter Holdco limited liability company agreement (the "LLC Agreement") and partnership tax rules and regulations.

As of March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, the Company had net deferred income tax liabilities of approximately \$332 million and \$325 million, respectively. Approximately \$213 million and \$212 million of the deferred tax liabilities recorded in the condensed consolidated financial statements at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively, relate to certain indirect subsidiaries of Charter Holdco, which file separate income tax returns.

During the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, the Company recorded \$9 million and \$15 million of income tax expense, respectively. Income tax expense is recognized through increases in the deferred tax liabilities related to Charter's investment in Charter Holdco, as well as current federal and state income tax expense and increases to the deferred tax liabilities of certain of Charter's indirect corporate subsidiaries. Income tax expense was offset by deferred tax benefits of \$21 million and \$6 million related to asset impairment charges recorded in the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The Company recorded an additional deferred tax asset of approximately \$182 million during the three months ended March 31, 2006 relating to net operating loss

carryforwards, but recorded a valuation allowance with respect to this amount because of the uncertainty of the ability to realize a benefit from the Company's carryforwards in the future.

The Company has deferred tax assets of approximately \$4.4 billion and \$4.2 billion as of March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively, which primarily relate to financial and tax losses allocated to Charter from Charter Holdco. The deferred tax assets include approximately \$2.5 billion and \$2.4 billion of tax net operating loss carryforwards as of March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively (generally expiring in years 2007 through 2026), of Charter and its indirect corporate subsidiaries. Valuation allowances of \$3.8 billion and \$3.7 billion as of March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively, exist with respect to these deferred tax assets.

Realization of any benefit from the Company's tax net operating losses is dependent on: (1) Charter and its indirect corporate subsidiaries' ability to generate future taxable income and (2) the absence of certain future "ownership changes" of Charter's common stock. An "ownership change" as defined in the applicable federal income tax rules, would place significant limitations, on an annual basis, on the use of such net operating losses to offset any future taxable income the Company may generate. Such limitations, in conjunction with the net operating loss expiration provisions, could effectively eliminate the Company's ability to use a substantial portion of its net operating losses to offset any future taxable income. Future transactions and the timing of such transactions could cause an ownership change. Such transactions include additional issuances of common stock by the Company (including but not limited to the issuance of up to a total of 150 million shares of common stock (of which 116.9 million were issued through March 31, 2006) under the share lending agreement), the issuance of shares of common stock upon future conversion of Charter's convertible senior notes and the issuance of common stock in the class action settlement in 2004, reacquisition of the borrowed shares by Charter, or acquisitions or sales of shares by certain holders of Charter's shares, including persons who have held, currently hold, or accumulate in the future five percent or more of Charter's outstanding stock (including upon an exchange by Mr. Allen or his affiliates, directly or indirectly, of membership units of Charter Holdco into CCI common stock). Many of the foregoing transactions are beyond management's control.

In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will be realized. Because of the uncertainties in projecting future taxable income of Charter Holdco, valuation allowances have been established except for deferred benefits available to offset certain deferred tax liabilities.

Charter Holdco is currently under examination by the Internal Revenue Service for the tax years ending December 31, 2002 and 2003. The Company's results (excluding Charter and the indirect corporate subsidiaries) for these years are subject to this examination. Management does not expect the results of this examination to have a material adverse effect on the Company's condensed consolidated financial condition or results of operations.

17. Contingencies

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

18. Stock Compensation Plans

The Company has stock option plans (the "Plans") which provide for the grant of non-qualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, dividend equivalent rights, performance units and performance shares, share awards, phantom stock and/or shares of restricted stock (not to exceed 20,000,000), as each term is defined in the Plans. Employees, officers, consultants and directors of the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates are eligible to receive grants under the Plans. Options granted generally vest over four to five years from the grant date, with 25% generally vesting on the anniversary of the grant date and ratably thereafter. Generally, options expire 10 years from the grant date. The



Plans allow for the issuance of up to a total of 90,000,000 shares of Charter Class A common stock (or units convertible into Charter Class A common stock).

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 three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively: risk-free interest rates of 4.5% and 3.7%; expected volatility of 91.8% and 72.5%; and expected lives of 6.25 years and 4.5 years, respectively. The valuations assume no dividends are paid. During the three months ended March 31, 2006, the Company granted 4.8 million stock options with a weighted average exercise price of \$1.07. As of March 31, 2006, the Company had 30.7 million and 10.7 million options outstanding and exercisable, respectively, with weighted average exercise prices of \$3.96 and \$7.39, respectively, and weighted average remaining contractual lives of 8 years and 7 years, respectively.

On January 1, 2006, the Company adopted revised SFAS No. 123, *Share - Based payment*, which addresses the accounting for share-based payment transactions in which a company receives employee services in exchange for (a) equity instruments of that company or (b) liabilities that are based on the fair value of the company's equity instruments or that may be settled by the issuance of such equity instruments. Because the Company adopted the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123 on January 1, 2003, the revised standard did not have a material impact on its financial statements. The Company recorded \$4 million of option compensation expense which is included in general and administrative expense for each of the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

In February 2006, the Compensation Committee of Charter's Board of Directors approved a modification to the financial performance measures under Charter's Long-Term Incentive Program ("LTIP") required to be met for the performance shares to vest. After the modification, management believes that approximately 2.5 million of the performance shares are likely to vest. As such, expense of approximately \$3 million will be amortized over the remaining two year service period. During the three months ended March 31, 2006, Charter granted an additional 7.9 million performance shares under the LTIP. The impacts of such grant and the modification of the 2005 awards were de minimis to the Company's results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2006.

19. Related Party Transactions

The following sets forth certain transactions in which the Company and the directors, executive officers and affiliates of the Company are involved. Unless otherwise disclosed, management believes that each of the transactions described below was on terms no less favorable to the Company than could have been obtained from independent third parties.

CC VIII, LLC

As part of the acquisition of the cable systems owned by Bresnan Communications Company Limited Partnership in February 2000, CC VIII, LLC, Charter's indirect limited liability company subsidiary, issued, after adjustments, 24,273,943 Class A preferred membership units (collectively, the "CC VIII interest") with a value and an initial capital account of approximately \$630 million to certain sellers affiliated with AT&T Broadband, subsequently owned by Comcast Corporation (the "Comcast sellers"). Mr. Allen granted the Comcast sellers the right to sell to him the CC VIII interest for approximately \$630 million plus 4.5% interest annually from February 2000 (the "Comcast put right"). In April 2002, the Comcast sellers exercised the Comcast put right in full, and this transaction was consummated on June 6, 2003. Accordingly, Mr. Allen has become the holder of the CC VIII interest, indirectly through an affiliate. In the event of a liquidation of CC VIII, Mr. Allen would be entitled to a priority distribution with respect to a 2% priority return (which will continue to accrete). Any remaining distributions in liquidation would be distributed to CC V Holdings, LLC and Mr. Allen in proportion to CC V Holdings, LLC's capital account and Mr. Allen's capital account (which would have equaled the initial capital account of the Comcast sellers of approximately \$630 million, increased or decreased by Mr. Allen's pro rata share of CC VIII's profits or losses (as computed for capital account purposes) after June 6, 2003).



An issue arose as to whether the documentation for the Bresnan transaction was correct and complete with regard to the ultimate ownership of the CC VIII interest following consummation of the Comcast put right. Thereafter, the board of directors of Charter formed a Special Committee of independent directors to investigate the matter and take any other appropriate action on behalf of Charter with respect to this matter. After conducting an investigation of the relevant facts and circumstances, the Special Committee determined that a "scrivener's error" had occurred in February 2000 in connection with the preparation of the last-minute revisions to the Bresnan transaction documents and that, as a result, Charter should seek the reformation of the Charter Holdco limited liability company agreement, or alternative relief, in order to restore and ensure the obligation that the CC VIII interest be automatically exchanged for Charter Holdco units.

As of October 31, 2005, Mr. Allen, the Special Committee, Charter, Charter Holdco and certain of their affiliates, agreed to settle the dispute, and execute certain permanent and irrevocable releases pursuant to the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release agreement dated October 31, 2005 (the "Settlement"). Pursuant to the Settlement, CII has retained 30% of its CC VIII interest (the "Remaining Interests"). The Remaining Interests are subject to certain drag along, tag along and transfer restrictions as detailed in the revised CC VIII Limited Liability Company Agreement. CII transferred the other 70% of the CC VIII interest directly and indirectly, through Charter Holdco, to a newly formed entity, CCHC (a direct subsidiary of Charter Holdco and the direct parent of Charter Holdings). Of the 70% of the CC VIII preferred interests, 7.4% has been transferred by CII to CCHC for a subordinated exchangeable note with an initial accreted value of \$48 million, accreting at 14%, compounded quarterly, with a 15-year maturity (the "Note"). The remaining 62.6% has been transferred by CII to Charter Holdco, in accordance with the terms of the settlement for no additional monetary consideration. Charter Holdco contributed the 62.6% interest to CCHC.

As part of the Settlement, CC VIII issued approximately 49 million additional Class B units to CC V in consideration for prior capital contributions to CC VIII by CC V, with respect to transactions that were unrelated to the dispute in connection with CII's membership units in CC VIII. As a result, Mr. Allen's pro rata share of the profits and losses of CC VIII attributable to the Remaining Interests is approximately 5.6%.

The Note is exchangeable, at CII's option, at any time, for Charter Holdco Class A Common units at a rate equal to the then accreted value, divided by \$2.00 (the "Exchange Rate"). Customary anti-dilution protections have been provided that could cause future changes to the Exchange Rate. Additionally, the Charter Holdco Class A Common units received will be exchangeable by the holder into Charter common stock in accordance with existing agreements between CII, Charter and certain other parties signatory thereto. Beginning February 28, 2009, if the closing price of Charter common stock is at or above the Exchange Rate for a certain period of time as specified in the Exchange Agreement, Charter Holdco may require the exchange of the Note for Charter Holdco Class A Common units at the Exchange Rate.

CCHC has the right to redeem the Note under certain circumstances, for cash in an amount equal to the then accreted value, such amount, if redeemed prior to February 28, 2009, would also include a make whole up to the accreted value through February 28, 2009. CCHC must redeem the Note at its maturity for cash in an amount equal to the initial stated value plus the accreted return through maturity.

The Board of Directors has determined that the transferred CC VIII interests remain at CCHC.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

General

Charter Communications, Inc. ("Charter") is a holding company whose principal assets as of March 31, 2006 are a 48% controlling common equity interest in Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC ("Charter Holdco") and "mirror" notes that are payable by Charter Holdco to Charter and have the same principal amount and terms as Charter's convertible senior notes. "We," "us" and "our" refer to Charter and its subsidiaries.

We are a broadband communications company operating in the United States. We offer our customers traditional cable video programming (analog and digital video) as well as high-speed Internet services and, in some areas, advanced broadband services such as high definition television, video on demand, telephone and interactive television. We sell our cable video programming, high-speed Internet and advanced broadband services on a subscription basis.

The following table summarizes our customer statistics for analog and digital video, residential high-speed Internet and residential telephone as of March 31, 2006 and 2005:

	Approxima	ate as of
	March 31,	March 31,
	2006 (a)	2005 (a)
Cable Video Services:		
Analog Video:		
Residential (non-bulk) analog video customers (b)	5,640,200	5,732,600
Multi-dwelling (bulk) and commercial unit customers (c)	273,700	252,200
Total analog video customers (b)(c)	5,913,900	5,984,800
Digital Video:		
Digital video customers (d)	2,866,400	2,694,600
Non-Video Cable Services:		
Residential high-speed Internet customers (e)	2,322,400	1,978,400
Residential telephone customers (f)	191,100	55,300

Included in the 70,900 net loss of analog video customers is approximately 15,800 of net losses related to systems impacted by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

After giving effect to the acquisition of cable systems in January 2006 and the sale of certain non-strategic cable systems in July 2005, March 31, 2005 analog video customers, digital video customers, high-speed Internet customers and telephone customers would have been 5,974,600, 2,690,300, 1,990,200 and 70,300, respectively.

- (a) "Customers" include all persons our corporate billing records show as receiving service (regardless of their payment status), except for complimentary accounts (such as our employees). At March 31, 2006 and 2005, "customers" include approximately 48,500 and 43,100 persons whose accounts were over 60 days past due in payment, approximately 11,900 and 7,000 persons whose accounts were over 90 days past due in payment, and approximately 7,800 and 3,600 of which were over 120 days past due in payment, respectively.
- (b) "Analog video customers" include all customers who receive video services (including those who also purchase high-speed Internet and telephone services) but excludes approximately 287,700 and 241,700 customers at March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively, who receive high-speed Internet service only or telephone service only and who are only counted as high-speed Internet customers or telephone customers.
- (c) Included within "video customers" are those in commercial and multi-dwelling structures, which are calculated on an equivalent bulk unit ("EBU") basis. EBU is calculated for a system by dividing the bulk price charged to accounts in an area by the most prevalent price charged to non-bulk residential customers in that market for the comparable tier of service. The EBU method of estimating analog video customers is

consistent with the methodology used in determining costs paid to programmers and has been consistently applied year over year. As we increase our effective analog prices to residential customers without a corresponding increase in the prices charged to commercial service or multi-dwelling customers, our EBU count will decline even if there is no real loss in commercial service or multi-dwelling customers.

- (d) "Digital video customers" include all households that have one or more digital set-top terminals. Included in "digital video customers" on March 31, 2006 and 2005 are approximately 8,500 and 10,000 customers, respectively, that receive digital video service directly through satellite transmission.
- (e) "Residential high-speed Internet customers" represent those customers who subscribe to our high-speed Internet service.
- (f) "Residential telephone customers" include all households receiving telephone service.

Overview of Operations

We have a history of net losses. Our net losses are principally attributable to insufficient revenue to cover the combination of operating costs and interest costs we incur because of our high level of debt and depreciation expenses that we incur resulting from the capital investments we have made and continue to make in our cable properties. We expect that these expenses will remain significant, and we therefore expect to continue to report net losses for the foreseeable future.

For the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, our income from operations, which includes depreciation and amortization expense and asset impairment charges but excludes interest expense, was \$7 million and \$51 million, respectively. We had operating margins of 1% and 4% for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The decrease in income from operations and operating margins for the three months ended March 31, 2006 compared to 2005 was principally due to an increase in operating costs and asset impairment charges of \$68 million.

Historically, our ability to fund operations and investing activities has depended on our continued access to credit under our credit facilities. We expect we will continue to borrow under our credit facilities from time to time to fund cash needs. The occurrence of an event of default under our credit facilities could result in borrowings from these credit facilities being unavailable to us and could, in the event of a payment default or acceleration, also trigger events of default under our credit facilities is scheduled to mature during the remainder of 2006, which we expect to fund through borrowings under our revolving credit facility. See "— Liquidity and Capital Resources."

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

For a discussion of our critical accounting policies and the means by which we develop estimates therefore, see "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Three Months Ended March 31, 2006 Compared to Three Months Ended March 31, 2005

The following table sets forth the percentages of revenues that items in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations constituted for the periods presented (dollars in millions, except per share and share data):

	Three Months Ended March 31,					
		2006		2005		
Revenues	\$	1,374	100% \$	1,271	100%	
Costs and expenses:						
Operating (excluding depreciation and amortization)		626	46%	559	44%	
Selling, general and administrative		281	20%	241	19%	
Depreciation and amortization		358	26%	381	30%	
Asset impairment charges		99	7%	31	2%	
Other operating expenses, net		3		8	<u>1</u> %	
		1,367	99%	1,220	96%	
Income from operations		7	1%	51	4%	
Interest expense, net		(468)		(420)		
Other income, net		11		32		
		(457)		(388)		
Loss before income taxes		(450)		(337)		
Income tax expense		(9)		(15)		
Net loss		(459)		(352)		
Dividends on preferred stock - redeemable				(1)		
Net loss applicable to common stock	\$	(459)	<u>\$</u>	(353)		
Loss per common share, basic and diluted	\$	(1.45)	\$	(1.16)		
Weighted average common shares outstanding, basic and diluted		317,413,472		303,308,880		

Revenues. The overall increase in revenues in 2006 compared to 2005 is principally the result of an increase of 344,000 high-speed Internet customers and 171,800 digital video customers, as well as price increases for video and high-speed Internet services, and is offset partially by a decrease of 70,900 analog video customers. Our goal is to increase revenues by improving customer service, which we believe will stabilize our analog video customer base, implementing price increases on certain services and packages and increasing the number of customers who purchase high-speed Internet services, digital video and advanced products and services such as telephone, video on demand ("VOD"), high definition television and digital video recorder service.

Average monthly revenue per analog video customer increased to \$77.64 for the three months ended March 31, 2006 from \$70.75 for the three months ended March 31, 2005 primarily as a result of incremental revenues from advanced services and price increases. Average monthly revenue per analog video customer represents total quarterly revenue, divided by three, divided by the average number of analog video customers during the respective period.

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

		Three Months Ended March 31,					
		2006		2005		2006 ove	er 2005
	R	Revenues	% of Revenues	Revenues	% of Revenues	Change	% Change
Video	\$	869	63% \$	842	66% \$	27	3%
High-speed Internet		254	18%	215	17%	39	18%
Telephone		20	2%	6	1%	14	233%
Advertising sales		70	5%	64	5%	6	9%
Commercial		76	6%	65	5%	11	17%
Other		85	6%	79	6%	6	8%
	\$	1,374	100% \$	1,271	100% \$	103	8%

Video revenues consist primarily of revenues from analog and digital video services provided to our non-commercial customers. Approximately \$27 million of the increase was the result of price increases and incremental video revenues from existing customers and approximately \$11 million was the result of an increase in digital video customers. The increases were offset by decreases of approximately \$11 million related to a decrease in analog video customers.

Approximately \$38 million of the increase in revenues from high-speed Internet services provided to our non-commercial customers related to the increase in the average number of customers receiving high-speed Internet services, whereas approximately \$1 million related to the increase in average price of the service.

Revenues from telephone services increased primarily as a result of an increase of 135,800 telephone customers in 2006.

Advertising sales revenues consist primarily of revenues from commercial advertising customers, programmers and other vendors. Advertising sales revenues increased primarily as a result of an increase in local advertising sales and a one-time ad buy by a programmer offset by a decline in national advertising sales. For the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, we received \$6 million and \$3 million, respectively, in advertising sales revenues from programmers.

Commercial revenues consist primarily of revenues from cable video and high-speed Internet services to our commercial customers. Commercial revenues increased primarily as a result of an increase in commercial high-speed Internet revenues.

Other revenues consist of revenues from franchise fees, telephone revenue, equipment rental, customer installations, home shopping, dial-up Internet service, late payment fees, wire maintenance fees and other miscellaneous revenues. For each of the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, franchise fees represented approximately 53% of total other revenues. The increase in other revenues was primarily the result of an increase in franchise fees of \$4 million, installation revenue of \$1 million and wire maintenance fees of \$1 million.

Operating Expenses. Programming costs included in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations were \$391 million and \$358 million, representing 62% and 64% of total operating expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Key expense components as a percentage of revenues were as follows (dollars in millions):

	Three Months Ended March 31,							
		2006			2005	5	2006 over 2005	
	Exj	penses	% of Revenues	Exp	penses	% of Revenues	Change	% Change
Programming	\$	391	29%	\$	358	28% \$	33	9%
Service		209	15%		176	14%	33	19%
Advertising sales		26	2%		25	2%	1	4%
	\$	626	46%	\$	559	44% \$	67	12%

Programming costs consist primarily of costs paid to programmers for analog, premium, digital channels, VOD and pay-per-view programming. The increase in programming costs was primarily a result of rate increases. Programming costs were offset by the amortization of payments received from programmers in support of launches of new channels of \$4 million and \$9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

Our cable programming costs have increased in every year we have operated in excess of customary inflationary and cost-of-living increases. We expect them to continue to increase due to a variety of factors, including annual increases imposed by programmers and additional programming being provided to customers as a result of system rebuilds and bandwidth reallocation, both of which increase channel capacity. In 2006, we expect programming costs to increase at a higher rate than in 2005. These costs will be determined in part on the outcome of programming negotiations in 2006 and will likely be subject to offsetting events or otherwise affected by factors similar to the ones mentioned in the preceding paragraph. Our increasing programming costs have resulted in declining operating margins for our video services because we have been unable to pass on all cost increases to our customers. We expect to partially offset any resulting margin compression from our traditional video services with revenue from advanced video services, increased telephone revenues, high-speed Internet revenues, advertising revenues and commercial service revenues.

Service costs consist primarily of service personnel salaries and benefits, franchise fees, system utilities, costs of providing high-speed Internet service, maintenance and pole rent expense. The increase in service costs resulted primarily from increased labor and maintenance costs to support improved service levels and our advanced products of \$12 million, increased costs of providing high-speed Internet and telephone service of \$9 million, higher fuel and utility prices of \$4 million and franchise fees of \$3 million. Advertising sales expenses consist of costs related to traditional advertising services provided to advertising customers, including salaries, benefits and commissions. Advertising sales expenses increased primarily as a result of increased salary, benefit and commission costs.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses. Key components of expense as a percentage of revenues were as follows (dollars in millions):

	Three Months Ended March 31,						
		2006		200	5	2006 over 2005	
	E	xpenses	% of Revenues	Expenses	% of Revenues	Change	% Change
General and administrative	\$	243	17%	\$ 206	16%	\$ 37	18%
Marketing		38	3%	35	<u> </u>	3	9%
	\$	281	20%	\$ 241	19%	\$ 40	17%

General and administrative expenses consist primarily of salaries and benefits, rent expense, billing costs, customer care center costs, internal network costs, bad debt expense and property taxes. The increase in general and administrative expenses resulted primarily from a rise in salaries and benefits of \$26 million and increases in

customer care center costs of \$4 million related to investments to improve customer service levels, consulting services of \$2 million, billing costs of \$2 million, property and casualty insurance of \$2 million and property taxes of \$1 million.

Marketing expenses increased as a result of an increased investment in targeted marketing campaigns.

Depreciation and Amortization. Depreciation and amortization expense decreased by \$23 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2005. The decrease in depreciation was the result of assets becoming fully depreciated offset by an increase in capital expenditures.

Asset Impairment Charges. Asset impairment charges for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005 represent the write-down of assets related to cable asset sales to fair value less costs to sell. See Note 3 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

Other Operating Expenses, Net. Other operating expenses decreased \$5 million as a result of a \$4 million decrease in losses on sales of assets and a \$1 million decrease in special charges.

Interest Expense, Net. Net interest expense increased by \$48 million, or 11%, for the three months ended March 31, 2006 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2005. The increase in net interest expense was a result of an increase in our average borrowing rate from 8.86% in the first quarter of 2005 to 9.45% in the first quarter of 2006 and an increase of \$229 million in average debt outstanding from \$19.2 billion for the first quarter of 2005 compared to \$19.5 billion for the first quarter of 2006.

Other Income, Net. Other income decreased \$21 million primarily as a result of a \$19 million decrease in net gains on derivative instruments and hedging activities as a result of decreases in gains on interest rate agreements that do not qualify for hedge accounting under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*. Other income in 2005 also included net gains on extinguishment of debt of \$7 million which did not recur in 2006. See Note 6 to the condensed consolidated financial statements. Other income also includes the 2% accretion of the preferred membership interests in our indirect subsidiary, CC VIII, and the pro rata share of the profits and losses of CC VIII.

Income Tax Expense. Income tax expense was recognized through increases in deferred tax liabilities related to our investment in Charter Holdco, as well as through current federal and state income tax expense and increases in the deferred tax liabilities of certain of our indirect corporate subsidiaries. Income tax expense was offset by deferred tax benefits of \$21 million and \$6 million related to asset impairment charges recorded in the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

Net Loss. Net loss increased by \$107 million, or 30%, for the three months ended March 31, 2006 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2005 as a result of the factors described above.

Preferred Stock Dividends. On August 31, 2001, Charter issued 505,664 shares (and on February 28, 2003 issued an additional 39,595 shares) of Series A Convertible Redeemable Preferred Stock in connection with the Cable USA acquisition, on which Charter pays or accrues a quarterly cumulative cash dividend at an annual rate of 5.75% if paid or 7.75% if accrued on a liquidation preference of \$100 per share. Beginning January 1, 2005, Charter accrued the dividend on its Series A Convertible Redeemable Preferred Stock. In November 2005, we repurchased 508,546 shares of our Series A Convertible Redeemable Preferred Stock. Following the repurchase, 36,713 shares or preferred stock remain outstanding.

Loss Per Common Share. Basic loss per common share increased by \$0.29, or 25%, for the three months ended March 31, 2006 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2005 as a result of the factors described above.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Introduction

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

Recent Financing Transactions

On January 30, 2006, CCH II, LLC ("CCH II") and CCH II Capital Corp. issued \$450 million in debt securities, the proceeds of which were provided, directly or indirectly, to Charter Communications Operating, LLC ("Charter Operating"), which used such funds to reduce borrowings, but not commitments, under the revolving portion of its credit facilities.

In April 2006, Charter Operating completed a \$6.85 billion refinancing of its credit facilities including a new \$350 million revolving/term facility (which converts to a term loan in one year), a \$5.0 billion term loan due in 2013 and certain amendments to the existing \$1.5 billion revolving credit facility. In addition, the refinancing reduced margins on Eurodollar rate loans to 2.625% from 3.15% previously and margins on base rate loans to 1.625% from 2.15% previously. Concurrent with this refinancing, the CCO Holdings, LLC ("CCO Holdings") bridge loan was terminated.

We have a significant level of debt. Our long-term financing as of March 31, 2006 consists of \$5.4 billion of credit facility debt, \$13.3 billion accreted value of high-yield notes and \$866 million accreted value of convertible senior notes. Pro forma for the completion of the credit facility refinancing discussed above, \$20 million of our debt matures in the remainder of 2006, and in 2007 and 2008, an additional \$130 million and \$128 million mature, respectively. In 2009 and beyond, significant additional amounts will become due under our remaining long-term debt obligations.

Our business requires significant cash to fund debt service costs, capital expenditures and ongoing operations. We have historically funded these requirements through cash flows from operating activities, borrowings under our credit facilities, sales of assets, issuances of debt and equity securities and cash on hand. However, the mix of funding sources changes from period to period. For the three months ended March 31, 2006, we generated \$209 million of net cash flows from operating activities after paying cash interest of \$240 million. In addition, we used approximately \$241 million for purchases of property, plant and equipment. Finally, we had net cash flows from financing activities of \$86 million. We expect that our mix of sources of funds will continue to change in the future based on overall needs relative to our cash flow and on the availability of funds under our credit facilities, our access to the debt and equity markets, the timing of possible asset sales and our ability to generate cash flows from operating activities. We continue to explore asset dispositions as one of several possible actions that we could take in the future to improve our liquidity, but we do not presently consider unannounced future asset sales as a significant source of liquidity.

We expect that cash on hand, cash flows from operating activities, proceeds from sale of assets and the amounts available under our credit facilities will be adequate to meet our cash needs through 2007. We believe that cash flows from operating activities and amounts available under our credit facilities may not be sufficient to fund our operations and satisfy our interest and principal repayment obligations in 2008 and will not be sufficient to fund such needs in 2009 and beyond. We continue to work with our financial advisors in our approach to addressing liquidity, debt maturities and our overall balance sheet leverage.

Debt Covenants

Our ability to operate depends upon, among other things, our continued access to capital, including credit under the Charter Operating credit facilities. The Charter Operating credit facilities, along with our indentures, contain certain restrictive covenants, some of which require us to maintain specified financial ratios and meet financial tests and to provide annual audited financial statements with an unqualified opinion from our independent auditors. As of March 31, 2006, we are in compliance with the covenants under our indentures and credit facilities, and we expect to remain in compliance with those covenants for the next twelve months. As of March 31, 2006, our potential availability under our credit facilities totaled approximately \$904 million, although the actual availability at that time was only \$516 million because of limits imposed by covenant restrictions. However, pro forma for the completion of the credit facility refinancing discussed above, our potential availability under our credit facilities as of March 31, 2006 would have been approximately \$1.3 billion, although actual covenanted availability of \$516 million would remain unchanged. Continued access to our credit facilities is subject to our remaining in compliance with these covenants tied to our operating performance. If any events of non-compliance occur, funding under the credit facilities may not be available and defaults on some or potentially all of our debt obligations could occur. An event of default under any of our debt instruments could result in the

acceleration of our payment obligations under that debt and, under certain circumstances, in cross-defaults under our other debt obligations, which could have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial condition and results of operations.

Specific Limitations

Our ability to make interest payments on our convertible senior notes, and, in 2006 and 2009, to repay the outstanding principal of our convertible senior notes of \$20 million and \$863 million, respectively, will depend on our ability to raise additional capital and/or on receipt of payments or distributions from Charter Holdco and its subsidiaries. As of March 31, 2006, Charter Holdco was owed \$24 million in intercompany loans from its subsidiaries, which were available to pay interest and principal on our convertible senior notes. In addition, Charter has \$99 million of governmental securities pledged as security for the next four scheduled semi-annual interest payments on Charter's 5.875% convertible senior notes.

Distributions by Charter's subsidiaries to a parent company (including Charter, CCHC, LLC and Charter Holdco) for payment of principal on parent company notes are restricted under the indentures governing the CIH notes, CCH I notes, CCH II notes, CCO Holdings notes and Charter Operating notes unless there is no default, each applicable subsidiary's leverage ratio test is met at the time of such distribution and, in the case of our convertible senior notes, other specified tests are met. For the quarter ended March 31, 2006, there was no default under any of these indentures and the other specified tests were met. However, certain of our subsidiaries did not meet their respective leverage ratio tests based on March 31, 2006 financial results. As a result, distributions from certain of our subsidiaries to their parent companies have been restricted and will continue to be restricted until those tests are met. Distributions by Charter Operating for payment of principal on parent company notes are further restricted by the covenants in the credit facilities.

Distributions by CIH, CCH I, CCH II, CCO Holdings and Charter Operating to a parent company for payment of parent company interest are permitted if there is no default under the aforementioned indentures. However, distributions for payment of interest on our convertible senior notes are further limited to when each applicable subsidiary's leverage ratio test is met and other specified tests are met. There can be no assurance that they will satisfy these tests at the time of such distribution.

The indentures governing the Charter Holdings notes permit Charter Holdings to make distributions to Charter Holdco for payment of interest or principal on the convertible senior notes, only if, after giving effect to the distribution, Charter Holdings can incur additional debt under the leverage ratio of 8.75 to 1.0, there is no default under Charter Holdings' indentures and other specified tests are met. For the quarter ended March 31, 2006, there was no default under Charter Holdings' indentures and other specified tests were met. However, Charter Holdings did not meet the leverage ratio test of 8.75 to 1.0 based on March 31, 2006 financial results. As a result, distributions from Charter Holdings to Charter or Charter Holdco have been restricted and will continue to be restricted until that test is met. During this restriction period, in which distributions are restricted, the indentures governing the Charter Holdings notes permit Charter Holdings and its subsidiaries to make specified investments (that are not restricted payments) in Charter Holdco or Charter up to an amount determined by a formula, as long as there is no default under the indentures.

Our significant amount of debt could negatively affect our ability to access additional capital in the future. Additionally, our ability to incur additional debt may be limited by the restrictive covenants in our indentures and credit facilities. No assurances can be given that we will not experience liquidity problems if we do not obtain sufficient additional financing on a timely basis as our debt becomes due or because of adverse market conditions, increased competition or other unfavorable events. If, at any time, additional capital or borrowing capacity is required beyond amounts internally generated or available under our credit facilities or through additional debt or equity financings, we would consider:

- issuing equity that would significantly dilute existing shareholders;
- issuing convertible debt or some other securities that may have structural or other priority over our existing notes and may also significantly dilute Charter's existing shareholders;
- further reducing our expenses and capital expenditures, which may impair our ability to increase revenue;

- selling assets; or
- requesting waivers or amendments with respect to our credit facilities, the availability and terms of which would be subject to market conditions.

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

Sale of Assets

In February 2006, we signed three separate definitive agreements to sell certain cable television systems serving a total of approximately 360,000 analog video customers in West Virginia, Virginia, Illinois, Kentucky, Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah for a total of approximately \$971 million. As of March 31, 2006, those cable systems met the criteria for assets held for sale under SFAS No. 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets*. As such, the assets were written down to fair value less estimated costs to sell resulting in asset impairment charges during the three months ended March 31, 2006 of approximately \$99 million.

In July 2005, we closed the sale of certain cable systems in Texas and West Virginia and closed the sale of an additional cable system in Nebraska in October 2005 for a total sales price of approximately \$37 million, representing a total of approximately 33,000 customers.

Acquisition

In January 2006, we closed the purchase of certain cable systems in Minnesota from Seren Innovations, Inc. We acquired approximately 17,500 analog video customers, 8,000 digital video customers, 13,200 high-speed Internet customers and 14,500 telephone customers for a total purchase price of approximately \$42 million.

Historical Operating, Financing and Investing Activities

We held \$40 million in cash and cash equivalents as of March 31, 2006 compared to \$21 million as of December 31, 2005. For the three months ended March 31, 2006, we generated \$209 million of net cash flows from operating activities after paying cash interest of \$240 million. In addition, we used approximately \$241 million for purchases of property, plant and equipment. Finally, we had net cash flows from financing activities of \$86 million.

Operating Activities. Net cash provided by operating activities increased \$56 million, or 37%, from \$153 million for the three months ended March 31, 2005 to \$209 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006. For the three months ended March 31, 2006, net cash provided by operating activities increased primarily as a result of changes in operating assets and liabilities that provided \$100 million more cash during the three months ended March 31, 2006 than the corresponding period in 2005 offset with an increase in cash interest expense of \$45 million over the corresponding prior period.

Investing Activities. Net cash used by investing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005 was \$276 million and \$193 million, respectively. Investing activities used \$83 million more cash during the three months ended March 31, 2006 than the corresponding period in 2005 primarily as a result of increased cash used for capital expenditures in 2006 coupled with cash used for the purchase of cable systems discussed above.

Financing Activities. Net cash provided by financing activities was \$86 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and net cash used in financing activities was \$578 million for the three months ended March 31, 2005. The increase in cash provided during the three months ended March 31, 2006 as compared to the corresponding period in 2005, was primarily the result of proceeds from the issuance of debt.

Capital Expenditures

We have significant ongoing capital expenditure requirements. Capital expenditures were \$241 million and \$211 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Capital expenditures increased as a



result of increased spending on customer premise equipment as a result of increases in digital video, high-speed Internet and telephone customers. See the table below for more details.

Our capital expenditures are funded primarily from cash flows from operating activities, the issuance of debt and borrowings under credit facilities. In addition, during the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, our liabilities related to capital expenditures decreased \$7 million and increased \$14 million, respectively.

During 2006, we expect capital expenditures to be approximately \$1 billion to \$1.1 billion. We expect that the nature of these expenditures will continue to be composed primarily of purchases of customer premise equipment related to telephone and other advanced services, support capital and for scalable infrastructure costs. We expect to fund capital expenditures for 2006 primarily from cash flows from operating activities, proceeds from asset sales and borrowings under our credit facilities.

We have adopted capital expenditure disclosure guidance, which was developed by eleven publicly traded cable system operators, including Charter, with the support of the National Cable & Telecommunications Association ("NCTA"). The disclosure is intended to provide more consistency in the reporting of operating statistics in capital expenditures and customers among peer companies in the cable industry. These disclosure guidelines are not required disclosure under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"), nor do they impact our accounting for capital expenditures under GAAP.

The following table presents our major capital expenditures categories in accordance with NCTA disclosure guidelines for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005 (dollars in millions):

	Three Mon	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2006			2005	
Customer premise equipment (a)	\$	130	\$	86	
Scalable infrastructure (b)		34		42	
Line extensions (c)		26		29	
Upgrade/Rebuild (d)		9		10	
Support capital (e)		42		44	
Total capital expenditures	\$	241	\$	211	

(a) Customer premise equipment includes costs incurred at the customer residence to secure new customers, revenue units and additional bandwidth revenues. It also includes customer installation costs in accordance with SFAS No. 51, *Financial Reporting by Cable Television Companies*, and customer premise equipment (e.g., set-top terminals and cable modems, etc.).

- (b) Scalable infrastructure includes costs, not related to customer premise equipment or our network, to secure growth of new customers, revenue units and additional bandwidth revenues or provide service enhancements (e.g., headend equipment).
- (c) Line extensions include network costs associated with entering new service areas (e.g., fiber/coaxial cable, amplifiers, electronic equipment, make-ready and design engineering).
- (d) Upgrade/rebuild includes costs to modify or replace existing fiber/coaxial cable networks, including betterments.
- (e) Support capital includes costs associated with the replacement or enhancement of non-network assets due to technological and physical obsolescence (e.g., non-network equipment, land, buildings and vehicles).

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk.

No material changes in reported market risks have occurred since the filing of our December 31, 2005 10-K.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

As of the end of the period covered by this report, management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures with respect to the information generated for use in this quarterly report. The evaluation was based in part upon

reports and affidavits provided by a number of executives. Based upon, and as of the date of that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures were effective to provide reasonable assurances that information required to be disclosed in the reports we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms.

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended March 31, 2006 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION.

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

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

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Risks Related to Significant Indebtedness of Us and Our Subsidiaries

We may not generate (or, in general, have available to the applicable obligor) sufficient cash flow or access to additional external liquidity sources to fund our capital expenditures, ongoing operations and debt obligations.

Our ability to service our debt and to fund our planned capital expenditures and ongoing operations will depend on both our ability to generate cash flow and our access to additional external liquidity sources, and in general our ability to provide (by dividend or otherwise), such funds to the applicable issuer of the debt obligation. Our ability to generate cash flow is dependent on many factors, including:

- our future operating performance;
- the demand for our products and services;
- · general economic conditions and conditions affecting customer and advertiser spending;
- · competition and our ability to stabilize customer losses; and
- · legal and regulatory factors affecting our business.

Some of these factors are beyond our control. If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow and/or access additional external liquidity sources, we may not be able to service and repay our debt, operate our business, respond to competitive challenges or fund our other liquidity and capital needs. Although our subsidiaries, CCH II and CCH II Capital Corp., sold \$450 million principal amount of 10.250% senior notes due 2010 in January 2006, we may not be able to access additional sources of external liquidity on similar terms, if at all. We believe that cash flows from operating activities and amounts available under our credit facilities will not be sufficient to fund our operations and satisfy our interest payment and principal repayment obligations in 2009 and beyond. See "Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Liquidity and Capital Resources."

Charter Operating may not be able to access funds under its credit facilities if it fails to satisfy the covenant restrictions in its credit facilities, which could adversely affect our financial condition and our ability to conduct our business.

Our subsidiaries have historically relied on access to credit facilities in order to fund operations and to service parent company debt, and we expect such reliance to continue in the future. Our total potential borrowing availability under the Charter Operating credit facilities was approximately \$904 million as of March 31, 2006, although the actual availability at that time was only \$516 million because of limits imposed by covenant restrictions. However, pro forma for the completion of the credit facility refinancing discussed above, the Company's potential availability under its credit facilities as of March 31, 2006 would have been approximately \$1.3 billion, although actual covenanted availability of \$516 million would remain unchanged.

An event of default under the credit facilities or indentures, if not waived, could result in the acceleration of those debt obligations and, consequently, other debt obligations. Such acceleration could result in exercise of remedies by our creditors and could force us to seek the protection of the bankruptcy laws, which could materially adversely impact our ability to operate our business and to make payments under our debt instruments. In addition, an event of default under the credit facilities, such as the failure to maintain the applicable required financial ratios, would



prevent additional borrowing under our credit facilities, which could materially adversely affect our ability to operate our business and to make payments under our debt instruments.

We and our subsidiaries have a significant amount of existing debt and may incur significant additional debt, including secured debt, in the future, which could adversely affect our financial health and our ability to react to changes in our business.

Charter and its subsidiaries have a significant amount of debt and may (subject to applicable restrictions in their debt instruments) incur additional debt in the future. As of March 31, 2006, our total debt was approximately \$19.5 billion, our shareholders' deficit was approximately \$5.4 billion and the deficiency of earnings to cover fixed charges for the three months ended March 31, 2006 was \$450 million.

As of March 31, 2006, Charter had outstanding approximately \$883 million aggregate principal amount of convertible notes, \$20 million of which mature in 2006. We will need to raise additional capital and/or receive distributions or payments from our subsidiaries in order to satisfy our debt obligations in 2009. However, because of our significant indebtedness, our ability to raise additional capital at reasonable rates or at all is uncertain, and the ability of our subsidiaries to make distributions or payments to us is subject to availability of funds and restrictions under our and our subsidiaries' applicable debt instruments. If we were to raise capital through the issuance of additional equity or to engage in a recapitalization or other similar transaction, our shareholders could suffer significant dilution.

Our significant amount of debt could have other important consequences. For example, the debt will or could:

- require us to dedicate a significant portion of our cash flow from operating activities to make 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, the cable and telecommunications industries and the economy at large;
- · place us at a disadvantage as compared to our competitors that have proportionately less debt;
- make us vulnerable to interest rate increases, because a significant portion of our borrowings are, and will continue to be, at variable rates of interest;
- expose us to increased interest expense as we refinance all existing lower interest rate instruments;
- · adversely affect our relationship with customers and suppliers;
- limit our ability to borrow additional funds in the future, if we need them, due to applicable financial and restrictive covenants in our debt; and
- make it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations to the holders of our notes and for our subsidiaries to satisfy their obligations to their lenders under their credit facilities and to their noteholders.

A default by one of our subsidiaries under its debt obligations could result in the acceleration of those obligations, the obligations of our other subsidiaries and our obligations under our convertible notes. We and our subsidiaries may incur substantial additional debt in the future. 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 affect our ability to operate our business, as well as significantly affect our liquidity.

The Charter Operating credit facilities and the indentures governing our and our subsidiaries' debt contain a number of significant covenants that could adversely affect our ability to operate our business, as well as significantly affect



our liquidity, and therefore could adversely affect our results of operations and the price of our Class A common stock. These covenants will restrict, among other things, our and our subsidiaries' ability to:

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

Furthermore, Charter Operating's credit facilities require our subsidiaries to, among other things, maintain specified financial ratios, meet specified financial tests and provide annual audited financial statements, with an unqualified opinion from our independent auditors. Charter Operating's ability to comply with these provisions may be affected by events beyond our control.

The breach of any covenants or obligations in the foregoing indentures or credit facilities, not otherwise waived or amended, could result in a default under the applicable debt agreement or instrument and could trigger acceleration of the related debt, which in turn could trigger defaults under other agreements governing our long-term indebtedness. In addition, the secured lenders under the Charter Operating credit facilities and the holders of the Charter Operating senior second-lien notes could foreclose on their collateral, which includes equity interests in our subsidiaries, and exercise other rights of secured creditors. Any default under those credit facilities, the indentures governing our convertible notes or our subsidiaries' debt could adversely affect our growth, our financial condition and our results of operations and our ability to make payments on our notes and Charter Operating's credit facilities and other debt of our subsidiaries.

All of our and our subsidiaries' outstanding debt is subject to change of control provisions. We may not have the ability to raise the funds necessary to fulfill our obligations under our indebtedness following a change of control, which would place us in default under the applicable debt instruments.

We may not have the ability to raise the funds necessary to fulfill our obligations under our and our subsidiaries' notes and credit facilities following a change of control. Under the indentures governing our and our subsidiaries' notes, upon the occurrence of specified change of control events, we are required to offer to repurchase all of these notes. However, Charter and our subsidiaries may not have sufficient funds at the time of the change of control event to make the required repurchase of these notes, and our subsidiaries are limited in their ability to make distributions or other payments to fund any required repurchase. In addition, a change of control under our subsidiaries' credit facilities would result in a default under those credit facilities. Because such credit facilities and our subsidiaries' notes are obligations of our subsidiaries, the credit facilities and our subsidiaries' notes would have to be repaid by our subsidiaries before their assets could be available to us to repurchase our convertible senior notes. Our failure to make or complete a change of control offer would place us in default under our convertible senior notes. The failure of our subsidiaries to make a change of control offer or repay the amounts accelerated under their credit facilities would place them in default.

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Risks Related to Our Business

We operate in a very competitive business environment, which affects our ability to attract and retain customers and can adversely affect our business and operations. We have lost a significant number of video customers to direct broadcast satellite competition and further loss of video customers could have a material negative impact on our business.

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

Our principal competitor for video services throughout our territory is DBS. Competition from DBS, including intensive marketing efforts and aggressive pricing has had an adverse impact on our ability to retain customers. DBS has grown rapidly over the last several years and continues to do so. The cable industry, including us, has lost a significant number of subscribers to DBS competition, and we face serious challenges in this area in the future. We believe that competition from DBS service providers may present greater challenges in areas of lower population density, and that our systems service a higher concentration of such areas than those of other major cable service providers.

Local telephone companies and electric utilities can offer video and other services in competition with us and they increasingly may do so in the future. Certain telephone companies have begun more extensive deployment of fiber in their networks that enable them to begin providing video services, as well as telephone and high bandwidth Internet access services, to residential and business customers and they are now offering such service in limited areas. Some of these telephone companies have obtained, and are now seeking, franchises or operating authorizations that are less burdensome than existing Charter franchises.

The subscription television industry also faces competition from free broadcast television and from other communications and entertainment media. Further loss of customers to DBS or other alternative video and Internet services could have a material negative impact on the value of our business and its performance.

With respect to our Internet access services, we face competition, including intensive marketing efforts and aggressive pricing, from telephone companies and other providers of DSL and "dial-up". DSL service is competitive with high-speed Internet service over cable systems. In addition, DBS providers have entered into joint marketing arrangements with Internet access providers to offer bundled video and Internet service, which competes with our ability to provide bundled services to our customers. Moreover, as we expand our telephone offerings, we will face considerable competition from established telephone companies and other carriers, including VoIP providers.

In order to attract new customers, from time to time we make promotional offers, including offers of temporarily reduced-price or free service. These promotional programs result in significant advertising, programming and operating expenses, and also require us to make capital expenditures to acquire additional digital set-top terminals. Customers who subscribe to our services as a result of these offerings may not remain customers for any significant period of time following the end of the promotional period. A failure to retain existing customers and customers added through promotional offerings or to collect the amounts they owe us could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results.

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

We cannot assure you that our cable systems will allow us to compete effectively. Additionally, as we expand our offerings to include other telecommunications services, and to introduce new and enhanced services, we will be subject to competition from other providers of the services we offer. We cannot predict the extent to which competition may affect our business and operations in the future.

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. Our net losses are principally attributable to insufficient revenue to cover the combination of operating costs and interest costs we incur because of our high level of debt and the depreciation expenses that we incur resulting from the capital investments we have made in our cable properties. We expect that these expenses will remain significant, and we expect to continue to report net losses for the foreseeable future. We reported net losses applicable to common stock of \$459 million and \$353 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Continued losses would reduce our cash available from operations to service our indebtedness, as well as limit our ability to finance our operations.

We may not have the ability to pass our increasing programming costs 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 operating expense item. In recent years, the cable industry has experienced a rapid escalation in the cost of programming, particularly sports programming. We expect programming costs to continue to increase because of a variety of factors, including inflationary or negotiated annual increases, additional programming being provided to customers and increased costs to purchase programming. The inability to fully pass these programming cost increases on to our customers has had an adverse impact on our cash flow and operating margins. As measured by programming costs, and excluding premium services (substantially all of which were renegotiated and renewed in 2003), as of March 31, 2006, approximately 12% of our current programming contracts were expired, and approximately another 6% were scheduled to expire at or before the end of 2006. There can be no assurance that these agreements will be renewed on favorable or comparable terms. Our programming costs increased by approximately 9% in the three months ended March 31, 2006 compared to the corresponding period in 2005. We expect our programming costs in 2006 to continue to increase at a higher rate than in 2005. To the extent that we are unable to reach agreement with certain programmers on terms that we believe are reasonable we may be forced to remove such programming channels from our line-up, which could result in a further loss of customers.

If our required capital expenditures exceed our projections, we may not have sufficient funding, which could adversely affect our growth, financial condition and results of operations.

During the three months ended March 31, 2006, we spent approximately \$241 million on capital expenditures. During 2006, we expect capital expenditures to be approximately \$1.0 billion to \$1.1 billion. The actual amount of our capital expenditures depends on the level of growth in high-speed Internet and telephone customers and in the delivery of other advanced services, as well as the cost of introducing any new services. We may need additional capital if there is accelerated growth in high-speed Internet customers, telephone customers or in the delivery of other advanced services. If we cannot obtain such capital from increases in our cash flow from operating activities, additional borrowings, proceeds from asset sales or other sources, our growth, financial condition and results of operations could suffer materially.

Our inability to respond to technological developments and meet customer demand for new products and services could limit our ability to compete effectively.

Our 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 unanticipated technological developments, or that we will successfully anticipate the demand of our customers for products and services requiring new technology. Our inability to maintain and expand our upgraded systems and provide advanced services in a timely manner, or to anticipate the demands of the marketplace, could materially adversely affect our ability to attract and retain customers. Consequently, our growth, financial condition and results of operations could suffer materially.

Malicious and abusive Internet practices could impair our high-speed Internet services

Our high-speed Internet customers utilize our network to access the Internet and, as a consequence, we or they may become victim to common malicious and abusive Internet activities, such as unsolicited mass advertising (i.e.,

"spam") and dissemination of viruses, worms and other destructive or disruptive software. These activities could have adverse consequences on our network and our customers, including degradation of service, excessive call volume to call centers and damage to our or our customers' equipment and data. Significant incidents could lead to customer dissatisfaction and, ultimately, loss of customers or revenue, in addition to increased costs to us to service our customers and protect our network. Any significant loss of high-speed Internet customers or revenue or significant increase in costs of serving those customers could adversely affect our growth, financial condition and results of operations.

We could be deemed an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act of 1940. This would impose significant restrictions on us and would be likely to have a material adverse impact on our growth, financial condition and results of operation.

Our principal assets are our equity interests in Charter Holdco and certain indebtedness of Charter Holdco. If our membership interest in Charter Holdco were to constitute less than 50% of the voting securities issued by Charter Holdco, then our interest in Charter Holdco could be deemed an "investment security" for purposes of the Investment Company Act. This may occur, for example, if a court determines that the Class B common stock is no longer entitled to special voting rights and, in accordance with the terms of the Charter Holdco limited liability company agreement, our membership units in Charter Holdco were to lose their special voting privileges. A determination that such interest was an investment security could cause us to be deemed to be an investment company under the Investment Company Act, unless an exemption from registration were available or we were to obtain an order of the Securities and Exchange Commission excluding or exempting us from registration under the Investment Company Act.

If anything were to happen which would cause us to be deemed an investment company, the Investment Company Act would impose significant restrictions on us, including severe limitations on our ability to borrow money, to issue additional capital stock and to transact business with affiliates. In addition, because our operations are very different from those of the typical registered investment company, regulation under the Investment Company Act could affect us in other ways that are extremely difficult to predict. In sum, if we were deemed to be an investment company it could become impractical for us to continue our business as currently conducted and our growth, our financial condition and our results of operations could suffer materially.

If a court determines that the Class B common stock is no longer entitled to special voting rights, we would lose our rights to manage Charter Holdco. In addition to the investment company risks discussed above, this could materially impact the value of the Class A common stock.

If a court determines that the Class B common stock is no longer entitled to special voting rights, Charter would no longer have a controlling voting interest in, and would lose its right to manage, Charter Holdco. If this were to occur:

- we would retain our proportional equity interest in Charter Holdco but would lose all of our powers to direct the management and affairs of Charter Holdco and its subsidiaries; and
- we would become strictly a passive investment vehicle and would be treated under the Investment Company Act as an investment company.

This result, as well as the impact of being treated under the Investment Company Act as an investment company, could materially adversely impact:

- the liquidity of the Class A common stock;
- · how the Class A common stock trades in the marketplace;
- the price that purchasers would be willing to pay for the Class A common stock in a change of control transaction or otherwise; and
- the market price of the Class A common stock.

Uncertainties that may arise with respect to the nature of our management role and voting power and organizational documents as a result of any challenge to the special voting rights of the Class B common stock, including legal actions or proceedings relating thereto, may also materially adversely impact the value of the Class A common stock.

Risks Related to Mr. Allen's Controlling Position

The failure by Mr. Allen to maintain a minimum voting and economic interest in us could trigger a change of control default under our subsidiary's credit facilities.

The Charter Operating credit facilities provide that the failure by Mr. Allen to maintain a 35% direct or indirect voting interest in the applicable borrower would result in a change of control default. Such a default could result in the acceleration of repayment of our and our subsidiaries' indebtedness, including borrowings under the Charter Operating credit facilities.

Mr. Allen controls our stockholder voting and may have interests that conflict with your interests.

Mr. Allen has the ability to control us. Through his control as of March 31, 2006 of approximately 90% of the voting power of our capital stock, Mr. Allen is entitled to elect all but one of our board members and effectively has the voting power to elect the remaining board member as well. Mr. Allen thus has the ability to control fundamental corporate transactions requiring equity holder approval, including, but not limited to, the election of all of our directors, approval of merger transactions involving us and the sale of all or substantially all of our assets.

Mr. Allen is not restricted from investing in, and has invested in, and engaged in, other businesses involving or related to the operation of cable television systems, video programming, high-speed Internet service, telephone or business and financial transactions conducted through broadband interactivity and Internet services. Mr. Allen may also engage in other businesses that compete or may in the future compete with us.

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

Current and future agreements between us and either 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.

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, which could adversely affect our ability to offer new products and services outside of the cable transmission business and to enter into new businesses, and could adversely affect our growth, financial condition and results of operations.

Our certificate of incorporation and Charter Holdco's limited liability company agreement provide that Charter and Charter Holdco and our subsidiaries, cannot engage in any business activity outside the cable transmission business except for specified businesses. This will be the case unless Mr. Allen 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.

The loss of Mr. Allen's services could adversely affect our ability to manage our business.

Mr. Allen is Chairman of our board of directors and provides strategic guidance and other services to us. If we were to lose his services, our growth, financial condition and results of operations could be adversely impacted.

The special tax allocation provisions of the Charter Holdco limited liability company agreement may cause us in some circumstances to pay more taxes than if the special tax allocation provisions were not in effect.



Charter Holdco's limited liability company agreement provided that through the end of 2003, net tax losses (such net tax losses being determined under the federal income tax rules for determining capital accounts) of Charter Holdco that would otherwise have been allocated to us based generally on our percentage ownership of outstanding common membership units of Charter Holdco would instead be allocated to the membership units held by Vulcan Cable III Inc. ("Vulcan Cable") and Charter Investment, Inc. ("CII"). The purpose of these special tax allocation provisions was to allow Mr. Allen to take advantage, for tax purposes, the losses generated by Charter Holdco during such period. In some situations, these special tax allocation provisions could result in our having to pay taxes in an amount that is more or less than if Charter Holdco had allocated net tax losses to its members based generally on the percentage of outstanding common membership units owned by such members. For further discussion on the details of the tax allocation provisions see "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates — Income Taxes" of our 2005 annual report on Form 10-K.

The recent issuance of our Class A common stock, as well as possible future conversions of our convertible notes, significantly increase the risk that we will experience an ownership change in the future for tax purposes, resulting in a material limitation on the use of a substantial amount of our existing net operating loss carryforwards.

As of March 31, 2006, we had approximately \$6.2 billion of tax net operating losses (resulting in a gross deferred tax asset of approximately \$2.5 billion) expiring in the years 2006 through 2026. Due to uncertainties in projected future taxable income, valuation allowances have been established against the gross deferred tax assets for book accounting purposes except for deferred benefits available to offset certain deferred tax liabilities. Currently, such tax net operating losses can accumulate and be used to offset any of our future taxable income. An "ownership change" as defined in Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, would place significant limitations, on an annual basis, on the use of such net operating losses to offset any future taxable income we may generate. Such limitations, in conjunction with the net operating loss expiration provisions, could effectively eliminate our ability to use a substantial portion of our net operating losses to offset future taxable income.

The issuance of up to a total of 150 million shares of our Class A common stock (of which a total of 116.9 million have been issued through March 2006) offered pursuant to a share lending agreement executed by Charter in connection with the issuance of the 5.875% convertible senior notes in November 2004, as well as possible future conversions of our convertible notes, significantly increases the risk that we will experience an ownership change in the future for tax purposes, resulting in a material limitation on the use of a substantial amount of our existing net operating loss carryforwards. As of March 31, 2006, the issuance of shares associated with the share lending agreement did not result in our experiencing an ownership change. However, future transactions and the timing of such transactions could cause an ownership change. Such transactions include additional issuances of common stock by us (including but not limited to issuances upon future conversion of our 5.875% convertible senior notes or as issued in the settlement of derivative class action litigation), reacquisitions of the borrowed shares by us, or acquisitions or sales of shares by certain holders of our shares, including persons who have held, currently hold, or accumulate in the future five percent or more of our outstanding stock (including upon an exchange by Mr. Allen or his affiliates, directly or indirectly, of membership units of Charter Holdco into our Class A common stock). Many of the foregoing transactions are beyond our control.

Risks Related to Regulatory and Legislative Matters

Our business is subject to extensive governmental legislation and regulation, which could adversely affect our business.

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

- rules governing the provision of cable equipment and compatibility with new digital technologies;
- · rules and regulations relating to subscriber privacy;
- · limited rate regulation;



- requirements governing when a cable system must carry a particular broadcast station and when it must first obtain consent to carry a broadcast station;
- · rules for franchise renewals and transfers; and
- other requirements covering a variety of operational areas such as equal employment opportunity, technical standards and customer service requirements.

Additionally, many aspects of these regulations are currently the subject of judicial proceedings and administrative or legislative proposals. There are also ongoing efforts to amend or expand the federal, 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.

Our cable systems are operated under franchises that are subject to non-renewal or termination. The failure to renew a franchise in one or more key markets could adversely affect our business.

Our cable systems generally operate pursuant to franchises, permits and similar authorizations issued by a state or local governmental authority 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 significant 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. In some instances, franchises have not been renewed at expiration, and we have operated and are operating under either temporary operating agreements or without a license while negotiating renewal terms with the local franchising authorities. Approximately 11% of our franchises, covering approximately 12% of our analog video customers, were expired as of March 31, 2006. Approximately 6% of additional franchises, covering approximately an additional 7% of our analog video customers, will expire on or before December 31, 2006, if not renewed prior to expiration.

We cannot assure you that we will be able to comply with all significant provisions of our franchise agreements and certain of our franchisors have from time to time alleged that we have not complied with these agreements. Additionally, although historically we have renewed our franchises without incurring significant costs, we cannot assure you that we will be able to renew, or to renew as favorably, our franchises in the future. A termination of or a sustained failure to renew a franchise in one or more key markets could adversely affect our business in the affected geographic area.

Our cable systems are operated under franchises that are non-exclusive. Accordingly, local franchising authorities can grant additional franchises and create competition in market areas where none existed previously, resulting in overbuilds, which could adversely affect results of operations.

Our cable systems are operated under non-exclusive franchises granted by local franchising authorities. Consequently, local franchising authorities can grant additional franchises to competitors in the same geographic area or operate their own cable systems. In addition, certain telephone companies are seeking authority to operate in local communities without first obtaining a local franchise. 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.

Different legislative proposals have been introduced in the United States Congress and in some state legislatures that would greatly streamline cable franchising. This legislation is intended to facilitate entry by new competitors, particularly local telephone companies. Such legislation has passed in at least four states in which we have operations and one of these newly enacted statutes is subject to court challenge. Although various legislative proposals provide some regulatory relief for incumbent cable operators, these proposals are generally viewed as being more favorable to new entrants due to a number of varying factors including efforts to withhold streamlined cable franchising from incumbents until after the expiration of their existing franchises. To the extent incumbent cable operators are not able to avail themselves of this streamlined franchising process, such operators may continue to be subject to more onerous franchise requirements at the local level than new entrants. The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") recently initiated a proceeding to determine whether local franchising

authorities are impeding the deployment of competitive cable services through unreasonable franchising requirements and whether such impediments should be preempted. At this time, we are not able to determine what impact such proceeding may have on us.

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 creating or increasing competition. As of March 31, 2006, we are aware of overbuild situations impacting approximately 6% of our estimated homes passed, and potential overbuild situations in areas servicing approximately an additional 4% of our estimated homes passed. Additional overbuild situations may occur in other systems.

Local franchise authorities have the ability to impose additional regulatory constraints on our business, which could further increase our expenses.

In addition to the franchise agreement, cable authorities in some jurisdictions have adopted cable regulatory ordinances that further regulate the operation of cable systems. This additional regulation increases the cost of 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 on the rates charged for basic services.

Further regulation of the cable industry could cause us to delay or cancel service or programming enhancements or impair our ability to raise rates to cover our increasing costs, resulting in increased losses.

Currently, rate regulation is strictly limited to the basic service tier and associated equipment and installation activities. However, the FCC and the U.S. Congress continue to be concerned that cable rate increases are exceeding inflation. It is possible that either the FCC or the U.S. 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 losses would increase.

There has been considerable legislative and regulatory interest in requiring cable operators to offer historically bundled programming services on an á la carte basis or to at least offer a separately available child-friendly "Family Tier." It is possible that new marketing restrictions could be adopted in the future. Such restrictions could adversely affect our operations.

Actions by pole owners might subject us to significantly increased pole attachment costs.

Pole attachments are cable wires that are attached to poles. Cable system attachments to public utility poles historically have been regulated at the federal or state level, generally resulting in favorable pole attachment rates for attachments used to provide cable service. The FCC clarified that a cable operator's favorable pole rates are not endangered by the provision of Internet access, and that approach ultimately was upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States. Despite the existing regulatory regime, utility pole owners in many areas are attempting to raise pole attachment fees and impose additional costs on cable operators and others. In addition, the favorable pole attachment rates afforded cable operators under federal law can be increased by utility companies if the operator provides telecommunications services, as well as cable service, over cable wires attached to utility poles. Any significant increased costs could have a material adverse impact on our profitability and discourage system upgrades and the introduction of new products and services.

We may be required to provide access to our networks to other Internet service providers, which could significantly increase our competition and adversely affect our ability to provide new products and services.

A number of companies, including independent Internet service providers, or ISPs, have requested local authorities and the FCC to require cable operators to provide non-discriminatory access to cable's broadband infrastructure, so that these companies may deliver Internet services directly to customers over cable facilities. In a June 2005 ruling, commonly referred to as *Brand X*, the Supreme Court upheld an FCC decision (and overruled a conflicting Ninth Circuit opinion) making it much less likely that any nondiscriminatory "open access" requirements (which are generally associated with common carrier regulation of "telecommunications services") will be imposed on the cable industry by local, state or federal authorities. The Supreme Court held that the FCC was correct in classifying cable provided Internet service as an "information service," rather than a "telecommunications service." This favorable regulatory classification limits the ability of various governmental authorities to impose open access

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requirements on cable-provided Internet service. Given how recently *Brand X* was decided, however, the nature of any legislative or regulatory response remains uncertain. The imposition of open access requirements could materially affect our business.

If we were required to allocate a portion of our bandwidth capacity to other Internet service providers, we believe that it would impair our ability to use our bandwidth in ways that would generate maximum revenues.

Changes in channel carriage regulations could impose significant additional costs on us.

Cable operators also face significant regulation of their channel carriage. They currently can be required to devote substantial capacity to the carriage of programming that they would not carry voluntarily, including certain local broadcast signals, local public, educational and government access programming, and unaffiliated commercial leased access programming. This carriage burden could increase in the future, particularly if cable systems were required to carry both the analog and digital versions of local broadcast signals (dual carriage) or to carry multiple program streams included with a single digital broadcast transmission (multicast carriage). Additional government-mandated broadcast carriage obligations could disrupt existing programming commitments, interfere with our preferred use of limited channel capacity and limit our ability to offer services that would maximize customer appeal and revenue potential. Although the FCC issued a decision in February 2005, confirming an earlier ruling against mandating either dual carriage or multicast carriage, that decision has been appealed. In addition, the FCC could reverse its own ruling or Congress could legislate additional carriage obligations.

Offering voice communications service may subject us to additional regulatory burdens, causing us to incur additional costs.

In 2002, we began to offer voice communications services on a limited basis over our broadband network. We continue to explore development and deployment of Voice over Internet Protocol or VoIP services. The regulatory requirements applicable to VoIP service are unclear although the FCC has declared that certain VoIP services are not subject to traditional state public utility regulation. The full extent of the FCC preemption of VoIP services is not yet clear. Expanding our offering of these services may require us to obtain certain authorizations, including federal, state and local licenses. We may not be able to obtain such authorizations in a timely manner, or conditions could be imposed upon such licenses or authorizations that may not be favorable to us. Furthermore, telecommunications companies generally are subject to significant regulation, including payments to the Federal Universal Service Fund and the intercarrier compensation regime. In addition, pole attachment rates are higher for providers of telecommunications services than for providers of cable service. If there were to be a final legal determination by the FCC, a state Public Utility Commission, or appropriate court that VoIP services are subject to these higher rates, our pole attachment costs could increase significantly, which could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Item 5. Other Information.

At its meeting held on February 7, 2006, the Board of Directors of Charter approved the metrics for the 2006 Executive Bonus Plan participants. A description of the specific performance metrics and bonus target is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.2.

Item 6. Exhibits.

The index to the exhibits begins on page 44 of this quarterly report.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, Charter Communications, Inc. has duly caused this quarterly report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC., Registrant

Dated: May 2, 2006

By: /s/ Kevin D. Howard

Name: Kevin D. Howard Title: Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

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Exhibit	
Number	Description of Document
2.1	Purchase Agreement dated as of January 26, 2006, by and between CCH II, LLC, CCH II Capital Corp and J.P. Morgan Securities, Inc as Representative of several Purchasers for \$450,000,000 10.25% Senior Notes Due 2010 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on January 27, 2006 (File No. 000-27927)).
2.2*	Asset Purchase Agreement, dated February 27, 2006, by and between Charter Communications Operating, LLC and Cebridge Acquisition Co., LLC.
3.1(a)	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Charter Communications, Inc. (Originally incorporated July 22, 1999) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 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)).
3.1(b)	Certificate of Amendment of Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Charter Communications, Inc. filed May 10, 2001 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1(b) to the annual report on Form 10-K filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on March 29, 2002 (File No. 000-27927)).
3.2(a)	Amended and Restated By-laws of Charter Communications, Inc. as of June 6, 2001 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on November 14, 2001 (File No. 000-27927)).
3.2(b)	First Amendment to Amended and Restated By-Laws of Charter Communications, Inc. adopted as of November 8, 1999 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2(b) to Amendment No. 1 to the registration statement on Form S-1 filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on February 3, 2006 (File No. 333-130898)).
3.2(c)	Second Amendment to Amended and Restated By-Laws of Charter Communications, Inc. adopted as of January 1, 2000 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2(c) to Amendment No. 1 to the registration statement on Form S-1 filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on February 3, 2006 (File No. 333-130898)).
3.2(d)	Third Amendment to Amended and Restated By-Laws of Charter Communications, Inc. adopted as of June 6, 2001(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2(d) to Amendment No. 1 to the registration statement on Form S-1 filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on February 3, 2006 (File No. 333-130898)).
3.2(e)	Fourth Amendment to Amended and Restated By-laws of Charter Communications, Inc. as of October 3, 2003 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to Charter Communications, Inc.'s quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed on November 3, 2003 (File No. 000-27927)).
3.2(f)	Fifth Amendment to Amended and Restated By-laws of Charter Communications, Inc. as of October 28, 2003 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.4 to Charter Communications, Inc.'s quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed on November 3, 2003 (File No. 000-27927)).
3.2(g)	Sixth Amendment to Amended and Restated By-laws of Charter Communications, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Charter Communications, Inc.'s current report on Form 8-K filed on September 30, 2004 (File No. 000-27927)).
3.2(h)	Seventh Amendment to Amended and Restated By-laws of Charter Communications, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Charter Communications, Inc.'s current report on Form 8-K filed on October 22, 2004 (File No. 000-27927)).
3.2(i)	Eighth Amendment to the Amended and Restated By-Laws of Charter Communications, Inc. adopted as of December 14, 2004 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on December 15, 2004 (File No. 000-27927)).
3.2(j)	Ninth Amendment to Amended and Restated By-laws of Charter Communications, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Charter Communications, Inc.'s current report on Form 8-K filed of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on April 21, 2006 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.1(a)	Senior Bridge Loan Agreement dated as of October 17, 2005 by and among CCO Holdings, LLC, CCO Holdings Capital Corp., certain lenders, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and Credit Suisse, Cayman Islands Branch, as joint lead arrangers and joint bookrunners, and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., as documentation agent. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 19, 2005 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.1(b)	Waiver and Amendment Agreement to the Senior Bridge Loan Agreement dated as of January 26, 2006 by and among CCO Holdings, LLC, CCO Holdings Capital Corp., certain lenders, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and Credit Suisse, Cayman
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Islands Branch, as joint lead arrangers and joint bookrunners, and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., as documentation agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on January 27, 2006 (File No. 000-27927)).

- 10.2+* Description of Charter Communications, Inc. 2006 Executive Bonus Plan.
- 10.3+ Retention Agreement dated as of January 9, 2006, by and between Paul E. Martin and Charter Communications, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on January 10, 2006 (File No. 000-27927)).
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- 10.4+ Employment Agreement dated as of January 20, 2006 by and between Jeffrey T. Fisher and Charter Communications, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on January 27, 2006 (File No. 000-27927)).
 10.5+ Employment Agreement dated as of February 28, 2006 by and between Michael J. Lovett and Charter Communications, Inc. (incorporated by and between Michael J. Lovett and Charter Communications, Inc. (incorporated by and between Michael J. Lovett and Charter Communications, Inc. (incorporated by and between Michael J. Lovett and Charter Communications, Inc. (incorporated by and between Michael J. Lovett and Charter Communications, Inc. (incorporated by and between Michael J. Lovett and Charter Communications, Inc. (incorporated by and between Michael J. Lovett and Charter Communications, Inc. (incorporated by and between Michael J. Lovett and Charter Communications, Inc. (incorporated by and between Michael J. Lovett and Charter Communications, Inc. (incorporated by Ambrid) and Ambrid).
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- 10.7+ Consulting Agreement of Wayne H. Davis, dated as of March 23, 2006 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.2 to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on April 6, 2006 (File No. 000-27927)).
- 15.1* Letter re Unaudited Interim Financial Statements.
- 31.1* Certificate of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/Rule 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
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- 32.1* Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Chief Executive Officer).
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- * Document attached
- + Management compensatory plan or arrangement

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Execution Copy

ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT

between

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS OPERATING, LLC,

as the Seller

and

CEBRIDGE ACQUISITION CO. LLC,

as the Buyer

Dated as of February 27, 2006

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ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT

ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT, dated as of February 27, 2006 (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), between Charter Communications Operating, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Buyer</u>").

RECITALS

A. The Seller, through the subsidiaries described on Schedule 1 of the Disclosure Schedules (each, a "<u>Subsidiary</u>" and collectively, the "<u>Subsidiaries</u>"), owns and operates Cable Systems (as defined in the Communications Act) as described on Schedule 1 of the Disclosure Schedules(the "<u>Systems</u>").

B. The Seller has agreed to cause the Subsidiaries to convey, as appropriate, to the Buyer the Transferred Assets, including the Shares, upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

C. The Buyer has agreed to assume the Assumed Liabilities upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

AGREEMENT

In consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1 <u>Certain Defined Terms</u>. For purposes of this Agreement:

"Action" means any claim, action, suit, arbitration or proceeding by or before any Governmental Authority.

"<u>Active Customer</u>" means a subscriber of the applicable service from a Subsidiary, but excluding (i) any subscriber who has a past due balance in excess of \$10 in the aggregate for more than 60 days from the first day of the billing period to which a bill relates, (ii) any subscriber who has not paid at least one full month's payment for services in an amount at least equal to the standard rate for Basic Services in the applicable Franchise Area, (iii) any subscriber, with respect to a service, which service is pending disconnection for any reason, and (iv) any subscriber who was obtained after the date hereof by offers, promotions or marketing practices other than those set forth on Schedule 1.1(a) of the Disclosure Schedules or as otherwise approved in writing by the Buyer.

"Affiliate" means: (i) with respect to the Seller or any Subsidiary, CCI or any Person directly or indirectly controlled by CCI, (ii) with respect to the Buyer, Cebridge or any other

Person directly or indirectly controlled by the Buyer or Cebridge, and (iii) with respect to any other Person, any other Person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such Person.

"<u>Ancillary Agreements</u>" means the Bill of Sale, the Assumption Agreement, the Transition Services Agreement, the Digital Transport Agreement, deeds with respect to each parcel of Owned Real Property in the forms (as applicable) included herein on Exhibit A (each, a "<u>Deed</u>"), duly endorsed stock certificates representing the Shares, Retained Franchise Management Agreements (if any), the Escrow Agreement, endorsed vehicle titles, FIRPTA certificates and all other instruments and documents necessary for the Subsidiaries to transfer the Transferred Assets or for the Buyer to assume the Assumed Liabilities.

"Antitrust Division" means the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice.

"<u>Assumption Agreement</u>" means an assignment and assumption agreement in the form of that attached hereto as Exhibit B, pursuant to which the Subsidiaries shall assign to the Buyer all of the intangible personal property included in the Transferred Assets and the Buyer shall assume the Assumed Liabilities.

"<u>Basic Services</u>" means the lowest tier of cable television programming sold to subscribers as a package, including broadcast and satellite service programming for which a subscriber pays a fixed monthly fee to a Subsidiary, but not including Pay TV.

"Basic Subscribers" means, as of any date and for each System, all Active Customers of Basic Services of such System who are individually billed for Basic Services.

"<u>Bill of Sale</u>" means a bill of sale in the form of that attached hereto as Exhibit C, pursuant to which the Subsidiaries, as applicable, shall transfer to the Buyer all of the Transferred Assets that are transferable pursuant to a bill of sale.

"Business" means the business of providing customers with Basic Services, Expanded Basic Services, Pay TV, Digital Services, High-Speed Internet Services and other services conducted by the Subsidiaries, on the date of this Agreement, through the Systems.

"Business Day." means any day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or other day on which banks are required or authorized by Law to be closed in either The City of New York, New York or St. Louis, Missouri.

"Business Employees" means, as of any date, all individuals employed by Affiliates of the Seller as of such date (including those on approved leaves of absence), whose duties relate primarily to the operations of the Business, regardless of the company payroll on which such individuals are listed.

"Buyer Material Adverse Effect" means any event, change, circumstance, effect or state of facts that is materially adverse to the ability of the Buyer to perform its obligations under this Agreement or the Ancillary Agreements or to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.

"Buyer's Knowledge" means the actual (but not constructive or imputed) knowledge of David Bach, Regional Vice President, Atlantic Region, as of the relevant date, without any implication of verification or investigation concerning such knowledge.

"<u>Cable Act</u>" means Title VI of the Communications Act, the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 and the provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 amending Title VI of the Communications Act, in each case as amended and in effect from time to time.

"CCI" means Charter Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

"<u>C-Corporation Parent Company</u>" means Charter Communications VI, LLC.

"C-Corporations" means ARH Ltd., Hornell Television Service, Inc. and Cable Systems, Inc.

"Cebridge" means Cebridge Connections Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

"Closing Time" means 12:01 a.m. (local time with respect to each System) on the Closing Date.

"<u>Code</u>" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through the date hereof.

"<u>Communications Act</u>" means the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. Sections 151 <u>et seq.</u>, including amendments by the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, and the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and as may be further amended, and the rules and regulations and published decisions of the FCC thereunder, as in effect from time to time.

"<u>control</u>", including the terms "<u>controlled by</u>" and "<u>under common control with</u>", means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, as trustee or executor, as general partner or managing member, by contract or otherwise.

"<u>Cox Assets</u>" means substantially all of the assets to be acquired under that certain Asset Purchase Agreement dated October 31, 2005, by and among Cox Communications, Inc. and certain of its affiliates on the one hand, and the Buyer on the other hand.

"<u>CPA Firm</u>" means Deloitte & Touche LLP, or such other firm of independent certified public accountants as to which the Seller and the Buyer shall mutually agree.

"Current Assets" means the following current assets of the Business:

(i) all prepaid expenses (other than inventory) and credits (including prepaid real and personal property Taxes to the extent attributable to any periods or portions thereof beginning on or after the Closing Date, copyright fees, FCC regulatory fees, and Franchise or License fees or charges);

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(ii) petty cash at the business offices located within the Systems

(iii) all customer and advertising accounts receivable related to the Business; provided, however, that:

(A) only 98% of accounts receivable resulting from customer accounts of which more than \$10 is past due more than 30 and up to and including 60 days as of the Closing Date are included as "Current Assets";

(B) only 90% of (1) accounts receivable resulting from customer accounts of which more than \$10 is past due more than 60 and up to and including 90 days as of the Closing Date and (2) accounts receivable resulting from advertising sales of which any portion is past due more than 90 and up to and including 120 days from the date of invoice as of the Closing Date are included as "Current Assets"; and

(C) none of (1) any accounts receivable resulting from customer accounts of which more than \$10 is past due more than 90 days as of the Closing Date or (2) any accounts receivable resulting from advertising sales of which any portion is past due more than 120 days from the date of invoice as of the Closing Date are included as "Current Assets";

For purposes of making "past due" calculations for customer accounts pursuant to this clause (iii), the billing statements of a System will be deemed to be due and payable on the first day of the period during which the service to which such billing statements relates is provided and will be deemed to be past due if any portion of the customer account in excess of the \$10 amounts referred to in this clause (iii) is past due; and

(iv) all deposits relating to the Business and operations of the Systems that are held by third parties as of the Closing Time for the account of the Subsidiaries and that relate to the Systems or as security for any Subsidiary's performance of its obligations, including deposits on leases and deposits for utilities.

"Current Liabilities" means the following current liabilities of the Business:

(i) all advance payments to, or funds of third parties on deposit with, the Subsidiaries as of the Closing Time and relating to the Business, including advance payments and deposits (including any accrued interest on such deposits) by subscribers served by the Business for converters, encoders, decoders, cable television service and related sales and services;

(ii) the economic value of all accrued and unused vacation leave that the Buyer credits to the Transferred Employees in accordance with Section 5.5(f), where economic value is the amount equal to the cash compensation that would be payable to each such employee at his or her level of compensation on the Closing Date for a period equal to such accrued and unused vacation leave;

(iii) the amount, if any, equal to the monetary obligations contemplated by clauses (a), (b) and (d)(i) of the definition of Permitted Encumbrances; and

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(iv) the prorated amount of certain obligations, including Franchise fees, pole rental fees and copyright fees for any period prior to the Closing Date not to be paid by the Seller by the Closing Date.

"Digital Services" means an optional tier of digital video services offered by the Systems to their customers.

"EBUs" (or Equivalent Basic Units) means, as of any date and for each System, the number derived by dividing (a) the total monthly billings for sales of Basic Services by the System during the most recent month ended prior to the date of calculation to commercial bulk billed Active Customers of the System that do not take Expanded Basic Services and other such Active Customer accounts of the System that do not take Expanded Basic Services not billed by individual units, whether on a discounted or undiscounted basis (but excluding billings in excess of a single month's charges for any account), by (b) the standard monthly rate (without discount of any kind) charged by the System to single family households for Basic Services sold by the System then in effect; and adding to such quotient the number derived by dividing (c) the total monthly billings for sales of Basic Services plus Expanded Basic Services by the System during the most recent month ended prior to the date of calculation to commercial bulk billed Active Customers that take Expanded Basic Services and other such Active Customer accounts of the System that take Expanded Basic Services not billed by individual units, whether on a discounted or undiscounted basis (but excluding billings in excess of a single month's charges for any account), by (d) the standard monthly rate (without discount of any kind) charged by the System to single family households for Basic Services plus Expanded Basic Services sold by the System then in effect. For purposes of the foregoing, excluded are that portion of the billings to each bulk billed account representing an installation or other non-recurring charge, a charge for equipment or for any additional outlet, a charge for any tiered service (whether or not included within Pay TV), or a pass-through charge for sales taxes, line-itemized franchise fees and charges and the like.

"<u>Employee Plans</u>" means all "employee benefit plans" within the meaning of Section 3(3) of ERISA, all formal written plans and all other compensation and benefit plans, contracts, policies, programs and arrangements of the Seller or any of its ERISA Affiliates (other than routine administrative procedures) in connection with the Business in effect as of the date hereof, including all pension, profit sharing, savings and thrift, bonus, stock bonus, stock option or other cash or equity-based incentive or deferred compensation, severance pay and medical and life insurance plans in which any of the Business Employees or their dependents participate.

"Encumbrance" means any charge, claim, mortgage, lien, option, pledge, security interest or other restriction of any kind.

"<u>Environmental Laws</u>" mean any Laws of any Governmental Authority in effect as of the date hereof: (i) related to releases or threatened releases to soil, surface water, groundwater, air or any other environmental media of any substance, hazardous material or other substance or compound regulated under Laws relating to such releases, including petroleum or any refined product or fraction or derivative thereof ("<u>Hazardous Substances</u>"); (ii) governing the use, treatment, storage, disposal, transport or handling of Hazardous Substances; or (iii) related to the protection of the environment and human health. Such Environmental Laws shall include the

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Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Toxic Substances Control Act.

"Equity Sponsors" means GS Capital Partners V Fund, L.P., Par Investment Partners, L.P. and OCM Principal Opportunities Fund II, L.P.

"<u>Equipment</u>" means electronic devices, trunk and distribution coaxial and optical fiber cable, amplifiers, drops, power supplies, conduit, vaults and pedestals, grounding and pole hardware, subscriber devices (including converters, encoders, transformers behind television sets and fittings), headend hardware (including origination, earth stations, transmission and distribution systems), test equipment and any other equipment used or held for use in the Business.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder, as in effect from time to time.

"ERISA Affiliates" means, with respect to the Seller, (i) any corporation which at any time on or before the Closing Date is or was a member of the same controlled group of corporations (within the meaning of Section 414(b) of the Code) as the Seller; (ii) any partnership, trade or business (whether or not incorporated) which at any time on or before the Closing Date is or was under common control (within the meaning of Section 414(c) of the Code) with the Seller; (iii) any entity, which at any time on or before the Closing Date is or was a member of the same affiliated service group (within the meaning or Section 414(m) of the Code) as the Seller, any corporation described in clause (i) above or any partnership, trade or business described in clause (ii) above; and (iv) any entity which at any time on or before the Closing Date is or was required to be aggregated with the Seller under Section 414(o) of the Code.

"<u>Escrow Agreement</u>" means an escrow agreement in the form of that attached hereto as Exhibit D, to be executed by the Seller, the Buyer and the Escrow Agent on the date hereof and pursuant to which the Seller, the Buyer and the Escrow Agent shall provide for the management of the Escrow Fund.

"<u>Expanded Basic Services</u>" means an optional tier of video services offered by each System to its customers other than Basic Services, a la carte tiers, premium services, Digital Services, any new product tier, Pay TV, and High Speed Internet Services.

"FCC" means the Federal Communications Commission.

"<u>Final Net Asset Value</u>" means (x) the total Current Assets shown on the Final Working Capital Statement, minus (y) the total Current Liabilities shown on the Final Working Capital Statement.

"Final RGU Purchase Price Adjustment" shall be determined as follows:

(i) if, at the Closing, the Purchase Price was decreased pursuant to Section 2.9(b)(ii), and if the number of RGUs set forth in the Final RGU Statement is greater than the number of RGUs as set forth in the Pre-Closing RGU Statement, then the Final RGU Purchase Price Adjustment (which, for the avoidance of doubt, will increase the Purchase Price) shall be an amount equal to (1) the number of RGUs set forth in the Final RGU Statement less the number of RGUs used in calculating the Pre-Closing RGU Adjustment, multiplied by (2) the Price Per RGU, provided, however, that such amount shall not exceed the amount by which the Purchase Price was reduced pursuant to Section 2.9(b); or

(ii) if, at the Closing, whether or not the Purchase Price was decreased pursuant to Section 2.9(b)(ii), the number of RGUs set forth in the Final RGU Statement is less than the number of RGUs set forth in the Pre-Closing RGU Statement, and is also less than the Lower RGU Limit, then the Final RGU Purchase Price Adjustment (which, for the avoidance of doubt, will decrease the Purchase Price) shall be an amount equal to (1) the Price Per RGU multiplied by (2) the number of RGUs (as set forth in the Final RGU Statement) less the Lower RGU Limit.

"<u>Final RGU Statement</u>" means the RGU statement that sets forth the average of the number of RGUs (including any RGUs related to the Retained Franchises, if any) as of the last day of the month for each of the six months prior to (and including) the Closing Date, prepared, or caused to be prepared, by the Buyer in accordance with Section 2.9(e) hereof and, in the event of a Seller RGU Objection, as adjusted by agreement of the Buyer and the Seller, or by the CPA Firm, acting pursuant to Section 2.9(f).

"Final Working Capital Adjustment Amount" equals (i) the Final Net Asset Value minus (ii) the Pre-Closing Net Asset Value (as amended pursuant to Section 2.9(c)).

"<u>Final Working Capital Statement</u>" means the net working capital statement that sets forth the Current Assets and the Current Liabilities (including the Current Assets and the Current Liabilities related to the Retained Franchises, if any) as of the Closing Time, prepared, or caused to be prepared, by the Buyer in accordance with Section 2.9(d) hereof and, in the event of a Seller's Working Capital Objection, as adjusted by agreement of the Buyer and the Seller, or by the CPA Firm, acting pursuant to Section 2.9(f).

"<u>Franchise</u>" means each franchise (as such term is defined in the Communications Act) granted by a Governmental Authority authorizing the construction, upgrade, maintenance and operation of any part of the Systems.

"<u>Franchise Area</u>" means, with respect to any Franchise, the geographic area in which any Subsidiary is authorized to operate the Systems related to such Franchise.

"FTC" means the Federal Trade Commission.

"GAAP" means United States generally accepted accounting principles as in effect on the date of the Financial Statement to which it relates.

"<u>Governmental Authority</u>" means any United States federal, state or local governmental, regulatory or administrative authority, agency or commission or any judicial or arbitral body.

"High Speed Internet Services" means Internet service provider and backbone connectivity services offered by the Systems to their customers through a cable modem and cable modem termination system.

"HSI Subscribers" means, as of any date and for each System, all Active Customers of High Speed Internet Services of such System.

"HSR Act" means the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended.

"Indentures" means the indentures governing the debt securities issued by Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and its subsidiaries.

"<u>Intellectual Property</u>" means all (i) trade names, trademarks and service marks (registered and unregistered), domain names, trade dress and similar rights and applications to register any of the foregoing; (ii) patents and patent applications and rights in respect of utility models or industrial designs; (iii) copyrights and registrations and applications therefor; and (iv) know-how, inventions, discoveries, methods, and processes (whether or not patentable).

"<u>Knowledge</u>", with respect to the Seller, means the actual (but not constructive or imputed) knowledge of the persons listed on Schedule 1.1(b) of the Disclosure Schedules with respect to the System(s) identified with respect to such persons on such Schedule as of the relevant date, without any implication of verification or investigation concerning such knowledge.

"Law" means any statute, law, ordinance, regulation, rule, code, injunction, judgment, decree or order of any Governmental Authority.

"LFA Approvals" means all consents, approvals or waivers required to be obtained from any Governmental Authority with respect to the transfer or change in control of any Franchise in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

"License" means any license, permit or other authorization (other than a Franchise) issued by any Governmental Authority, including the FCC, used in the operation of the Business, including TV translator station licenses and microwave licenses, cable television relay services and television receive only earth station registrations.

"Lower RGU Limit" means 312,992 RGUs.

"<u>Material Adverse Effect</u>" means any event, change, circumstance, effect or state of facts that (i) is or could reasonably be expected to be materially adverse to the business, financial condition, operations, assets, liabilities or results of operations of the Business, taken as a whole; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that "Material Adverse Effect" under this clause (i) shall not include the effect of any circumstance, change, development, event or state of facts arising out of or

attributable to any of the following, either alone or in combination: (1) matters affecting the multi-channel video programming distribution or High Speed Internet Services industries generally, or competition in or to those industries, (2) general national, regional or international economic or financial conditions or markets that do not affect the Systems disproportionately as compared to other similarly situated participants in the cable industry, (3) changes in technology, (4) the public announcement of this Agreement or of the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or (5) any changes in federal or state Laws that do not affect the Systems disproportionately as compared to other similarly situated participants in the cable industry or (ii) has prevented, materially impaired or materially delayed, or could reasonably be expected to prevent, materially impair or materially delay, the ability of the Seller or any Subsidiary to perform its obligations under this Agreement or the Ancillary Agreements to which it will be a party or to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby.

"Material Real Property" means any parcel of Real Property used as a headend or primary hub site.

"<u>Operating Cash Flow</u>" means (i) revenue less (ii) operating expenses (including programming, ad sales and service, and excluding depreciation and amortization) and selling, general and administrative expenses (including marketing).

"Pay_TV" means for each System, premium programming services selected by and sold to subscribers on an a la carte basis for monthly fees in addition to the fee for Basic Services.

"Permitted Encumbrances" means (a) statutory liens for current Taxes not yet due or delinquent (or which may be paid without interest or penalties) or the validity or amount of which is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, (b) mechanics', carriers', workers', repairers' and other similar liens arising or incurred in the ordinary course of business relating to obligations as to which there is no default on the part of the Seller for a period greater than 60 days, or the validity or amount of which is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, or pledges, deposits or other liens securing the performance of bids, trade contracts, leases or statutory obligations (including workers' compensation, unemployment insurance or other social security legislation), (c) with respect to Real Property, zoning, entitlement, conservation restriction and other land use and environmental regulations by any Governmental Authority that do not materially interfere with the use of the Real Property or any buildings or structures thereon as currently being used, (d) in the case of any Leased Real Property, (i) landlords' liens for sums not yet due or which are being contested in good-faith by appropriate proceedings, (ii) the rights of any lessor and (iii) any Encumbrances granted by any lessor of such Leased Real Property or any such lessor's predecessors in title, (e) any severed mineral or oil and gas estates, or mineral or oil and gas leasehold estates, or rights of a proprietor of a vein or lode to extract or remove his ore, in each instance that do not materially interfere with the use of the Real Property or any buildings or structures thereon as currently being used, (f) those Encumbrances described as "**Permitted Encumbrances**" on Schedule 1.1(c) of the Disclosure Schedules, (g) any Encumbrances created in connection with or pursuant to an Assumed Liability and (h) with respect to Real Property, all exceptions, restrictions, easements, imperfections of title, charges, rights-of-way and other

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and inspection of the property would disclose, and that does not materially interfere with the use of the Transferred Assets as currently being used.

"<u>Person</u>" means an individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, syndicate, person, trust, association, organization or other entity, including any Governmental Authority, and including any successor, by merger or otherwise, of any of the foregoing.

"<u>Pre-Closing Net Asset Value</u>" means (x) the total Current Assets shown on the Pre-Closing Working Capital Statement, minus (y) the total Current Liabilities shown on the Pre-Closing Working Capital Statement (as amended pursuant to Section 2.9(c)).

"Pre-Closing Tax Period" means all Tax periods ending before the Closing Date and the portion of any Straddle Period ending on (and including) the day before the Closing Date.

"Pre-Closing RGU Adjustment" means the decrease, if any, in the Base Purchase Price determined pursuant to Section 2.9(b) hereof.

"<u>Pre-Closing RGU Statement</u>" means the statement that sets forth the average number of RGUs (including the RGUs related to the Retained Franchises, if any) as of the last day of the month for each of the last six full months for which System Reports are available prior to delivery of such statement, prepared or caused to be prepared, and as may be revised, by the Seller in accordance with Section 2.9(b) hereof.

"<u>Pre-Closing Working Capital Statement</u>" means the net working capital statement that sets forth the estimated Current Assets and Current Liabilities (including the Current Assets and Current Liabilities related to the Retained Franchises, if any) as of the Closing Time, prepared, or caused to be prepared, and as may be revised, by the Seller in accordance with Section 2.9(a) hereof.

"Price Per RGU" means \$2,403.89.

"<u>Required Consents</u>" means any authorization, approval or consent of any Governmental Authority or other Person under any License, Franchise, agreement or other instrument that by law or by its terms requires a third party's consent as a condition for the Seller or the Subsidiaries to transfer, assign or engage in a transaction that results in a change of control over, such License, Franchise, agreement or other instrument to the Buyer.

"<u>Retained Franchise Management Agreement</u>" means an agreement, substantially in the form of Exhibit E, whereby the Seller or any Subsidiary shall transfer to the Buyer, to the extent practicable, the benefits and burdens of any Franchise not transferred to the Buyer pursuant to Section 2.1.

"<u>RGUs</u>" means the sum of Basic Subscribers, EBUs and HSI Subscribers.

"Seller Objections" means the Seller Working Capital Objection and/or the Seller RGU Objection.

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"Shares" means all of the issued and outstanding equity of the C-Corporations.

"Straddle Periods" means all Tax periods beginning before and ending on or after the Closing Date.

"Subscribers" means all Basic Subscribers and EBUs.

"<u>System Reports</u>" means the unaudited, internal, monthly reports showing revenues and expenses and individual basic subscribers, digital subscribers, equivalent basic units for bulk and commercial subscribers and high-speed Internet subscribers for the Business.

"<u>Tax</u>" or "<u>Taxes</u>" means, with respect to any Person, any federal, state, local or foreign net income, gross income, gross receipts, sales, use, ad valorem, value-added, capital, unitary, intangible, franchise, profits, license, withholding, payroll, employment, excise, severance, stamp, transfer, occupation, premium, property or windfall profit tax, custom, duty or other tax, governmental fee or other like assessment or charge of any kind whatsoever, together with any interest or penalty, addition to tax or additional amount imposed by any jurisdiction or other taxing authority, on such Person.

"<u>Tax Benefit Adjustment</u>" means the net present value of the tax benefit the Buyer would receive if it were to purchase the assets and assume the liabilities of the C-Corporations, which the parties hereby agree shall be \$10,000,000 for all purposes related to this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby.

"Tax Return" means any return, declaration, report, claim for refund, or information return or statement relating to Taxes, including any schedule or attachment thereto, and including any amendment thereof.

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ARTICLE II

PURCHASE AND SALE

Section 2.1 Purchase and Sale of Transferred Assets. Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement, at the Closing, (i) the Seller shall cause the Subsidiaries (other than the C-Corporations) to, sell, assign, transfer, convey and deliver to the Buyer the Transferred Assets (other than the Shares) free and clear of all Encumbrances other than Permitted Encumbrances, and (ii) the Seller shall cause the C-Corporation Parent Company to sell, assign, transfer, convey and deliver to the Buyer the Buyer, and the Buyer shall purchase, acquire, accept and pay for the Transferred Assets and the Shares and assume the Assumed Liabilities. "Transferred Assets" means (A) the Shares and (B) all of the assets, properties and rights (wherever located), whether tangible or intangible or real or personal, that are located within any of the Franchise Areas that are owned, leased, used or held for use in the operation of the Business or the Systems or, if located elsewhere, that are used or held for use primarily in the operation of the Business or the Systems (other than the Excluded Assets), as they exist on the date hereof, with such changes (with respect to both assets being transferred and condition of those assets) therein as are permitted by this Agreement, including the assets, properties and rights referred to below:

(a) subject to Section 5.26, all contracts and agreements to which the Subsidiaries are a party or by which the Subsidiaries are bound that are used in the Business, including the Material Contracts, other than those contracts that constitute Excluded Assets (the "<u>Contracts</u>");

(b) all real property, leaseholds and other interests in real property owned or leased by the Subsidiaries that are located within any of the Franchise Areas and used or held for use in the operation of the Business or the Systems or, if located elsewhere, that are used or held for use primarily in the operation of the Business or the Systems, together with the Subsidiaries' right, title and interest in, to and under all structures, facilities or improvements currently or as of the Closing Time located thereon, all fixtures, systems, equipment and other items of personal

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property attached or appurtenant thereto and all easements, licenses, rights and appurtenances relating to the foregoing (the "Real Property");

(c) all assets as of the Closing Time that are Current Assets;

(d) all accounts receivable, notes receivable and other receivables due to the Subsidiaries in connection with the Business, together with any unpaid interest or fees accrued thereon or other amounts due with respect thereto;

(e) all machinery, Equipment, advertising insertion equipment, furniture, furnishings, inventory, parts, spare parts, vehicles (including the vehicles listed on Schedule 2.1(e) of the Disclosure Schedules) and other tangible personal property owned by the Subsidiaries located within any of the Franchise Areas and used or held for use in the operation of the Business or the Systems or, if located elsewhere, that are used or held for use primarily in the operation of the Business or the Systems (the **"Tangible Personal Property**");

(f) all Permits used or held for use primarily in the Business (the "<u>Business Permits</u>");

(g) all books of account, general, financial and accounting records, files (including the originals of the Contracts and the Permits, where available), invoices, customers and suppliers lists, other distribution lists, billing records, engineering records, drawings, blueprints, schematics, copyright, FCC and other regulatory records, manuals and customer and supplier correspondence owned by the Seller and the Subsidiaries, but only to the extent relating primarily to the Business and corporate records of the C-Corporations (including the minute books and stock books thereof) (the **"Books and Records"**); provided, however, that the Books and Records shall not include personnel records relating to the Business Employees;

(h) all rights to causes of action, lawsuits, judgments, claims and demands of any nature in favor of the Subsidiaries to the extent relating to the Business, the Transferred Assets or the Assumed Liabilities;

(i) all guarantees, warranties, indemnities and similar rights in favor of the Subsidiaries to the extent transferable and related to the Transferred Assets;

(j) petty cash at the business offices located within the Systems;

(k) all Internet protocol addresses that have been assigned to all elements included in the Transferred Assets, including Internet protocol addresses that have been assigned to (i) end-users, (ii) network elements, (iii) local area network and billing elements, (iv) telephony elements, (v) data and video transport elements, (vi) digital controllers, (vii) digital customer premises equipment and (viii) switches and routers (**"IP Addresses"**); and

(l) all software described on Schedule 2.1(l) of the Disclosure Schedules.

Section 2.2 <u>Excluded Assets</u>. Notwithstanding anything contained in Section 2.1 to the contrary, the Seller and the Subsidiaries are not selling, and the Buyer is not purchasing, any of the following assets of the Seller, the Subsidiaries or their Affiliates, all of which shall be

retained by the Seller, the Subsidiaries or their Affiliates, respectively (collectively, the "Excluded Assets"):

(a) any real property or tangible personal property located outside any of the Franchise Areas that are not used or held for use primarily in the operation of the Business or the Systems;

(b) programming contracts (including music programming contracts and retransmission consent agreements) and cable guide contracts;

(c) all billing contracts and related equipment that is not owned by the Seller, the Subsidiaries or their Affiliates;

(d) the Permits set forth on Schedule 2.2(d) of the Disclosure Schedules and all Permits that are not transferable and are not material to the Business taken as a whole;

(e) all state and federal telecommunications Licenses and authorities for non-cable services (except any such Licenses that are held by the C-Corporations);

(f) contracts (including those for management and consulting services) with any Affiliates of the Subsidiaries;

(g) intercompany receivables owing to the Subsidiaries by any of their Affiliates;

(h) any of the Subsidiaries' cash and cash equivalents (other than the petty cash included in the Transferred Assets);

(i) other than such books, records and papers of the C-Corporations, the Subsidiaries' corporate books and records of internal corporate proceedings, tax records, work papers, personnel records relating to the Business Employees and books and records that the Subsidiaries are required by Law to retain, provided that the Seller agrees to make copies of such books and records available, to the extent permitted by Law, to the Buyer in accordance with Section 5.2 of this Agreement;

(j) any Intellectual Property, other than the IP Addresses and other than as set forth on Schedule 2.1(l) of the Disclosure Schedules;

(k) all of the Subsidiaries' bank accounts (other than the C-Corporations);

(l) all accounting records of the Subsidiaries (other than the C-Corporations) (including records relating to Taxes, but excluding records relating to subscribers) and internal reports relating to the business activities of the Subsidiaries that are not Transferred Assets;

(m) any interest in or right to any refund of Taxes relating to the Business, the Transferred Assets or the Assumed Liabilities for, or applicable to, any taxable period (or portion thereof) ending on or prior to the Closing Time, other than to the extent such Taxes were included in Assumed Liabilities; provided, however, that the portion of any such interest or right

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equal to the amount necessary to satisfy any actual Tax liability resulting from the receipt of such refunds shall be Transferred Assets and shall not be Excluded Assets;

- (n) any insurance policies and rights, claims or causes of action thereunder;
- (o) except as specifically provided in Section 5.5, any assets relating to any Employee Plan;
- (p) all rights, claims and causes of action relating to any Excluded Asset or any Excluded Liability;

(q) all contracts to which any Subsidiary and/or one or more Affiliates of the Seller are parties that relate to any System as well as one or more cable systems of CCI and its subsidiaries that are not included in the Systems, including (i) master contracts for retransmission consent, advertising sales, tower leases, master multiple dwelling units and (ii) the other master contracts listed on Schedule 2.2(r) of the Disclosure Schedules, which for all contracts under this Section 2.2(q) includes such contracts that would, but for the fact that they relate to one or more cable systems of CCI and its subsidiaries that are not included in the Systems, be required to be disclosed on Schedule 3.15 of the Disclosure Schedules (but not including any subordinate tower lease or multiple dwelling unit contracts that incorporate the terms of such master contracts by reference), other than those listed on Schedule 3.15 of the Disclosure Schedules;

- (r) the assets listed in Schedule 2.2(r) of the Disclosure Schedules;
- (s) all rights of the Seller and the Subsidiaries under this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements; and

(t) all capital leases and vehicle leases, provided that at the Closing, the Seller shall cause any such vehicle or other equipment to be transferred as provided in Section 5.18.

Section 2.3 <u>Assumed Liabilities</u>. In connection with the purchase and sale of the Transferred Assets pursuant to this Agreement, at the Closing, the Buyer shall assume and agrees to pay, discharge, perform or otherwise satisfy the following liabilities and obligations of the Subsidiaries relating to the Business (the "<u>Assumed Liabilities</u>"):

(a) all liabilities as of the Closing Time that are reflected in the amount of Current Liabilities determined in accordance with Section 2.9;

(b) all liabilities accruing or otherwise arising out of the conduct or operation of the Business or the ownership or use of the Transferred Assets from and after the Closing Time;

(c) any Taxes to be paid by the Buyer pursuant to this Agreement;

(d) all obligations and liabilities of the Subsidiaries under the Contracts and the Business Permits in respect of periods following the Closing Time;

(e) any liability arising pursuant to Section 5.17, related to telecommunications certificates obtained by the Buyer or the failure of the Buyer to obtain the same; and

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(f) all liabilities expressly assumed by the Buyer pursuant to Section 5.5.

Section 2.4 <u>Excluded Liabilities</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the Buyer is not assuming, and the Seller or the Subsidiaries (other than the C-Corporations) shall pay, perform or otherwise satisfy, every liability or obligation of the Seller and its Affiliates (including the C-Corporations) other than Assumed Liabilities, including the following liabilities and obligations (the "<u>Excluded Liabilities</u>"):

(a) all Taxes (i) now or hereafter owed by the Seller or any of its Affiliates including Taxes of any C-Corporation for a Pre-Closing Tax Period (including all Taxes allocable to the Seller pursuant to this Agreement) and (ii) arising from or with respect to the Transferred Assets or the operation of the Business that are incurred in or attributable to any period, or any portion of any period, ending on or prior to the Closing Time (except as otherwise provided in this Agreement);

(b) any liability not assumed by the Buyer pursuant to Section 5.5 arising in respect of or relating to the Business Employees or any Employee Plan;

(c) any liability or obligation accruing under the Contracts or otherwise arising out of the conduct or operation of the Business or ownership or use of the Transferred Assets prior to the Closing Time (including all liabilities related to all litigation scheduled on Schedule 3.8 of the Disclosure Schedules) unless and to the extent assumed by the Buyer under Section 2.3;

(d) any indebtedness of the Seller or the Subsidiaries for borrowed money or guarantees thereof outstanding as of the Closing Time, other than Current Liabilities included in the Assumed Liabilities; and

(e) any liability or obligation relating to an Excluded Asset.

Section 2.5 Consents to Certain Assignments.

(a) The Buyer agrees that, other than with respect to the breach of any obligation hereunder, neither the Seller nor the Subsidiaries shall have any liability to the Buyer arising out of or relating to the failure to obtain any consent, including as set forth in Section 2.5(b), that may be required in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the Ancillary Agreements or because of any circumstances resulting therefrom.

(b) If the LFA Approval with respect to any Franchise is not obtained prior to Closing, then such Franchise (each, a "<u>Retained Franchise</u>") and any assets required to be held by the franchisee pursuant to such Franchise (the "<u>Retained Assets</u>"), shall not be transferred to the Buyer at Closing, and the Seller and the Buyer shall execute a Retained Franchise Management Agreement with respect to each Retained Franchise. At the Closing, if LFA Approvals representing at least 65% of the individually-billed subscribers of the Systems owned by any C-Corporation are obtained, the Seller shall transfer the Shares related to such C-Corporation to the Buyer. If LFA Approvals representing at least 65% of the individually-billed subscribers of the Systems owned by any C-Corporation have not been obtained at the Closing, (1) the Shares relating to such C-Corporation (the "<u>Retained Shares</u>") will not be transferred at the Closing and will be retained by the Seller until the earlier of 10 days after LFA Approvals

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representing at least 65% of individually-billed subscribers of the Systems owned by such C-Corporation are received, six months following the Closing or the termination of the respective Retained Franchise Management Agreement and (2) the Franchises owned by such C-Corporation will be treated as "Retained Franchises". Each Retained Franchise Management Agreement shall provide that the Buyer shall manage such Retained Franchise on behalf of the appropriate Subsidiary, subject to the following: (A) the Buyer shall bear all expenses relating to the Retained Franchise and the operation thereof after the Closing and shall receive the cash flow from the Systems served under the Retained Franchise as its management fee and (B) such management shall continue with respect to such Retained Franchise until such time as such Retained Franchise is assigned and transferred (or in the case of the Retained Shares, until such time that such shares are transferred) to the Buyer in accordance with this Agreement is revoked or the Retained Franchise Management Agreement is terminated pursuant to its terms. The Seller shall cause the Subsidiaries to transfer, at no additional cost to the Buyer, each Retained Franchise and the related Retained Assets to the Buyer within 10 days after the LFA Approval for such transfer is received, or six months following the Closing or the termination of the respective Retained Franchise Management Agreement, whichever is sooner (except with respect to those Retained Franchises held by a C-Corporation which will be transferred with any Retained Shares). In the event the Retained Franchise is revoked or the Retained Franchise Management Agreement is terminated pursuant to its terms, the Seller shall cause the appropriate Subsidiary promptly thereafter to assign to the Buyer any right such Subsidiary may have with respect thereto and transfer the related Retained Assets to the Buyer. In the event that the Buyer is legally prohibited from managing any Retained Franchise, the Buyer and the Seller shall negotiate in good faith to resolve the management thereof to preserve the purpose and intent of this Section 2.5(b). Except as the parties shall agree as set forth in Section 2.5(c), the Base Purchase Price shall not be reduced in respect of any Franchise or Shares not transferred at the Closing, and any adjustments to the Base Purchase Price pursuant to this Agreement shall be made as of the Closing Time as if the Retained Franchises, Retained Assets and the Retained Shares were transferred at the Closing. In addition, the Buyer shall become liable for the Assumed Liabilities with respect to the Retained Franchises, Retained Assets and Retained Shares as of the Closing Time, and all representations and warranties (except as to those Required Consents that have not been obtained) made in connection with the Retained Franchises, Retained Assets and Retained Shares shall (I) be made as of the Closing Date rather than any subsequent transfer date and (II) survive as if such transfers occurred on the Closing Date. The Buyer and the Seller shall cooperate with respect to, and shall equally share the expenses of defending any legal challenges alleging the premature, unlawful or invalid transfer of any of the Franchises, including reasonable attorneys' fees and consultants' fees as well as the actual amount of any judgments obtained by a Governmental Authority resulting from (i) the transfer of any such Franchise without proper consent, or (ii) any action taken by the Buyer as manager and any amounts paid to reinstate any such Franchise revoked. If a Retained Franchise is revoked for any reason, there shall be no compensation or other remuneration paid by any party to another party as a result of such revocation. Solely for purposes of determining the applicable percentage of individually-billed subscribers under this Section 2.5(b), Section 6.2(c) and Section 6.3(c), the parties shall use the number of subscribers in the Systems set forth on Schedule 6.3(c) of the Disclosure Schedules.

(c) If any Governmental Authority exercises its right of first refusal under any Franchise and the applicable Subsidiary is thereby required to transfer any of the Transferred

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Assets to such Governmental Authority or its designee, then the parties shall negotiate in good faith to resolve the treatment of such Franchise (and corresponding subscribers) and equitably adjust the Purchase Price and other terms of the Agreement in a manner that preserves the purpose and intent of this Agreement as if such Franchise was never a part of this transaction.

Section 2.6 <u>Consideration</u>. In full consideration for the sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance and delivery (including pursuant to Section 2.5(b)) of the Transferred Assets to the Buyer, at the Closing, the Buyer shall (a) pay to or as directed by the Seller, by wire transfer to a bank account or accounts designated in writing by the Seller to the Buyer at least two Business Days prior to the Closing Date, an amount equal to \$770,000,000 (the "Base Purchase Price", and as adjusted in accordance with this Agreement, the "Purchase Price"), less (i) the Tax Benefit Adjustment and (ii) the Escrow Fund, in immediately available funds in United States dollars and (b) assume the Assumed Liabilities. The Purchase Price shall be subject to adjustment as provided in Section 2.9.

Section 2.7 Purchase Price Deposit. Within 5 days after the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Buyer shall deposit a portion of the Purchase Price in the amount of \$11,550,000 (together with any additional amount paid pursuant to Section 2.7(iv) below, if any, the "Deposit") in immediately available funds in United States dollars in escrow with the St Louis, Missouri branch of US Bank, N.A. (the "Escrow Agent"), to be held by the Escrow Agent in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Escrow Agreement (the Deposit, together with any interest earned thereon, is referred to herein as the "Escrow Fund"). By the close of business on May 15, 2006, (i) the Cox Assets shall have been acquired by the Buyer, (ii) the Cox Assets shall have been acquired by an entity under common control with the Buyer (or a permitted assignee of the Buyer) and the equity financing for the acquisition of the Cox Assets shall have been contributed by a parent company of such Person, (iii) either (A) the Seller shall have failed to furnish to the Buyer the Audited Financial Statements in the form required by Section 5.22(a) on or before April 3, 2006 (or such other date as the parties shall reasonably agree that does not impact the Buyer's financing of the acquisition of the Cox Assets or the financing contemplated by the Financing Commitments) or (B) the Seller shall have failed to comply, in all material respects, with Section 5.24(b) or (iv) the Buyer shall have deposited an additional \$11,550,000 in the Escrow Fund (each a "Liquidity Transaction"). At the Closing, the Escrow Agent shall disburse the amounts held in the Escrow Fund to the Seller. In the event that this Agreement is terminated prior to the Closing, the Escrow Agent shall disburse the Escrow Fund in accordance with Section 8.3.

Section 2.8 Closing.

(a) The sale and purchase of the Transferred Assets and the assumption of the Assumed Liabilities contemplated by this Agreement shall take place at a closing (the "Closing") to be held at the offices of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, 200 Park Avenue, New York, NY, at 10:00 A.M. New York City time, on the third Business Day after all conditions to the obligations of the parties set forth in Article VI (other than such conditions as may, by their terms, be satisfied only at the Closing or on the Closing Date), have been satisfied or to the extent permitted by applicable Law, waived (or at such other place, date, or time as may be (b) agreed by the parties). The day on which the Closing takes place is referred to herein as the "Closing Date".

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(b) At the Closing, the Seller shall cause to be delivered to the Buyer the following documents:

(i) duly executed copies of each of the Ancillary Agreements;

(ii) a duly executed certificate of the secretary of the Seller and each of the Subsidiaries as to (x) incumbency and specimen signatures of officers of the Seller and/or such of the Subsidiaries executing this Agreement and/or the Ancillary Agreements and (y) the resolutions of the appropriate governing body of each such entity authorizing the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and/or the Ancillary Agreements;

(iii) a duly executed certificate of an officer of the Seller pursuant to Section 6.3(a);

(iv) the originals or, if not readily available, copies of all Required Consents received on or before the Closing;

(v) all Books and Records (which, other than the corporate records of the C-Corporations, the parties agree are deemed delivered to the extent they exist at the Systems);

(vi) duly endorsed stock certificates representing the Shares;

(vii) evidence of the release of the liens set forth on Schedule 3.4 of the Disclosure Schedules together with any other liens of record on the Closing Date (other than Permitted Encumbrances); and

(viii) the resignations of the directors and officers of the C-Corporations.

(c) At the Closing, the Buyer shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the Seller the following documents:

(i) duly executed copies of each of the Ancillary Agreements;

(ii) a duly executed certificate of the secretary of the Buyer as to (x) incumbency and specimen signatures of officers of the Buyer executing this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements and (y) the resolutions of the appropriate governing body of the Buyer authorizing the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements; and

(iii) a duly executed certificate of an officer of the Buyer pursuant to Section 6.2(a).

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Section 2.9 Adjustment of Purchase Price.

(a) <u>Closing Date Working Capital Adjustment</u>.

(i) Not later than 15 days prior to the Closing, the Seller shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, and deliver, together with reasonable supporting documentation, to the Buyer the Pre-Closing Working Capital Statement, which shall set forth the Seller's good-faith estimate of the Current Assets, the Current Liabilities and the Pre-Closing Net Asset Value of the Business as of the Closing Time. The Current Assets and the Current Liabilities reflected in the Pre-Closing Working Capital Statement shall be prepared in a manner consistent with the Seller's accounting methods, policies, practices and procedures used in the preparation of the Balance Sheet. Not less than seven days prior to the Closing, the Buyer's objections, the Seller with any good-faith objections to the Pre-Closing Working Capital Statement in writing. After considering the Buyer's objections, the Seller, in good faith, shall make such revisions with which it agrees to the Pre-Closing Working Capital Statement not less than three days prior to the Closing, and the Pre-Closing Net Asset Value shall be based upon the amount set forth in the Seller's revised Pre-Closing Working Capital Statement. Any disagreements that may continue to exist with respect to the Pre-Closing Working Capital Statement shall be resolved in connection with the Final Working Capital Statement pursuant to Sections 2.9(d) and (f).

(ii) At the Closing, the Base Purchase Price shall be: (A) increased by the amount the Pre-Closing Net Asset Value (as amended pursuant to Section 2.9(c)) is greater than \$0.00 or (B) decreased by the amount the Pre-Closing Net Asset Value (as amended pursuant to Section 2.9(c)) is less than \$0.00.

(b) <u>Closing Date RGU Adjustment</u>.

(i) Not later than 15 days prior to the Closing, the Seller shall in good-faith prepare, or cause to be prepared, and deliver to the Buyer the Pre-Closing RGU Statement, together with reasonable supporting documentation. The Pre-Closing RGU Statement shall be prepared in a manner consistent with the Seller's accounting methods, policies, practices and procedures used in the preparation of the System Reports (as adjusted to conform with the definition of "RGU" as set forth in this Agreement). Not less than seven days prior to the Closing, the Buyer shall provide the Seller with any good faith objections to the Pre-Closing RGU Statement in writing. After considering the Buyer's objections, the Seller, in good faith, shall make such revisions with which it agrees to the Pre-Closing RGU Statement and shall deliver a revised Pre-Closing RGU Statement not less than three days prior to the Closing. The RGU adjustment referred to in clause 2.9(b)(ii) shall be based upon the number of RGUs set forth in the revised Pre-Closing RGU Statement. Any disagreements that may continue to exist with respect to the Pre-Closing RGU Statement will be resolved in connection with the Final RGU Statement pursuant to Sections 2.9(e) and (f).

(ii) At the Closing, the Base Purchase Price shall be decreased, if the number of RGUs (as set forth in the Pre-Closing RGU Statement) is less than the Lower RGU Limit, by an amount equal to: (1) the Price Per RGU multiplied by (2) the Lower RGU

Limit less the number of RGUs (as set forth in the Pre-Closing RGU Statement); <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that adjustments made pursuant to this Section 2.9(b)(ii) shall not reduce the Purchase Price paid at the Closing by more than 10% of the Base Purchase Price.

(c) <u>Closing Date Adjustment for Buyer's Objections</u>. If, after the Seller considers the Buyer's objections with respect thereto, the aggregate amount of disagreements with respect to the Pre-Closing Working Capital Statement and Pre-Closing RGU Statement exceed \$3,000,000, then at the Closing, the Pre-Closing Net Asset Value shall be decreased by the amount of such excess over \$3,000,000 and the amounts in dispute will be resolved pursuant to Section 2.9(f).

(d) <u>Final Working Capital Adjustment</u>.

(i) Not more than 120 days following the Closing, the Buyer shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, and deliver to the Seller the Final Working Capital Statement, which shall set forth the Current Assets and the Current Liabilities of the Business as of the Closing Time. The Current Assets and the Current Liabilities reflected in the Final Working Capital Statement shall be prepared in a manner consistent with the Seller's accounting methods, policies, practices and procedures used in the preparation of the Balance Sheet. The Buyer shall derive the Final Net Asset Value from the Final Working Capital Statement, and shall deliver such calculation and the Final Working Capital Statement to the Seller.

(ii) The Seller shall complete its review of the Final Working Capital Statement and the Buyer's calculation of the Final Net Asset Value within 30 days after delivery thereof. In the event that the Seller determines that the Final Working Capital Statement has not been prepared on the basis set forth in Section 2.9(d)(i), the Seller may, on or before the last day of such 30-day period, so inform the Buyer in writing (the "Seller Working Capital Objection"), setting forth a specific description of the basis for the Seller's determination and the adjustments to the Final Working Capital Objection is received by the Buyer on or before the last day of such 30-day period, then the Final Net Asset Value, as set forth on the Final Working Capital Statement delivered by the Buyer, shall be final. The Buyer shall have 30 days from its receipt of the Seller Working Capital Objection to review and respond to the Seller Working Capital Objection.

(e) <u>Final RGU Adjustment</u>.

(i) Not more than 120 days following the Closing, the Buyer shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, and deliver to the Seller the Final RGU Statement. The Final RGU Statement shall be prepared in a manner consistent with the Seller's accounting methods, policies, practices and procedures used in the preparation of the System Reports (as adjusted to conform with the definition of "RGU" as set forth in this Agreement).

(ii) The Seller shall complete its review of the Final RGU Statement within 30 days after delivery thereof. In the event that the Seller determines that the Final RGU

Statement has not been prepared on the basis set forth in Section 2.9(e)(i), the Seller may, on or before the last day of such 30-day period, so inform the Buyer in writing (the "Seller RGU Objection") setting forth a specific description of the basis for the Seller's determination and the adjustments to the Final RGU Statement and the corresponding adjustments to the Final RGU Purchase Price Adjustment that the Seller believes should be made. If no Seller RGU Objection is received by the Buyer on or before the last day of such 30-day period, then the Final RGU Purchase Price Adjustment, as set forth on the Final RGU Statement delivered by the Buyer, shall be final. The Buyer shall have 30 days from the receipt of the Seller RGU Objection to review and respond to the Seller RGU Objection.

(f) Resolution of the Seller Objections. If the Seller and the Buyer are unable to resolve all of their disagreements with respect to the proposed adjustments set forth in the Seller Objections within 15 days following the completion of the Buyer's review of the Seller Objections, they shall refer any remaining disagreements with respect to the Seller Objections to the CPA Firm that, acting as experts and not as arbitrators, shall determine, on the basis set forth in and in accordance with Sections 2.9(d) and 2.9(e), and only with respect to the remaining differences so submitted, whether and to what extent, if any, the (i) Final Working Capital Statement or (ii) Final RGU Statement, as the case may be, require adjustment. The Buyer and the Seller shall instruct the CPA Firm to deliver its written determination to the Seller and the Buyer no later than 90 days after the remaining differences underlying the Seller Objections are referred to the CPA Firm. The CPA Firm's determination shall be conclusive and binding upon the Seller, the Buyer and their respective Affiliates and may not be challenged or appealed in any tribunal by any party. The Buyer and the Seller shall make readily available to the CPA Firm all relevant books and records and any work papers (including those of the parties' respective accountants, to the extent permitted by such accountants) relating to the Final Working Capital Statement, the Final RGU Statement and the Seller Objections and all other items reasonably requested by the CPA Firm in connection therewith. If either party fails to reasonably cooperate with the CPA Firm or provide supporting information requested by the CPA Firm within 30 days after such request, then such party shall be in breach of this Agreement, which may be remedied in accordance with Section 9.13(b) relating to enforcement. The fees and disbursements of the CPA Firm shall be borne by the Seller and the Buyer in proportion to the CPA Firm's determination, as determined by the CPA Firm in accordance with this Section 2.9(f), provided, however, that if either party seeks to enforce this provision in accordance with Section 9.13, and such relief is granted, then the other party will bear all additional fees and costs in connection with such enforcement, including all court costs and attorney's fees.

(g) <u>Access to Information</u>. Each party shall provide to the other full access to the books and records of the Business and to any other information, including work papers of its accountants (to the extent permitted by such accountants), and to any employees during regular business hours and on reasonable advance notice, to the extent necessary for the preparation of or response to the Final Working Capital Statement and the Final RGU Statement or any objections thereto, and to prepare materials for presentation to the CPA Firm in connection with Section 2.9(f).

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(h) Final Purchase Price Adjustment.

(i) Following the Closing, the Purchase Price shall be adjusted by the Final Purchase Price Adjustment Amount. The "<u>Final</u> <u>Purchase Price Adjustment Amount</u>" shall be equal to the amount determined by netting the Final Working Capital Adjustment Amount and the Final RGU Purchase Price Adjustment, if any, as payable to the Seller or the Buyer, as the case may be.

(ii) If the Final Purchase Price Adjustment Amount is positive, the Buyer shall promptly (and in any event within five Business Days) after the final determination thereof pay to the Seller the Final Purchase Price Adjustment Amount, plus interest from the Closing Date to, but not including, the date of payment at LIBOR calculated on a 365-day basis, in U.S. Dollars by wire transfer of immediately available funds to an account or accounts designated by the Seller.

(iii) If the Final Purchase Price Adjustment Amount is negative, the Seller shall promptly (and in any event within five Business Days) after the final determination thereof pay to the Buyer the Final Purchase Price Adjustment Amount, plus interest from the Closing Date to, but not including, the date of payment at LIBOR calculated on a 365-day basis, in U.S. Dollars by wire transfer of immediately available funds to an account or accounts designated by the Buyer.

Section 2.10 Allocation of Purchase Price. The Buyer and the Seller agree that the Purchase Price and the amount of Assumed Liabilities that are liabilities for income tax purposes shall be allocated for federal income tax purposes among the Transferred Assets as shall be determined by the parties in accordance with this Agreement (the "Allocation Schedule"). The Allocation Schedule shall be prepared in accordance with Section 1060 of the Code. The Buver shall deliver a draft of the Allocation Schedule at least 30 days prior to the Closing Date for approval and consent, and the Buver and the Seller shall use their commercially reasonable efforts to agree upon the Allocation Schedule prior to the Closing Date. Neither the Buyer nor the Seller shall unreasonably withhold its approval and consent with respect to the Allocation Schedule. The Buyer and the Seller agree that the Allocation Schedule shall be amended to reflect adjustments to the Base Purchase Price made pursuant to this Agreement. If the parties are unable to agree on the final Allocation Schedule within 90 days after the Closing Date, a third-party appraiser selected by the Buyer, and reasonably acceptable to the Seller, the fees of which shall be borne equally by the Buyer and the Seller, shall resolve the allocation of the consideration to any items with respect to which there is a dispute between the parties. Unless otherwise required by applicable Law, the Buyer and the Seller agree to act, and cause their respective Affiliates to act, in accordance with the computations and allocations contained in the Allocation Schedule in any relevant Tax Returns or similar filings (including any forms or reports required to be filed pursuant to Section 1060 of the Code (the "1060 Forms")), to cooperate in the preparation of any 1060 Forms, to file such 1060 Forms in the manner required by applicable Law, to update such 1060 Forms in accordance with the method used in making the allocation to the extent necessary to reflect purchase price adjustments and to not take any position inconsistent with such Allocation Schedule upon examination of any Tax Returns, in any litigation or otherwise. For the purposes of this Section 2.10, the covenant contained in Section 5.21 shall be included in the Transferred Assets.

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ARTCILE III

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE SELLER

Except as set forth in the Disclosure Schedules attached hereto (collectively, the "Disclosure Schedules"), the Seller hereby represents and warrants to the Buyer that the statements contained in this Article III are true, correct and complete as of the date of this Agreement and will be true, correct and complete as of the Closing Date, except in each case to the extent that such statements are expressly made only as of a specified date, in which case the Seller represents and warrants that such statements are true, correct and complete as of such specified date.

Section 3.1 Organization and Qualification. The Seller and each Subsidiary is an entity validly existing and in good standing in the state set forth opposite its name on Schedule 3.1 of the Disclosure Schedules and has all necessary corporate, limited liability company or partnership power and authority, as the case may be, to own, lease and operate the Transferred Assets and to carry on the Business as it is now being conducted. Each Subsidiary is a direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Seller. Each Subsidiary is duly qualified or licensed as a foreign corporation to do business, and in good standing, in each jurisdiction set forth opposite its name on Schedule 3.1 of the Disclosure Schedules.

Section 3.2 <u>Authority</u>. The Seller and each Subsidiary has full corporate, limited liability company or partnership power and authority, as the case may be, to execute and deliver this Agreement and each of the Ancillary Agreements to which they will be a party, to perform their obligations hereunder and thereunder and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby. The execution and delivery by the Seller of this Agreement and by the Seller and each Subsidiary of each of the Ancillary Agreements to which they will be a party and the consummation by the Seller and the Subsidiaries of the transactions contemplated hereby have been duly and validly authorized by all necessary corporate, limited liability company or partnership action, as the case may be. This Agreement has been, and upon their execution each of the Ancillary Agreements to which the Seller and the Subsidiaries will be a party will have been, duly executed and delivered by the Seller and the Subsidiaries, as the case may be. This Agreements to which the Seller and the Subsidiaries will be a party will constitute, the legal, valid and binding obligations of the Seller and the Subsidiaries, as the case may be, enforceable against the Seller and the Subsidiaries in accordance with their respective terms, except as enforcement may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

Section 3.3 <u>No Conflict; Required Filings and Consents</u>.

(a) Except for the Required Consents set forth on Schedule 3.3 of the Disclosure Schedules, and all consents required for the transfer of agreements related to multiple dwelling units which serve 200 or less units or commercial establishments, the execution, delivery and performance by the Seller of this Agreement, and by the Seller and the Subsidiaries of each of

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the Ancillary Agreements to which the Seller and the Subsidiaries will be a party, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, do not and will not:

(i) conflict with or violate the organizational documents (such as the certificates of formation or limited liability company agreements) of the Seller or any Subsidiary;

(ii) conflict with or violate any Law applicable to the Seller or the Subsidiaries, the Business or any of the Transferred Assets or by which the Seller or the Subsidiaries, the Business or any of the Transferred Assets may be bound or affected;

(iii) conflict with, result in any breach of, constitute a default (or an event that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would become a default) under, require any consent of or notice to or any filing with, any Person pursuant to, or give to others any rights to modify, amend, terminate, accelerate or cancel, any (A) Material Contract or Permit, (B) leases for Material Real Property or (C) retransmission consent, or otherwise to materially impair the ability of the Buyer to own and operate the Systems after the Closing in the manner operated by the Subsidiaries prior to the Closing;

- (iv) give rise to any right to acquire any of the Systems or Transferred Assets pursuant to any right of first refusal or similar right; or
- (v) result in the creation upon any of the Transferred Assets of any Encumbrance (other than a Permitted Encumbrance);

except, in the case of clause (ii), for any such conflicts or violations that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or that arise as a result of any facts or circumstances relating to the Buyer or any of its Affiliates.

(b) Neither the Seller nor the Subsidiaries are required to file, seek or obtain any notice, authorization, approval, order, permit or consent of or with any Governmental Authority in connection with the execution, delivery and performance by the Seller of this Agreement and by the Seller and the Subsidiaries of each of the Ancillary Agreements to which the Seller and the Subsidiaries will be a party or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or in order to prevent the termination of any right, privilege, license or qualification of the Business, except (i) for any filings required to be made under the HSR Act, or (ii) for any Required Consents set forth on Schedule 3.3 of the Disclosure Schedules.

Section 3.4 <u>Transferred Assets</u>. Upon consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and receipt of all necessary consents, the Subsidiaries will have, directly or indirectly, assigned, transferred and conveyed to the Buyer, title to all of the Transferred Assets, free and clear of all Encumbrances except Permitted Encumbrances. Schedule 3.4 of the Disclosure Schedules sets forth those Encumbrances, other than the Permitted Encumbrances, that exist as of the date hereof, which Encumbrances will be terminated, released or waived, as appropriate, at or prior to the Closing Date. Except as described on Schedule 3.4 of the Disclosure Schedules, the Transferred Assets and the Excluded Assets comprise all the assets, properties or rights used or held for use by the Seller or the Subsidiaries or any Affiliate thereof in the operation of the Business or the Systems.

Section 3.5 <u>Financial Statements</u>. True and complete copies of the unaudited consolidated balance sheet of the Business as of December 31, 2004 and 2005, (the balance sheet as of December 31, 2005 is referred to herein as the "<u>Balance Sheet</u>") and the related unaudited consolidated statements of results of operations and cash flows of the Business for the three years ended December 31, 2005, (collectively referred to as the "<u>Financial Statements</u>") and the System Reports as of the end of each month from January 1, 2004, through December 31, 2005, are attached hereto as Schedule 3.5 of the Disclosure Schedules. The Financial Statements (i) have been prepared based on the books and records of the Seller and the Subsidiaries pertaining to the Business (except as may be indicated in any notes thereto) and (iii) fairly present, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Business as at the date thereof and for the respective periods indicated therein, except as otherwise noted therein. The System Reports have been and will be prepared in a manner consistent with the Seller's accounting methods, policies, practices and procedures used in the preparation of the Financial Statements. Since December 31, 2005, the Seller and the Subsidiaries have not changed, in any material manner, any accounting methods, policies, practices or procedures, unless required by GAAP, and no change has materially impacted the calculation of Operating Cash Flow.

Section 3.6 <u>Absence of Certain Changes or Events</u>. Except as disclosed in Schedule 3.6 of the Disclosure Schedules, as of the date of this Agreement and since the date of the Balance Sheet, the Seller and the Subsidiaries have conducted the Business, in all material respects, in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice and there has not occurred any Material Adverse Effect.

Section 3.7 <u>Compliance with Law</u>.

(a) The Seller and the Subsidiaries have complied in all material respects with all Laws applicable to them in connection with the conduct or operation of the Business and the ownership or use of the Transferred Assets. Except as disclosed in Schedule 3.7(a) of the Disclosure Schedules, neither the Seller nor any Subsidiary has, since January 1, 2004, received any notice of any claims of any Governmental Authority with respect to the failure to comply in any material respect with any such Laws.

(b) Schedule 3.7(b) of the Disclosure Schedules sets forth a list of all Franchises and Licenses related to the Business, all of which are held by the Subsidiaries. Except as set forth in Schedule 3.7(b) of the Disclosure Schedules, all permits, Licenses, Franchises, approvals, certificates, consents, waivers, concessions, exemptions, orders, registrations, notices or other authorizations of any Governmental Authority necessary for the Subsidiaries to operate the Business (the **"Permits"**) are held by the Seller and the Subsidiaries and are in full force and effect and constitute the valid, legal, binding and enforceable obligation of each Subsidiary that is a party thereto, except where the failure to have, or the suspension or cancellation of, any of the Permits would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The Subsidiaries are in compliance in all material respects with the Permits and no suspension or cancellation of any of the Permits is pending or, to the Knowledge

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of the Seller, threatened. True and correct copies of each Permit listed on Schedule 3.7(b) of the Disclosure Schedules have been delivered to or made available to the Buyer.

(c) Except as set forth in Schedule 3.7(c) of the Disclosure Schedules, a written request for renewal has been timely filed pursuant to Section 626(a) of the Cable Act with the proper Governmental Authority with respect to any Franchise expiring within 30 months after the date of this Agreement. Schedule 3.7(c) also lists (i) any Franchise Areas in which the Subsidiaries maintain material operations within the public right-of-way without a written Franchise and (ii) any areas in which the Subsidiaries maintain material operations within the public right-of-way without a Franchise.

Section 3.8 <u>Litigation</u>. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.8 of the Disclosure Schedules and except for routine claims in the ordinary course of business which are not individually or in the aggregate material (and which do not relate to the C-Corporations), as of the date hereof, (a) there is no Action by or against the Seller or any Subsidiary in connection with the Business pending, or to the Knowledge of the Seller, threatened in writing; and (b) there is not in existence any final judgment requiring the Seller or any Subsidiary to take any action of any kind with respect to the Transferred Assets or the operation of the Business, or to which the Seller or any Subsidiary, the Business, the Systems or the Transferred Assets are subject or by which they are bound or affected.

Section 3.9 Employee Plans.

(a) Schedule 3.9 of the Disclosure Schedules sets forth all material Employee Plans.

(b) Except as disclosed on Schedule 3.9 of the Disclosure Schedules, with respect to the Employee Plans: (i) each of the Employee Plans has been operated and administered in all material respects in accordance with applicable Law and administrative or governmental rules and regulations, including ERISA and the Code, except to the extent any noncompliance would not reasonably be expected to result in any liability imposed upon the Buyer, and (ii) neither the Seller nor any ERISA Affiliate has any outstanding liability or could reasonably be expected to incur liability under Section 412(f) or (n) of the Code and/or Title IV of ERISA (other than for the payment of Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation premiums in the ordinary course).

(c) Each Employee Plan which is intended to be "qualified" within the meaning of Section 401(a) of the Code has received a favorable determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service and, to the Seller's Knowledge, no event has occurred and no condition exists which would reasonably be expected to result in the revocation of any such determination.

(d) Neither the Seller nor any ERISA Affiliate contributes to or is required to contribute to any multiemployer plan.

Section 3.10 Labor and Employment Matters. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.10 of the Disclosure Schedules, as of the date of this Agreement:

(a) no Business Employees are represented by a labor organization or group that was either certified by any labor relations board, including the National Labor Relations Board, or any other Governmental Authority or voluntarily recognized by the Seller or any Subsidiary as

the exclusive bargaining representative of a unit of employees and, to the Knowledge of the Seller, no Business Employee is represented by any other labor union or organization. Neither the Seller nor any Subsidiary is a party to or has any obligation under any union contract, or an obligation (other than under any applicable Law) to recognize or deal with any labor union or organization, and there are no such contracts pertaining to or that determine the terms or conditions of employment of any Business Employee;

(b) to the Knowledge of the Seller (i) no representation, election, petition or application for certification has been filed by any Business Employee within the preceding two years or is pending with the National Labor Relations Board or any other Governmental Authority, and (ii) no overt union organization campaign or other overt attempt to organize or establish a labor union, employee organization or labor organization or group involving any Business Employee is in progress, has occurred within the preceding two years or has been threatened; and

(c) no labor dispute, walk out, strike, slowdown, hand billing, picketing, work stoppage (sympathetic or otherwise), or other "concerted action" organized by any Business Employee is in progress, has occurred within the preceding two years or, to the Knowledge of the Seller, has been threatened.

Section 3.11 Real Property.

(a) Schedule 3.11(a) of the Disclosure Schedules lists each parcel of Real Property owned by the Subsidiaries that constitutes a Transferred Asset (the "**Owned Real Property**") and identifies those parcels that constitute Material Real Property. The Seller has delivered or made available to the Buyer, to the extent it possesses the same, title reports for each parcel of Owned Real Property.

(b) Except as disclosed on Schedule 3.11(b) of the Disclosure Schedules, (i) the Subsidiaries have or as of the Closing Time will have fee simple title to all Owned Real Property, free and clear of all Encumbrances other than Permitted Encumbrances, (ii) neither the Seller nor the Subsidiaries have received written notice from any Governmental Authority that any of the Owned Real Property is not in material compliance with all applicable Laws, except for such failures to comply, if any, which have been remedied, (iii) to the Knowledge of the Seller, there is no pending or written threat of condemnation or similar proceeding affecting the Owned Real Property or any portion thereof, and (iv) there is access to all Owned Real Property either by public roads or by the Easements.

(c) Schedule 3.11(c) of the Disclosure Schedules lists the parcels of Real Property leased by the Subsidiaries that constitute Transferred Assets (the "Leased Real Property.") and identifies those parcels that constitute Material Real Property.

(d) Except as disclosed on Schedule 3.11(d) of the Disclosure Schedules (i) the Seller and the Subsidiaries have, or as of the Closing Time will have, a valid leasehold estate in all Leased Real Property, free and clear of all Encumbrances other than Permitted Encumbrances, (ii) neither the Seller nor the Subsidiaries have received written notice from any Governmental Authority that any of the Leased Real Property is not in material compliance with all applicable

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Laws, except for such failures to comply, if any, which have been remedied, (iii) all leases in respect of the Leased Real Property are in full force and effect, neither the Seller nor the Subsidiaries have received any written notice of a material breach or default thereunder, and to the Knowledge of the Seller, no event has occurred that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute a breach or default thereunder, (iv) to the Knowledge of the Seller, there is no pending or written threat of condemnation or similar proceeding affecting the Leased Real Property or any portion thereof, (v) the Seller has delivered or made available to the Buyer true and complete copies of the written leases in effect at the date hereof relating to the Leased Real Property; provided, however, that the leases with respect to which copies have not been delivered or made available do not contain obligations material to the Buyer that will be applicable to the Buyer after the Closing and (vi) there has not been any sublease or assignment entered into by the Seller or the Subsidiaries in respect of the leases relating to the Leased Real Property except for those disclosed on Schedule 3.11(d) of the Disclosure Schedules.

(e) Schedule 3.11(e) of the Disclosure Schedules sets forth the material rights to use all other Real Property pursuant to the easements, rightsof-way or other rights necessary to conduct the Business, except for easements or rights-of-way granted pursuant to Permits (collectively, the "Easements"). Except as set forth on Schedule 3.11(e) of the Disclosure Schedules and except for easements or rights-of-way granted pursuant to Permits, the Subsidiaries have, or as of the Closing Time will have, the valid and enforceable right to use the Easements, in each case subject only to Permitted Encumbrances.

Section 3.12 Retransmission Consent and Must-Carry; Rate Regulation; Copyright Compliance.

(a) Schedule 3.12(a) of the Disclosure Schedules lists the broadcast stations carried by the Systems and designates whether they are carried pursuant to "must-carry" election or retransmission consent status pursuant to the Cable Act. Except as described on Schedule 3.12(a) of the Disclosure Schedules, each station carried by the Systems is carried pursuant to a retransmission consent agreement, "must-carry" election or other programming agreement.

(b) Neither the Seller nor the Subsidiaries have, since July 1, 2002, received any written notice, and the Seller has no Knowledge that, since July 1, 2002, the Seller, the Subsidiaries or the Business: (i) are not or have not been in compliance in all material respects with the Communications Act and the Cable Act; or (ii) have not made all material filings required to be made by them with the FCC in connection with the Business or provided all notices to customers of the Business required under the Communications Act, other than such filings and notices, the failure of which to be made or provided would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. To the Knowledge of the Seller, neither the Seller nor the Subsidiaries have, since July 1, 2002, received any notice that any rates are not permitted rates under the rules and regulations of the FCC. Schedule 3.12(b) of the Disclosure Schedules lists, as of the date hereof, all pending rate complaints, to the Knowledge of the Seller, on file at the FCC with respect to the Business.

(c) The Seller and the Subsidiaries have filed with the Copyright Office all required statements of account with respect to the Business that were required to have been filed since July 1, 2002 in accordance with the Copyright Act of 1976 and regulations promulgated pursuant

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thereto, and the Seller and the Subsidiaries have paid all royalty fees payable with respect to the Business since July 1, 2002. The Seller and the Subsidiaries have made available to the Buyer copies of all statements of account referred to in this Section 3.12(c).

Section 3.13 Taxes. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.13 of the Disclosure Schedules, the Seller and the Subsidiaries have, in a timely manner, filed all material Tax Returns and other reports required of them under all federal, state, local and foreign tax laws. All such Tax Returns and reports are correct and complete in all material respects. The Seller and the Subsidiaries have paid in full all Taxes or other amounts required to be paid by them whether or not such amounts were shown as due on any Tax Returns, including all Taxes that the Seller and the Subsidiaries are obligated to withhold from amounts paid or payable to or benefits conferred upon employees, creditors and third parties. To the Knowledge of the Seller, there are no proposed reassessments of any property owned by any of the Subsidiaries that could reasonably be expected to materially affect the Taxes. Except for Permitted Encumbrances, there are no liens for Taxes on any of the Transferred Assets. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.13 of the Disclosure Schedules, there is no deficiency, assessment or audit from any taxing authority that could materially affect the Seller and the Subsidiaries or that could result in any liability of the Buyer or the imposition of any liens upon the Transferred Assets. No Tax authority in a jurisdiction in which the Seller or any of its Subsidiaries does not file Tax Returns has made a claim, assertion or threat relating to the Business that the Seller or any of the Subsidiaries is or may be subject to Tax in such jurisdictions.

Section 3.14 Environmental Matters.

(a) The Seller and the Subsidiaries are in compliance in all material respects with all applicable Environmental Laws and there are no written claims pursuant to any Environmental Law pending or, to the Knowledge of the Seller, threatened, against the Seller or the Subsidiaries in connection with the conduct or operation of the Business or the ownership or use of the Transferred Assets.

(b) To the Knowledge of the Seller, there are no liabilities under any Environmental Law with respect to the Real Property. To the Knowledge of the Seller, neither the Seller, any Subsidiary nor any other Person has used the Real Property for the manufacture, transportation, treatment, storage or disposal of Hazardous Substances, except for gasoline and diesel fuel, and such use of Hazardous Substances customary in the construction, maintenance and operation of a cable communications system and in amounts or under circumstances that would not reasonably be expected to give rise to material liability for remediation required pursuant to any Environmental Law. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.14(b) of the Disclosure Schedules, to the Knowledge of the Seller, there are no underground or aboveground storage tanks that store or have stored any Hazardous Substance on any of the Real Property. To the Knowledge of the Seller, there have been no releases of any Hazardous Substances on or from, nor are there any Hazardous Substances on, at, or under any Owned Real Property or, to the Seller's Knowledge, any Leased Real Property that violate any Environmental Law, require notification to any Governmental Authority or require any response action pursuant to any Environmental Law.

(c) The Seller has delivered or made available to the Buyer copies and results of any reports, studies, analyses, tests, or monitoring of which the Seller has Knowledge and which is

possessed or initiated by the Seller or any Subsidiary pertaining to Hazardous Substances at, on, about, under or within any Systems, or any Real Property or concerning compliance by the Seller or any Subsidiary or any other Person for whose conduct the Seller and its Affiliates are responsible, with Environmental Laws.

(d) The representations and warranties contained in this Section 3.14 are the only representations and warranties being made with respect to compliance with or liability under Environmental Laws or with respect to any environmental, health or safety matter, including natural resources, related to the Business, the Transferred Assets or the Seller's or the Subsidiaries' ownership or operation thereof.

Section 3.15 Contracts.

(a) Schedule 3.15 of the Disclosure Schedules lists each of the following Contracts (it being understood that Schedule 3.15 of the Disclosure Schedules does not list any agreements with subscribers, including any individually-billed subscribers, multiple dwelling units which serve 200 or less units or commercial establishments for the services provided by the Systems in the ordinary course of business):

(i) any Contract relating to the use of any public utility facilities, including all pole line, joint pole or master contracts for pole attachment rights and the use of conduits (each, a "<u>Pole Attachment Agreement</u>");

(ii) any Contract relating to the use of any microwave or satellite transmission facilities;

(iii) any Contract relating to the sale of cablecast time to third parties for advertising or other purposes;

(iv) any Contract for the purchase, sale or lease of Real Property or any other property or any option to purchase or sell Real Property or any other property, providing for aggregate payments by or to the Seller or the Subsidiaries in an amount in excess of \$150,000 or which relate to any Real Property or other property material to the operation of the Business;

(v) any installment sale Contract or liability for the deferred purchase price of property with respect to any of the Transferred Assets involving payments exceeding, an aggregate for any individual Contract of \$150,000;

(vi) any other Contract involving aggregate payments under any such Contract, to be made by or to the Seller or any Subsidiary, in excess of \$150,000 that are not terminable on 90 days notice or less;

(vii) any agreements with multiple dwelling units which serve more than 200 units; or

(viii) any other contract that is material to the Business, taken as a whole, or that contains any material non-monetary obligation.

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The Contracts set forth in clauses (i), (ii), (iv), (v), (vi) and (viii) above and any other agreements designated as "Material Contracts" on Schedule 3.15 of the Disclosure Schedules being "<u>Material Contracts</u>".

(b) Except as set forth on Schedule 3.15 of the Disclosure Schedules, each Material Contract is valid and binding on the Seller or the Subsidiaries, as the case may be, is in full force and effect, and legally enforceable in accordance with its terms upon the Seller or any Subsidiary which is a party thereto and, to the Seller's Knowledge, upon the other parties thereto except as enforcement may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law), and to the Seller's Knowledge, upon the other parties thereto. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.15 of the Disclosure Schedules, neither the Seller nor the Subsidiaries, nor, to the Seller's Knowledge, any other Person, are in material breach of, or default under, any Material Contract to which they, or such other Person, are a party.

(c) The Pole Attachment Agreements represent all contracts, permits, privileges and other authorizations necessary to permit the Subsidiaries to install, maintain, operate and use utility poles and conduits and such other facilities as are currently used in the Systems or are necessary for the operation of the Systems and the Transferred Assets as currently operated, other than any such contracts, permits, privileges or other authorizations, the failure of which to be held or of the Seller or a Subsidiary to be a party to that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.15 of the Disclosure Schedules, there are no pending or unresolved or, to the Knowledge of the Seller, threatened audits with respect to any utility attachment or conduit usage relating to the Systems.

(d) Schedule 3.15 of the Disclosure Schedules sets forth a true and complete list of all capital leases related to any of the Transferred Assets.

(e) Schedule 2.2(r) of the Disclosure Schedules lists all contracts, except for those contracts that constitute Excluded Assets pursuant to Sections 2.2(b), 2.2(c), 2.2(d), 2.2(e), 2.2(g), 2.2(g), 2.2(o), 2.2(p), 2.2(s) and 2.2(t) to which any Subsidiary and/or one or more Affiliates of the Seller are parties that relate to any System as well as one or more cable systems of CCI and its subsidiaries that are not included in the Systems, including all master contracts for retransmission consent, advertising sales, tower leases, and master multiple dwelling units (other than any subordinate tower lease or multiple dwelling unit contracts that incorporate the terms of such master contracts by reference); in each case, that would, but for the fact that they relate to one or more cable systems of CCI and its subsidiaries that are not included in the Systems.

Section 3.16 System Information. Schedule 3.16 of the Disclosure Schedules sets forth, as of the dates set forth in such Schedule, a true and complete statement of the following information with respect to each System: (i) the total number of individual basic subscribers, digital subscribers, equivalent basic units for bulk and commercial subscribers and high speed Internet subscribers served (determined in the same manner as the System Reports); (ii) the bandwidth capacity specified in MHz which each System is capable of passing in accordance

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with the performance standards set forth in 47 CFR Part 76; (iii) the channel line-up and rate card, (iv) the aerial and underground plant miles, and (v) the approximate number of homes passed (as determined by the Seller in a manner consistent with past practice).

Section 3.17 <u>Brokers</u>. Except for Daniels & Associates and JPMorgan Securities, Inc., the fees of which shall be paid by the Seller, no broker, finder or investment banker is entitled to any brokerage, finder's or other fee or commission in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby based upon arrangements made by or on behalf of the Seller or the Subsidiaries.

Section 3.18 Intellectual Property. To the Seller's Knowledge, except as disclosed on Schedule 3.18 of the Disclosure Schedules, and except with respect to music licensing for which the Seller makes no representation or warranty, the Business has been operated in such a manner so as not to violate or infringe upon the rights of any Person in any copyright, trademark, service mark, patent, license, trade secret or other intellectual property. There are no judgments, proceedings, writs, orders, injunctions, awards or decrees of any court, judge, justice, magistrate or Governmental Authority against the Seller or any Subsidiary that restrict, in any respect, the rights of the Seller or any Subsidiary to use any Intellectual Property. Schedule 3.18 of the Disclosure Schedules lists the software that is physically located at the business offices located within the Systems and material to the operation of the Business.

Section 3.19 <u>Transactions with Affiliates</u>. Except as disclosed on Schedule 3.19 of the Disclosure Schedules and except with respect to customary corporate overhead services provided by the corporate, divisional or regional offices of CCI, neither the Seller nor any Subsidiary is a party to any business arrangement or business relationship with any of its Affiliates with respect to the Transferred Assets or operation of the Systems, and none of their Affiliates owns any property or right, tangible or intangible, that is material to the Seller's or any Subsidiary's operation of the Systems or used primarily in the Seller's or Subsidiary's operation of the Systems.

Section 3.20 <u>Bonds</u>; <u>Letters of Credit</u>. Each franchise, construction, fidelity, performance, or other bond, guaranty in lieu of a bond, letter of credit, indemnity agreement or similar instrument posted by or on behalf of the Seller or any Subsidiary or required to be posted by the Seller or any Subsidiary in connection with its operation or ownership of any of the Systems is set forth on Schedule 3.20 of the Disclosure Schedules, together with the amount thereof.

Section 3.21 Overbuilds. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.21 of the Disclosure Schedules, to the Seller's Knowledge, as of the date of this Agreement, (i) no Person, other than the Seller, the Buyer, or their respective Affiliates, is providing cable television service within the regions in which the Systems operate, (ii) since December 31, 2003, no Person, other than the Seller, the Buyer, or their respective Affiliates, has applied for a franchise to provide cable television service within the regions in which the Systems operate and (iii) since December 31, 2003, no Person, other than the Seller, the Buyer, or their respective Affiliates, has publicly announced an intention to provide cable television service within the regions in which the Systems operate.

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Section 3.22 Representations and Warranties Related to the C-Corporations.

(a) <u>Organization and Qualification</u>. The C-Corporation Parent Company and each of the C-Corporations is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing in the state set forth opposite its name on Schedule 3.22(a) of the Disclosure Schedules and has all necessary corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate the Transferred Assets and to carry on the Business as is now being conducted by the C-Corporations. The C-Corporation Parent Company and each C-Corporation is duly qualified or licensed as a foreign corporation to do business, and is in good standing, in each jurisdiction where such qualification or license is necessary or appropriate as set forth opposite its name on Schedule 3.22(a) of the Disclosure Schedules.

(b) <u>Shares</u>. The C-Corporation Parent Company is the record and beneficial owner of the Shares, free and clear of any Encumbrances other than the Encumbrances set forth on Schedule 3.4 of the Disclosure Schedules. The Seller has the right, authority and power to cause the C-Corporation Parent Company to, and the C-Corporation Parent Company has the right, authority and power to, sell, assign and transfer the Shares to the Buyer. Upon delivery to the Buyer of certificates for the Shares at the Closing and the Buyer's payment of the Purchase Price, the Buyer shall acquire good, valid and marketable title to the Shares, free and clear of any Encumbrances, other than Encumbrances created by the Buyer.

Capitalization. Schedule 3.22(c) of the Disclosure Schedules sets forth, for each C-Corporation, the amount of its authorized capital stock, (c) the amount of its outstanding capital stock and the record and beneficial owners of its outstanding capital stock. Except for the Shares and except as set forth in Schedule 3.22(c) of the Disclosure Schedules, the C-Corporations have not issued or agreed to issue any (i) share of capital stock or other equity or ownership interest, (ii) option, warrant or interest convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for the purchase of shares of capital stock or other equity or ownership interests, (iii) stock appreciation right, phantom stock, interest in the ownership or earnings of any C-Corporation or other equity equivalent or equity-based award or right or (iv) bond, debenture or other indebtedness having the right to vote or convertible or exchangeable for securities having the right to vote. Each Share of each of the C-Corporations is duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable, and each Share is owned by the C-Corporation Parent Company, free and clear of any Encumbrances. All of the Shares have been offered, sold and delivered in compliance with all applicable federal and state securities laws. Except as set forth in Schedule 3.22(c) of the Disclosure Schedules and except for rights granted to the Buyer under this Agreement, there are no outstanding obligations of the C-Corporations to issue, sell or transfer or repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire, or that relate to the holding, voting or disposition of or that restrict the transfer of, the issued or unissued capital stock or other equity or ownership interests of the C-Corporations. No Shares have been issued in violation of any rights, agreements, arrangements or commitments under any provision of applicable Law, the certificates of incorporation or bylaws or equivalent organizational documents of the C-Corporations or any Contract to which the C-Corporations are a party or by which the C-Corporations are bound. The Seller has delivered to the Buyer true and complete copies of the organizational documents, minutes and other corporate records of each of the C-Corporations as in effect on the date hereof.

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(d) <u>Equity Interests</u>. None of the C-Corporations directly or indirectly owns any equity, partnership, membership or similar interest in, or any interest convertible into, exercisable for the purchase of or exchangeable for any such equity, partnership, membership or similar interest, or is under any current or prospective obligation to form or participate in, provide funds to, make any loan, capital contribution or other investment in or assume any liability or obligation of, any Person.

(e) <u>Undisclosed Liabilities</u>. The are no liabilities of the C-Corporations of any nature whether or not required, if known, to be reflected or reserved against on a consolidated balance sheet of the C-Corporations prepared in accordance with GAAP or the notes thereto, other than (i) liabilities that are reflected or reserved against in the Balance Sheet, (ii) liabilities arising since December 31, 2004 in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, (iii) liabilities arising in the ordinary course of business pursuant to Contracts disclosed or referred to in the Schedules 3.7(b), 3.11(c) and 3.15 of the Disclosure Schedules or that are not required to be disclosed in the Disclosure Schedules pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, (iv) liabilities expressly set forth in the Disclosure Schedules, and (v) liabilities incurred after the date hereof in accordance with, and not in violation of, Section 5.1.

(f) <u>Transferred Assets; Employees</u>. At the Closing, the C-Corporations will have (x) disposed of any right, title or interest in any asset that is not a Transferred Asset or (y) caused to be assumed or taken subject to, as the case may be, any liability that is not an Assumed Liability, and in each case will have paid all Taxes, if any, imposed by reason of (x) or (y). The C-Corporations do not, and since January 1, 2003, have not maintained any employee benefit plans and do not have any liability in respect of any Affiliate's employee benefit plans.

(g) <u>Taxes</u>.

(i) Except as set forth on Schedule 3.22(g), the C-Corporations have timely filed, or been included in, all Tax Returns required to be filed through the date hereof and will timely file any such Tax Returns required to be filed on or prior to the Closing Date, in each case, subject to any applicable extensions. All such Tax Returns are complete and accurate in all material respects. All Tax Returns required to be filed in respect of the C-Corporations prior to January 1, 2003 relate to periods for which the time for assessment has expired. All tax elections made by or on behalf of the C-Corporations have been timely and properly made;

(ii) All Taxes of the C-Corporations that are payable in respect of taxable periods that end on or before the Closing Date have or will have been timely paid. Taxes that are not yet payable have been fully reserved for on the books and records of the C-Corporations;

(iii) None of the C-Corporations has a Tax deficiency or claim assessed or, to the best of the knowledge of the C-Corporations or the Vice President of Tax of CCI, proposed or threatened (whether orally or in writing) against any C-Corporation;

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(iv) None of the C-Corporations (A) has filed a consent under Section 341(f) of the Code concerning collapsible corporations or (B) has been a United States real property holding corporation within the meaning of Section 897(c)(2) of the Code during the applicable period specified in Section 897(c)(1)(A)(ii) of the Code;

(v) As of the Closing, no C-Corporation shall be a party to, bound by or have any obligation under any Tax allocation or sharing agreement or have any liability thereunder for amounts due in respect of periods prior to the Closing Date;

(vi) None of the C-Corporations (A) has been a member of any affiliated group filing a consolidated federal income Tax Return and (B) has any liability for the Taxes of any other person as defined in Section 7701(a)(1) of the Code or under Treas. Reg. § 1.1502-6 (or any similar provision of state, local, or foreign law), as a transferee or successor, by contract, or otherwise;

(vii) None of the C-Corporations has agreed to or is required to make any adjustment pursuant to Section 481(a) of the Code by reason of a change in accounting method initiated by such C-Corporations and to the knowledge of the C-Corporations or the Vice President of Tax of CCI, the Internal Revenue Service has not proposed any such adjustment or change in accounting method;

(viii) No extension of time has been requested or granted for any C-Corporation to file any Tax Return that has not yet been filed or to pay any Tax that has not yet been paid and no C-Corporation has granted a power of attorney that remains outstanding with regard to any Tax matter;

(ix) Except for Permitted Encumbrances, there are no Tax liens on or pending against any of the C-Corporations or any of the C-Corporations' assets;

(x) There are no presently outstanding waivers or extensions or requests for waiver or extension of time within which a Tax deficiency may be asserted or assessed against a C-Corporation;

(xi) No issue has been raised in any examination, investigation, audit, suit, action, claim or proceeding relating to Taxes of any C-Corporation, by which application of similar principles to any past, present or future period, would result in a Tax deficiency for such period;

(xii) No claim has been made by any Tax authority that any C-Corporation is subject to Tax in a jurisdiction in which a C-Corporation is not then paying Tax of the type asserted; and

(xiii) None of the C-Corporations has participated in a "reportable transaction" or "listed transaction" as defined in Treasury Regulations Section 1.6011-4(b) or any analogous or similar state or local law.

Section 3.23 Contracts Containing Non-Competition Agreements. The Transferred Assets do not include any Contract that contains a non-competition or other similar provision

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that would be binding on (a) the Buyer and its Affiliates or (b) the Equity Sponsors and their affiliates after the Closing; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the representation contained in this Section 3.23 shall be modified by any disclosure made by the Seller pursuant to Section 5.26 hereof.

Section 3.24 <u>No Other Representations or Warranties</u>. Except for the representations and warranties contained in this Agreement or the Ancillary Agreements, neither the Seller, the Subsidiaries nor any other Person makes any other express or implied representation or warranty on behalf of the Seller or the Subsidiaries.

ARTICLE IV

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE BUYER

The Buyer hereby represents and warrants to the Seller that the statements contained in this Article IV are true, correct and complete as of the date of this Agreement and will be true, correct and complete as of the Closing Date, except in each case to the extent that such statements are expressly made only as of a specified date, in which case the Buyer represents and warrants that such statements are true, correct and complete as of such specified date.

Section 4.1 <u>Organization and Qualification</u>. The Buyer is a limited liability company duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of Delaware and has all necessary limited liability company power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to carry on its business as it is now being conducted. The Buyer is duly qualified or licensed as a foreign entity to do business, and is in good standing, in each jurisdiction where the character of the properties owned, leased or operated by it or the nature of its business makes such qualification or licensing necessary, except, in each case, for any such failures that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Buyer Material Adverse Effect.

Section 4.2 Authority. The Buyer has full limited liability company power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and each of the Ancillary Agreements to which it will be a party, to perform its obligations hereunder and thereunder and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby. The execution and delivery by the Buyer of this Agreement and each of the Ancillary Agreements to which it will be a party and the consummation by the Buyer of the transactions contemplated hereby have been duly and validly authorized by all necessary limited liability company action. This Agreement has been, and upon their execution each of the Ancillary Agreements to which the Buyer will have been, duly and validly executed and delivered by the Buyer. This Agreement constitutes, and upon their execution each of the Ancillary Agreements to which the Buyer will be a party will constitute, the legal, valid and binding obligations of the Buyer, enforceable against the Buyer in accordance with their respective terms, except as enforcement may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

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Section 4.3 <u>No Conflict; Required Filings and Consents</u>.

(a) Except for the execution, delivery and performance by the Buyer of this Agreement, and by the Buyer of each of the Ancillary Agreements to which the Buyer will be a party, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, do not and will not:

(i) conflict with or violate the organizational documents (such as the certificates of formation or limited liability company agreements) of the Buyer;

(ii) conflict with or violate any Law applicable to the Buyer or by which any property or asset of the Buyer is bound or affected; or

(iii) conflict with, result in any breach of, constitute a default (or an event that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would become a default) under, require any consent of any Person pursuant to, or give to others any rights of termination, acceleration or cancellation of, any material contract or agreement to which the Buyer is a party;

except, in the case of clause (ii), for any such conflicts or violations that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Buyer Material Adverse Effect or that arise as a result of any facts or circumstances relating to the Seller or any of its Affiliates.

(b) Assuming the receipt of all Required Consents with respect to the transfer to the Buyer of the Permits, the Buyer is not required to file, seek or obtain any notice, authorization, approval, order, permit or consent of or with any Governmental Authority in connection with the execution, delivery and performance by the Buyer of this Agreement and each of the Ancillary Agreements to which it will be party or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or in order to prevent the termination of any right, privilege, license or qualification of the Buyer, except (i) for any filings required to be made under the HSR Act or (ii) where failure to obtain such consent, approval, authorization or action, or to make such filing or notification, would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Buyer Material Adverse Effect.

Section 4.4 <u>Financing</u>. The Buyer has received commitments from sources of equity financing (the "<u>Equity Commitment</u>") and debt financing (the "<u>Debt Commitment</u>", together with the Equity Commitment, the "<u>Financing Commitments</u>") in amounts sufficient to enable the Buyer to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and, subject to the closing of the transactions contemplated by the Financing Commitments on the Closing Date, the Buyer will have available sufficient unrestricted funds to enable it to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. On the date hereof, the Buyer has delivered true and accurate copies of all Financing Commitments to the Seller.

Section 4.5 <u>Certain Information</u>. The Buyer has provided to the Seller all information reasonably necessary for the completion of the FCC Forms 394 required to be filed in order to obtain the LFA Approvals (including information required by the terms of the Franchises).

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Section 4.6 <u>Brokers</u>. No broker, finder or investment banker is entitled to any brokerage, finder's or other fee or commission in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby based upon arrangements made by or on behalf of the Buyer.

Section 4.7 Litigation and Claims. There are no civil, criminal or administrative actions, suits, demands, claims, hearings, proceedings or investigations pending or, to the knowledge of the Buyer, threatened against the Buyer or any of its Affiliates that, individually or in the aggregate, would impair or delay the ability of the Buyer to effect the Closing. Neither the Buyer nor any of its Affiliates is subject to any order, writ, judgment, award, injunction or decree of any Governmental Authority of competent jurisdiction or any arbitrator or arbitrators that, individually or in the aggregate, would impair or delay the ability of the Buyer to effect the Closing.

Section 4.8 <u>No On-Sale Agreements</u>. As of the date of this Agreement, the Buyer and its Affiliates have not entered into any discussions, negotiations, agreements or understandings with any Person (other than the Seller) with respect to a purchase and sale transaction, whether by merger, stock sale, asset sale or otherwise, involving any of the Transferred Assets.

Section 4.9 Investment Intent. The Buyer is acquiring the Shares for its own account for investment purposes only and not with a view to any public distribution thereof or with any intention of selling, distributing or otherwise disposing of the Shares in a manner that would violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The Buyer agrees that the Shares may not be sold, transferred, offered for sale, pledged, hypothecated or otherwise disposed of without registration under the Securities Act and any applicable state securities laws, except pursuant to an exemption from such registration under the Securities Act and such laws.

Section 4.10 <u>Overbuilds</u>. Except as set forth on Schedule 4.10 of the Disclosure Schedules, to the Buyer's Knowledge, as of the date of this Agreement, since December 31, 2003, no Person, other than the Seller, the Buyer, or their respective Affiliates, has publicly announced an intention to provide cable television service within the regions in which the Systems operate.

Section 4.11 <u>No Other Representations or Warranties</u>. Except for the representations and warranties contained in this Agreement or the Ancillary Agreements, neither the Buyer nor any other Person makes any other express or implied representation or warranty on behalf of the Buyer.

ARTICLE V

COVENANTS

Section 5.1 <u>Conduct of Business Prior to the Closing</u>. Between the date of this Agreement and the Closing Date, unless the Buyer shall otherwise agree in writing, the Seller covenants that the Business shall be conducted only in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practices, and the Seller shall cause the Subsidiaries to use their commercially reasonable efforts to preserve the Business, goodwill and relationships with its customers,

suppliers, employees, Governmental Authorities and others. Except as provided in Schedule 5.1 of the Disclosure Schedules or otherwise specifically set forth in this Agreement, between the date of this Agreement and the Closing Date, without the prior consent of the Buyer (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), neither the Seller nor the Subsidiaries shall, in connection with the Business:

(a) except to the extent prohibited by the Indentures, sell, transfer, encumber or otherwise dispose of any Transferred Assets or any interest therein, other than immaterial dispositions (and where appropriate, corresponding replacements) in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice;

(b) (i) enter into any contract, agreement or arrangement that would be a Material Contract if entered into prior to the date of this Agreement or modify or amend in any material respect any such existing contract, agreement or arrangement, (ii) enter into any lease for any new parcel of Real Property that is not terminable without penalty on 60 days notice, (iii) modify or amend any lease for (A) any headend, (B) any other property that would be Material Real Property and that serves more than 1,000 individually-billed subscribers, or (C) any other lease other than, for purposes of this clause (C) any immaterial modification or amendment made in the ordinary course of business or (iv) enter into any Franchise or FCC License or modify or amend in any material respect any such existing Franchise or FCC License;

(c) grant or announce any increase in the base salaries payable to any Business Employees, other than as required by Law, pursuant to any Employee Plans or other ordinary increases not inconsistent with the past practices of the Seller and its Affiliates, but in no event shall the aggregate of such increases exceed 5% of the aggregate base salaries payable to all the Business Employees as of the date of this Agreement;

(d) make any material change in any method of accounting or accounting practice or policy, except in accordance with CCI's then current practice or as required by GAAP (in which case the Seller will promptly notify the Buyer of such material change);

(e) make or rescind any election relating to Taxes, file any amended Tax Return, settle any Tax claim or assessment or consent to any waiver or extension of the limitation period applicable to any Tax claim or assessment, except for any elections, amendments, settlements or consents of CCI and its subsidiaries that do not affect the Business or the C-Corporations disproportionately as compared with CCI, taken as a whole (provided that no such election, amendment, settlement or consent shall have any adverse effect on the Business or the C-Corporations after the Closing);

(f) fail to implement procedures for disconnection and discontinuance of service to subscribers whose accounts are delinquent, in accordance with CCI's practice in effect during the twelve months preceding the date of this Agreement;

(g) fail to maintain in full force and effect existing policies of insurance with respect to the Business or replacement insurance;

(h) fail to deliver to the Buyer correct and complete copies of monthly System Reports promptly after such statements become available to the Seller;

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(i) change the rates charged for Basic Services, Expanded Basic Services, High Speed Internet Services or Pay TV or add, delete, retier or repackage any analog or digital programming services other than annual rate increases and changes to channel positions made in the ordinary course of business and, except to the extent required under any Law (in which case the Seller will promptly notify the Buyer of any such change);

(j) fail to maintain at least 30 days of inventory of customer premise and customer installation equipment or fail to maintain inventory of any other Equipment in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice;

(k) incur any liability that would constitute a material Assumed Liability if incurred prior to the date of this Agreement;

(l) dispose of, license or permit to lapse any rights in, to or for the use of any material Intellectual Property included in the Transferred Assets;

(m) fail to make any capital expenditures or repairs in the ordinary course of business consistent with the current budget and past practice of the Seller with respect to the Business;

(n) settle any claims, actions, arbitrations, disputes or other proceedings that would result in the Seller or any Subsidiary being enjoined in any material respect from engaging in the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or materially adversely affecting the System;

- (o) engage in any marketing or promotional activities;
- (p) waive, release or assign any material right relating to the Systems or the Transferred Assets;

(q) fail to keep any (i) Material Contract or Permit (subject to the expiration of such Material Contract or Permit in accordance with its terms), (ii) lease for (A) any headend or (B) any other Material Real Property that serves more than 1,000 individually-billed subscribers or (iii) retransmission consent included in the Transferred Assets in full force and effect without material default thereunder;

(r) issue or sell, or cause the C-Corporation Parent Company to issue or sell, any shares of capital stock of the C-Corporations, or any of their subsidiaries, or any options, warrants, convertible securities or other rights of any kind to acquire any such shares; or

(s) fail to consider in good faith any requests by the Buyer to dispose of any Real Property included in the Transferred Assets.

This Section 5.1 notwithstanding, prior to the Closing, the Seller shall transfer, sell or otherwise dispose of (1) any assets held by the C-Corporations that are not Transferred Assets and (2) any liabilities of the C-Corporations that are not Assumed Liabilities.

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Section 5.2 Covenants Regarding Information.

From the date of this Agreement until the Closing Time, upon reasonable notice, the Seller shall afford the Buyer and its managers, (a) members, general partners, officers, employees, agents, accountants, attorneys, advisors, bankers and other representatives (collectively, "Representatives") reasonable access to the Seller's supervisory employees at the Key Market Area (KMA) level, properties, offices, plants and other facilities, books and records of the Seller and the Subsidiaries to the extent related to the Business, and shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to furnish the Buyer with such financial, operating and other data and information to the extent related to the Business as the Buyer may reasonably request, including: (i) the number of poles currently being billed and rate per pole under each Pole Attachment Agreement and (ii) a list of each Contract that falls within any of the following categories: (A) agreements that provide for annual payments to or by Seller or any Subsidiary in excess of \$5,000, (B) any partnership, joint venture or other similar agreement or arrangement of Seller or any Subsidiary, (C) any agreement relating to the acquisition or disposition of any business (whether by merger, sale of stock, sale of assets or otherwise) that has any remaining indemnity obligations, (D) any railroad crossing agreements, (E) any tower lease agreements, (F) any multi-dwelling unit and commercial establishment agreements, (G) any software license not listed on Schedule 3.18 of the Disclosure Schedules and (H) a brief summary of the material terms of any oral Contract that falls into any of the foregoing categories; provided, however, that any such access or furnishing of information shall be conducted during normal business hours, under the supervision of the Seller's or its Affiliates' personnel and in such a manner as does not unreasonably interfere with the normal operations of the Seller, the Subsidiaries or the Business, and the Buyer shall reimburse the Seller promptly for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses it incurs in complying with any such request for access or information by or on behalf of the Buyer. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Seller shall not be required to disclose any information to the Buyer or its Representatives if such disclosure would, as determined in the Seller's sole discretion, (1) jeopardize any attorney-client or other legal privilege, (2) contravene any applicable Laws, fiduciary duty or binding agreement entered into prior to the date hereof, (3) relate to any consolidated, combined or unitary Tax Return filed by the Seller, the Subsidiaries or any Affiliate thereof or any of their respective predecessor entities or (4) relate to any Excluded Asset or Excluded Liability, provided that in the event the Seller shall decline to provide the Buyer with any such information, the Seller shall provide the Buyer with written notice thereof and shall include the reason therefor. If requested by the Buyer and to the extent reasonable under the circumstances, the Seller agrees to seek waivers of any condition or circumstances upon which the Seller relies in denying access to any such information. The Buyer shall reimburse the Seller promptly for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses it incurs in complying with any such request for information by or on behalf of the Buyer. Any access shall be at the risk of the Buyer and its Representatives, and in connection therewith, the Buyer hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Seller Indemnified Parties with respect to any Losses resulting from or arising out of such access. All requests made pursuant to this Section 5.2(a) shall be directed to one of the Persons identified on Schedule 5.2(a) of the Disclosure Schedules or such other Person or Persons as may be designated by the Seller to the Buyer from time to time. All information received pursuant to this Section 5.2(a) shall be subject to the terms and conditions of Section 5.6.

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(b) For a period of seven years after the Closing Date or, if shorter, the applicable period specified in the Buyer's document retention policy, or if such policy does not exist, in accordance with the Buyer's practices, the Buyer shall (i) retain the books and records included in the Transferred Assets relating to the Business relating to periods prior to and including the Closing Date and (ii) upon reasonable notice afford the Representatives of the Seller reasonable access (including the right to make, at the Seller's expense, photocopies), during normal business hours, to such books and records to the extent related to the Business; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Buyer shall notify the Seller in writing at least 30 days in advance of destroying any such books and records prior to the seventh anniversary of the Closing Date in order to provide the Seller the opportunity to copy such books and records in accordance with this Section 5.2(b).

(c) For a period of seven years after the Closing Date or, if shorter, the applicable period specified in the Seller's document retention policy, or if such policy does not exist, in accordance with the Seller's practices, the Seller shall (i) retain the books and records relating to the Business relating to periods prior to and including the Closing Date which shall not otherwise have been delivered to the Buyer and (ii) upon reasonable notice, afford the Representatives of the Buyer reasonable access (including the right to make, at the Buyer's expense, photocopies), during normal business hours, to such books and records to the extent related to the Business; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Seller shall notify the Buyer in writing at least 30 days in advance of destroying any such books and records prior to the seventh anniversary of the Closing Date in order to provide the Buyer the opportunity to copy such books and records in accordance with this Section 5.2(c).

The Seller acknowledges and agrees that, within 45 days of the date of this Agreement, the Buyer may commission, at the Buyer's sole cost (d) and expense, a Phase I environmental site assessment (as such term is described in the American Society of Testing and Materials Standard 1527) of the Real Property (a "Phase I Assessment"). The Seller will use its commercially reasonable efforts to comply with any reasonable request for information made by the Buyer or its Representatives in connection with any such investigation, but in no event will the Seller be required under this Section 5.2(d) to disclose any materials constituting attorney-client privileged communications. Upon reasonable request by the Buyer, the Seller will afford the Buyer and its Representatives access to such Real Property at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner in connection with any such investigation; provided, however, that the Buyer shall not unreasonably interfere with the Subsidiaries' use and operation of the Real Property. Should the Buyer commission such an investigation, such investigation will have no effect upon the representations and warranties made by the Seller to the Buyer under this Agreement, except that if any Phase I Assessment documents an environmental condition that would reasonably be construed to be a breach of the Seller's representations or warranties herein and such breach is capable of being cured, the Buyer shall promptly so notify the Seller and the Seller will be deemed not to have breached such representation or warranty if the Seller cures such breach. The Buyer shall reimburse the Seller promptly for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses it incurs in complying with this Section 5.2(d), other than any expense the Seller incurs pursuant to the preceding sentence. Any access to the Real Property shall be at the risk of the Buyer and its Representatives, and in connection therewith, the Buyer hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Seller Indemnified Parties with respect to any Losses resulting from or arising out of the activities of the Buyer or its representatives undertaken pursuant to this Section 5.2(d). If the environmental firm reasonably determines as a result of any Phase I Assessment that further

investigation or testing is necessary, the Buyer may cause to be performed such additional environmental investigations or testing, as appropriate, at the Real Property except to the extent expressly prohibited by the applicable lease, as soon as reasonably practicable by the environmental firm. The Buyer must obtain the Seller's prior written consent to conduct any other environmental investigation, sampling, testing or assessment of any kind at any Real Property, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned.

(e) All information collected and generated as a result of the environmental due diligence authorized by Section 5.2(d) will be subject to the terms and conditions of Section 5.6 of this Agreement. The Buyer will provide to the Seller copies of all (i) work plans, proposed investigation methodologies and other similar information prepared by the Buyer or the Buyer's environmental consultants no later than 10 days prior to the proposed initiation of any environmental site assessments (other than the Phase I Assessments) and (ii) and draft and final reports, assessments and other information composed or compiled by the Buyer or the Buyer's environmental consultants within 10 days after the Buyer's receipt of copies thereof, but in no event later than 30 days prior to the Closing Date.

(f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the Seller and the Subsidiaries shall have the right to retain one copy of all contracts, agreements, books, records, literature, lists (other than customer lists, all of which shall be delivered to the Buyer), and any other written or recorded information constituting Transferred Assets or which otherwise relates to the Business or the Assumed Liabilities (including, without limitation, the Books and Records), in each case to the extent required for (i) the administration by the Seller and the Subsidiaries or their Affiliates of any suit, claim, action, proceeding or investigation relating to the Business, (ii) the administration by the Seller and the Subsidiaries or their Affiliates of any regulatory filing or matter or (iii) any other valid reasonable legal or business purpose of the Seller and the Subsidiaries.

(g) For a period of 30 days following the Closing Date, the Buyer shall grant to the Seller, the Subsidiaries and each of their respective Representatives access to the hard drives and other electronic information storage devices included in the Transferred Assets for the purpose of obtaining copies thereof. The Buyer shall not erase or otherwise eliminate any information contained on such hard drives and other electronic information storage devices until the expiration of such 30-day period. The parties shall reasonably cooperate in determining the manner and the times of access by the Seller, the Subsidiaries and each of their respective Representatives so as not to interfere with the normal operation of the Buyer's business.

(h) From and after the date hereof, the Seller shall deliver to the Buyer, promptly upon receipt or filing, copies of all pleadings, orders and decisions entered in connection with the litigation described as West Virginia Item 2 in Schedule 3.8 of the Disclosure Schedules.

Section 5.3 Update of Disclosure Schedules; Knowledge of Breach. The Seller shall, promptly after becoming aware of such matter, event or condition, supplement or amend the Disclosure Schedules with respect to any matter, event or condition hereafter arising or discovered which if existing or known at the date of this Agreement would have been required to be set forth or described in such Disclosure Schedules. Any such supplemental or amended disclosure with respect to those matters, events or conditions arising or discovered after the date

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of this Agreement shall not be deemed to have cured any inaccuracy of any representation or warranty made in this Agreement for purposes of the indemnifications provided for in Article VII hereof and shall not be deemed to have cured any such inaccuracy of representation or warranty for purposes of determining whether the conditions set forth in Article VI have been satisfied. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the effect of any such supplements or amendments to the Disclosure Schedules is to disclose any one or more additional properties, privileges, rights, interests or claims, in each case acquired after the date of this Agreement ("New Properties") as Transferred Assets that would have been (if owned on the date of this Agreement) required by this Agreement to have been disclosed by the Seller in its original Disclosure Schedules, then the Buyer, at or before Closing, will have the right (to be exercised by written notice delivered to the Seller at least two days prior to the Closing Date, provided that if any supplement or amendment to the Disclosure Schedules occurs less than six days prior to the Closing Date, the Buyer may provide such notice immediately prior to the Closing) to cause any one or more of such New Properties to be designated as and deemed to constitute Excluded Assets for all purposes under this Agreement and any liabilities associated therewith shall be deemed Excluded Liabilities. The failure of the Buyer to designate any New Property as an Excluded Asset prior to the Closing will be deemed an acceptance of such New Property as a Transferred Asset for all purposes under this Agreement as if such New Property were included on the original Disclosure Schedules, and the Buyer will be deemed to have waived, for itself and all Buyer Indemnified Parties, all claims under Article VII arising from the Seller's failure to disclose such New Property in the original Disclosure Schedules.

Section 5.4 <u>Notification of Certain Matters</u>. Until the Closing, (i) each party hereto shall promptly notify the other party in writing of any fact, change, condition, circumstance or occurrence or nonoccurrence of any event related to it of which it is aware that will or is reasonably likely to result in any of the conditions set forth in Article VI of this Agreement becoming incapable of being satisfied, (ii) the Seller will promptly notify the Buyer of any material adverse change relating to the Seller, the Subsidiaries, the Business, the Systems, the Assumed Liabilities or the Transferred Assets and (iii) the Seller will promptly notify the Buyer of any event or change in circumstances that, had it occurred prior to the date of this Agreement, would have resulted in a breach of the representations and warranties set forth in Section 3.10 related to labor and employment matters and Section 3.21 related to overbuilds.

Section 5.5 <u>Employee Benefits</u>.

(a) <u>Continuity of Employment for Business Employees</u>. Upon the execution of this Agreement, the Seller shall provide to the Buyer a list of all Business Employees by work location as of a recent date, showing the original hire date, the then-current positions and rates of compensation, rate type (hourly or salary) and scheduled hours per week, and whether the employee is subject to an employment agreement. The list shall also indicate which of such employees, if any, the Seller intends to retain as its employees (the "**Retained Employees**"). The Seller and the Buyer shall work in good faith to prepare a communication plan to be used in matters related to the Business Employees that shall include the Buyer's right to conduct meetings with the Business Employees (and their supervisors) during the 45 days prior to the Closing. Effective as of the Closing, the Buyer shall make offers of employment to all Business Employees other than Retained Employees and up to 10 additional Business Employees, contingent upon (i) the Closing, (ii) such Business Employees being active employees of the

Seller immediately prior to Closing and (iii) the reasonable satisfaction of the Buyer as to any background checks or drug testing it conducts with respect to any Business Employees (each such Business Employee who accepts the Buyer's offer of employment and who becomes an employee of the Buyer effective as of the Closing is referred to in this Agreement as a **"Transferred Employee"**). If the Buyer makes any offers to any employees that are not (A) substantially similar in responsibility, (B) at least the same base compensation as of the Closing and (C) in the same general geographic location as such employee's primary place of employment as of the Closing, then, to the extent such employees do not accept such offers, such employees shall count against the 10 Business Employees to whom the Buyer is not required to make offers (as provided in the previous sentence). The parties agree that the Buyer shall indemnify the Seller for any severance costs (the amount of which shall be calculated in accordance with Schedule 5.5(d) of the Disclosure Schedules) in excess of 10 Business Employees incurred by the Seller pursuant to the previous sentence (for the avoidance of doubt, if the Buyer is required to indemnify the Seller pursuant to this sentence, the Seller shall be responsible for the severance costs of the 10 lowest paid Business Employees as determined immediately prior to the Closing). The Buyer and the Seller shall cooperate reasonably from and after the date hereof to communicate with Business Employees regarding any offers of employment to be made to them by the Buyer hereunder and otherwise to give effect to this Section 5.5. The Seller and its Affiliates shall retain liability for all obligations and liabilities to the Retained Employees and other Business Employees who do not become Transferred Employees.

(b) <u>Service Credit</u>. The Transferred Employees shall receive credit for all periods of employment and/or service with the Seller or its Affiliates (including service with predecessor employers, where such credit was provided by the Seller or its Affiliates) prior to the Closing Time for purposes of eligibility and vesting (but not for benefit accrual, except for accrual of vacation and severance benefits under the Buyer's relevant plans and policies, and as set forth in this Agreement), including for purposes of satisfying any service requirements for early retirement under any pension plan adopted by the Buyer or its Affiliates with respect to Transferred Employees, to the same extent such employment service was credited for similar purposes under the Employee Plans for at least the six-month period immediately prior to the Closing Time.

(c) <u>Employee Benefits — General</u>. The Buyer shall provide the Transferred Employees with employee benefits that are the same as those generally provided to the similarly-situated employees of the Buyer and its Affiliates. The Seller shall bear the expense of and responsibility for all liabilities arising from claims by the Transferred Employees for benefits attributable to periods prior to the Closing Time under the Employee Plans, and the Buyer shall bear the expense of and responsibility for all liabilities arising from claims by the Transferred Employee, including any claims under such plans relating to severance from employment on or after the Closing Time (including any such severance that relates to or results from any failure of the Buyer to comply with the provisions of this Section 5.5). Except as may be specifically required by this Agreement or by applicable Law, the Buyer shall not be obligated to continue to provide any particular employee benefits to any Transferred Employee.

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(d) <u>Severance Obligations</u>. If the Buyer discharges any Transferred Employee without cause within 180 days after the Closing, then the Buyer shall pay severance benefits to such Transferred Employee that are at least equal to the severance benefits set forth on Schedule 5.5(d) of the Disclosure Schedules, giving effect to such employee's past service with any Seller or its Affiliate. For purposes of this Section 5.5, for a discharged Transferred Employee, "cause" shall have the meaning set forth in the Buyer's employment policies, procedures or agreements applicable to the Buyer's similarly-situated employees.

(e) <u>Welfare Benefit Plans</u>.

(i) Effective as of the Closing Date, the Buyer shall offer the Transferred Employees and their eligible dependents participation in the medical plans of the Buyer. With respect to any other welfare benefit plans, including dental, life insurance, and short- and long-term disability (all of such welfare plans, including the Buyer's medical plan described in the previous sentence, the "Buyer Welfare Benefit Plans"), the Buyer shall offer participation in such other welfare benefit plans to the Transferred Employees as soon as practicable after the Closing Date, but in no event more than 30 days after the Closing Date. All waiting periods and pre-existing condition clauses shall be waived under the Buyer Welfare Benefit Plans for the Transferred Employees and their eligible dependents who were participating in similar welfare benefits plans and programs of the Seller and its Affiliates on the Closing Date. To the extent applicable, the Buyer shall cause the Buyer Welfare Benefit Plans to recognize any out-of-pocket medical and dental expenses incurred by each of the Transferred Employees and their eligible dependents on or prior to the Closing Date and during the calendar year in which the Closing Date occurs for purposes of determining deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums under the Buyer Welfare Benefit Plans (the Seller shall provide such information to the Buyer at or prior to the Closing).

(ii) Effective as of the Closing Date, the Buyer shall assume all responsibilities and obligations for continuation coverage under Sections 601 <u>et seq.</u> of ERISA (the "<u>COBRA Obligations</u>") and any state continuation coverage requirements with respect to the Transferred Employees and their beneficiaries. The Seller agrees that it shall retain responsibility for COBRA Obligations to all qualified beneficiaries of covered employees for whom a "qualifying event" under COBRA occurs prior to the Closing and for any employee, including but not limited to any Business Employee, who is not a Transferred Employee.

(f) <u>Vacation Benefits</u>. After the Closing Date, to the extent permitted by law, the Buyer shall recognize, and permit the Transferred Employees to use, all of the Transferred Employees' accrued and unused vacation (the Seller shall provide such information to the Buyer promptly following the Closing). The Buyer shall recognize service by each Transferred Employee with the Seller and its Affiliates (including service with predecessor employers, where such credit was provided by the Seller and its Affiliates) for purposes of determining entitlement to vacation under the applicable vacation policy of the Buyer.

(g) <u>WARN Act</u>. The Buyer agrees to provide any required notice under the Worker Adjustment Retraining and Notification Act of 1988, as amended (the "<u>WARN Act</u>") and any

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similar state or non-U.S. statute, and otherwise to comply with any such statute with respect to any "plant closing" or "mass layoff" (as defined in the WARN Act) or group termination or similar event for which the Buyer is responsible affecting Business Employees and occurring after the Closing. The Seller agrees to provide or cause to be provided any required notice and to discharge any liability under the WARN Act, and any similar state or non-U.S. statute, and otherwise to comply with any such statute with respect to any "plant closing" or "mass layoff" (as defined in the WARN Act) or group termination or similar event affecting Business Employees, (including the transactions contemplated by this Agreement) and occurring on or prior to the Closing.

(h) <u>No Third-Party Beneficiaries</u>. Nothing herein express or implied by this Agreement shall confer upon any Business Employee, or legal representative thereof, any rights or remedies, including any right to employment or benefits for any specified period, of any nature or kind whatsoever, under or by reason of this Agreement.

Section 5.6 <u>Confidentiality</u>. Each of the parties shall hold, and shall cause its Representatives to hold, in confidence all documents and information furnished to it by or on behalf of the other party in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby pursuant to the terms of the confidentiality agreement dated March 7, 2005 between the Buyer and the Seller (the "<u>Confidentiality Agreement</u>"), which shall continue in full force and effect until the Closing Date, at which time such Confidentiality Agreement and the obligations of the parties under this Section 5.6 shall terminate only in respect of that portion of the documents and materials referenced therein relating to the Transferred Assets. The Confidentiality Agreement shall otherwise continue in full force and effect with respect to all other Confidential Information (as defined in the Confidentiality Agreement), including the terms of this Agreement. If for any reason this Agreement is terminated prior to the Closing Date, the Confidentiality Agreement shall nonetheless continue in full force and effect in accordance with its terms.

Section 5.7 Consents and Filings; Further Assurances.

(a) Each of the parties shall use all commercially reasonable efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all appropriate action to do, or cause to be done, all things necessary, proper or advisable under applicable Law or otherwise to consummate and make effective the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements as promptly as practicable, including to (i) obtain the Required Consents and (ii) promptly make all necessary filings, and thereafter make any other required submissions, with respect to this Agreement required under applicable Law. All fees to be paid and costs incurred in connection with obtaining the Required Consents and making such filings shall be borne equally by the Seller and the Buyer.

(b) Section 5.7(a) notwithstanding, the Seller and the Buyer shall prepare and file, or cause to be prepared and filed, within 15 Business Days after the date of this Agreement, all applications (including FCC Forms 394 or other appropriate forms required to be filed (i) with the FCC and (ii) with any other Governmental Authority that are necessary for the assignment to the Buyer of the Franchises in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby. The Buyer has provided to the Seller all information deemed reasonably necessary by the Seller for the completion of the FCC Forms 394 required to be filed in order to obtain the LFA Approvals (including information reasonably required by the terms of the

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Franchises and requested by the Seller), and agrees to cooperate reasonably, diligently, and in good faith with the Seller in the preparation of such FCC Forms 394 to permit the filing of such FCC Forms 394 so that they are received no later than March 3, 2006. Following the execution hereof, until the Closing, the Seller shall timely send or cause to be sent all required renewal letters with respect to the Franchises pursuant to Section 626(a) of the Cable Act to the proper Governmental Authority. The Seller shall not, and shall cause the Subsidiaries to not, agree or accede to any material modifications or amendments to, or in connection with, or the imposition of any material condition to the renewal of, any of the Franchises that will impose a material obligation on the Buyer following the Closing. The Seller shall, to the extent reasonably practicable, notify the Buyer of all meetings, hearings and other discussions before or with Governmental Authorities in connection with the renewal or extension of any Franchise or governmental authorization relating to a Franchise or the granting of a Required Consent, such that the Buyer's representatives can participate to the extent reasonably practicable in such proceedings.

(c) (i) The Seller shall deliver with each FCC Form 394 a proposed Franchise transfer resolution substantially in the form of that attached hereto as Exhibit F (each, a "Franchise Transfer Resolution") and which Franchise Transfer Resolution will include a request to extend, for a term of 36 months following the Closing, on substantially the same or on other commercially reasonable terms that are reasonably acceptable to the Buyer, any Franchise that has expired or will expire after the date hereof and prior to the date which is 30 months after the Closing Date in accordance with its terms. From the date of this Agreement until the Closing, the Seller shall seek to obtain any such extension or renewal of any Franchise that has expired or will expire after the date hereof and prior to the date which is 30 months after the Closing Date in accordance with its terms in the ordinary course of business, provided, that, in any event, the Seller will use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain such extension or renewal (A) with a term of 36 months following the Closing and (B) on substantially the same or on other commercially reasonable terms that are reasonably acceptable to the Buyer, and for six months following the Closing, the Seller shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to assist the Buyer in obtaining any such extension or renewal of any such Franchise. The Seller shall request or cause to be requested all other Required Consents not related to Franchises and Leased Real Property by letter substantially in the form of that attached hereto as Exhibit G (each, a "Seller's Required Consent Letter"). From the date of this Agreement until the Closing Date, upon the Buyer's request, the Seller shall use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain an extension or renewal of any lease for (I) any headend or (II) any other Material Real Property that serves more than 1,000 individually-billed subscribers that has expired or will expire prior to December 31, 2006, and such extension or renewal shall be for a term of up to 36 months (as so requested by the Buyer) and shall otherwise be on substantially the same or on other commercially reasonable terms that are reasonably acceptable to the Buyer.

(ii) The Buyer agrees that, if in connection with the process of obtaining any Required Consent, a Governmental Authority or other Person purports to require any condition or any change to a Permit or Contract to which such Required Consent relates that would be applicable to either the Buyer, the Seller or the Subsidiaries as a requirement for granting such Required Consent, which condition or change involves a

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monetary payment or commitment to such Governmental Authority or other Person, either the Buyer or the Seller may elect, in their sole discretion, to satisfy the full amount of such monetary payment or commitment (notwithstanding the obligation to equally share certain costs set forth in Section 5.7(a)), in which case, the other party shall be deemed to accept such condition or change to the extent so satisfied, provided that if the Seller or any Subsidiary elects to satisfy any such payment or commitment, it shall do so at or before Closing.

(iii) Subject to the terms of subsection (ii) above, neither the Seller nor the Subsidiaries shall agree, without the Buyer's prior written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed, to any material change to the terms of any Permit or Contract as a condition to obtaining any Required Consent to the transfer or assignment of such Permit or Contract to the Buyer. If in connection with obtaining any Required Consent, a Governmental Authority or other third party seeks to impose any condition or adverse change to any Permit or Contract to which such Required Consent relates that would be applicable to the Buyer as a requirement for granting such Required Consent, the Seller will promptly notify the Buyer of such fact and the Seller shall not agree to such condition or adverse change unless the Buyer shall, in its reasonably exercised discretion, consent to such condition or change in writing. The Seller is not required to consent to any change to any Permit or Contract that would impose any condition on the Seller following the Closing.

(d) The Buyer shall promptly, but in no event more than 10 days after receipt of such request, furnish to any Governmental Authority or other Person from which a Required Consent is requested such accurate and complete information regarding the Buyer, including financial information relating to the cable and other media operations of the Buyer, as a Governmental Authority or other Person may reasonably require in connection with obtaining such Required Consent.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 5.7, neither the Seller nor the Subsidiaries shall have any further obligation to obtain Required Consents (i) with respect to any Pole Attachment Agreement where the licensing party shall not, after the Seller's exercise of commercially reasonable efforts, consent to an assignment of such Pole Attachment Agreement but requires that the Buyer enter into a new Pole Attachment Agreement with such licensing party on terms that are not materially more burdensome than the existing agreement, in which case the Buyer shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to enter into such agreement prior to the Closing or as soon as practicable thereafter and the Seller shall reasonably cooperate with and assist the Buyer, in obtaining such agreement; (ii) for any business radio license that can reasonably be expected to be obtained within 120 days after the Closing Date and so long as a temporary authorization is available to the Buyer under FCC rules with respect thereto; and (iii) with respect to Leased Real Property, if the Seller obtains and makes operational prior to the Closing substitute Leased Real Property that is reasonably satisfactory to the Buyer as to both use and terms.

(f) Except with respect to the Franchises, which are the subject of Section 2.5(b), if and to the extent that the Seller fails to obtain all Required Consents on or prior to the Closing (regardless of whether the Buyer shall have waived satisfaction of any applicable condition to the

Closing), then, for a period of six months following the Closing Date, the Seller shall continue to use commercially reasonable efforts, at the Buyer's request, to obtain such Required Consents in accordance with this Section 5.7.

(g) Section 5.7(a) notwithstanding, the Seller and the Buyer shall, promptly after the execution and delivery of this Agreement, but in no event later than 30 days after the date of this Agreement, complete and file, or cause to be completed and filed, with the FTC and the Antitrust Division any notification and report required to be filed under the HSR Act with respect to the transactions contemplated under this Agreement. Each of the Buyer and the Seller shall coordinate with the other with respect to its filings, shall cooperate to prevent inconsistencies between their respective filings and shall furnish to each other such necessary information and reasonable assistance as the other may reasonably request in connection with its preparation of necessary filings or submissions under the HSR Act. The parties shall use commercially reasonable efforts to respond as promptly as practicable to any requests received from the FTC or the Antitrust Division for additional information or documentation and respond as promptly as practicable to inquiries and requests received from other Governmental Authorities with respect to antitrust matters. The Buyer on the one hand, and the Seller on the other hand, shall share equally the cost of the filing fee required under the HSR Act.

(h) Each of the parties shall promptly notify the other party of any communication it or any of its Affiliates receives from any Governmental Authority relating to any filing made pursuant to Section 5.7(g). Neither party shall agree to participate in any meeting with any Governmental Authority in respect of any filings, investigation or other inquiry under the HSR Act unless it consults with the other party in advance and, to the extent permitted by such Governmental Authority, gives the other party the opportunity to attend and participate at such meeting. Subject to the Confidentiality Agreement, the parties will coordinate and cooperate fully with each other in exchanging such information and providing such assistance as the other party may reasonably request in connection with the foregoing. Subject to the Confidentiality Agreement, the parties will provide each other with copies of all correspondence, filings or communications between them or any of their Representatives, on the one hand, and any Governmental Authority or members of its staff, on the other hand, with respect to any filings made pursuant to Section 5.7(g).

(i) For purposes of this Section 5.7, subject to subsection (g), above, "commercially reasonable efforts" will not, among other things, be deemed to require a party to undertake extraordinary measures, including the initiation or prosecution of legal proceedings or the payment of amounts in excess of normal and usual filing fees and processing fees, if any.

(j) Prior to Closing, the Seller shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Advertising Purchase and Sale Agreement dated as of October 30, 2003 between the C-Corporation Parent Company and Comcast Advertising Sales, Inc. to be amended to correct the designation of the parties.

Section 5.8 <u>Release of Guarantees</u>. The Seller, the Subsidiaries and their Affiliates that are a party to each of the guarantees, performance bonds, bid bonds, letters of credit and other similar agreements listed in Schedule 3.20 of the Disclosure Schedules and in effect at the Closing (the "<u>Guarantees</u>") shall cause such Guarantees to be revoked or terminated effective

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on the earlier of the replacement thereof by the Buyer and 30 days after Closing. The Buyer shall be responsible for securing replacement guarantees. In the event any of the Guarantees are not released prior to or at the Closing, the Buyer shall indemnify and hold the Seller, the Subsidiaries and their Affiliates harmless for any and all payments required to be made under, and costs and expenses incurred in connection with, such Guarantee by the Seller, the Subsidiaries or their Affiliates until such Guarantee is released.

Section 5.9 <u>Corporate Name</u>. The Buyer acknowledges that, after the Closing Date, the Seller shall have the absolute and exclusive proprietary right to all names, marks, trade names, service marks and trademarks owned by the Seller or any Affiliate and used by the Business (collectively, the "<u>Names</u>"), including all trade names incorporating "Charter" by itself or in combination with any other Name, and that none of the rights thereto or goodwill represented thereby or pertaining thereto are being transferred hereby or in connection herewith. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for a period of 180 days following the Closing, the Buyer may continue to operate the Systems using the Names, including (i) use of any Name affixed to vehicles, signage or other equipment included in the Transferred Assets, (ii) use of any printed literature, sales materials, purchase orders and sales, maintenance or license agreements that bear a Name (as limited by any existing agreements the Seller may have with third parties) until the supplies thereof existing on the Closing Date have been exhausted and (iii) use of any printed billing statements that bear a Name. With respect to the printed purchase orders and sales, maintenance or license agreements referred to in the preceding sentence, after the Closing Date the Buyer shall sticker or otherwise mark such documents as necessary in order to indicate clearly that neither the Seller nor any of its Affiliates are a party to such documents. From and after the expiration of such 180-day period, the Buyer shall cease to use any such literature and sales materials, delete or cover (as by stickering) any such name, phrase or logo from any item included in inventory that bears such name, phrase or logo and take such other actions as may be necessary or advisable clearly and prominently to indicate the Buyer to remove or discontinue using any Name that is affixed as of the Closing Date to converters or other items in or to be used in consumer homes or properties, or as are used in a similar f

Section 5.10 <u>Refunds and Remittances</u>. After the Closing: (i) if the Seller, the Subsidiaries or any of their Affiliates receive any refund or other amount that is a Transferred Asset or is otherwise properly due and owing to the Buyer in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, the Seller promptly shall remit, or shall cause to be remitted, such amount to the Buyer and (ii) if the Buyer or any of its Affiliates receive any refund or other amount that is an Excluded Asset or is otherwise properly due and owing to the Seller or any of its Affiliates in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, the Buyer promptly shall remit, or shall cause to be remitted, such amount to the Seller or any of its Affiliates in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, the Buyer promptly shall remit, or shall cause to be remitted, such amount to the Seller.

Section 5.11 Cooperation on Pending Litigation.

(a) With respect to any defense or prosecution of any litigation or legal proceeding with respect to the Systems that relates to the period prior to the Closing Time and for which the Seller and its Affiliates are responsible pursuant to this Agreement, the Buyer shall cooperate

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with and assist the Seller and its Affiliates, upon reasonable request at the Seller's expense, by making witnesses available and providing all information in its possession (including access to employees with information regarding such proceedings and access to books and records that may relate to the proceedings) that the Seller and its Affiliates may reasonably require in connection with such litigation or legal proceedings or in response to any complaint, claim, inquiry, order or requirements of any Governmental Authority or other third party.

(b) Without limiting the obligations of the Seller under Section 2.4 and Section 7.2, the Seller shall assume all Losses and other costs related to the litigation described as Item 1 on Schedule 3.8 of the Disclosure Schedules, including reasonable costs incurred by the Buyer to comply with any judgment or settlement arising therefrom, but only to the extent that such costs are necessary to comply with such judgment or settlement.

Section 5.12 <u>Bulk Transfer Laws</u>. The Buyer hereby waives compliance by the Seller with the provisions of any so-called "bulk transfer laws" of any jurisdiction in connection with the sale of the Transferred Assets to the Buyer, provided that this Section 5.12 shall not relieve the Seller or any Subsidiary from any liability to creditors or for Taxes that they otherwise may have.

Section 5.13 <u>Public Announcements</u>. The Seller and the Buyer shall consult with each other before issuing, and provide each other the opportunity to review and comment upon, any press release or other public statement with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby, and shall not issue any such press release or make any such public statement prior to such consultation, except as may be required by applicable Law.

Section 5.14 Cooperation on Programming Matters.

(a) The Buyer acknowledges that the Systems currently receive some or all of the programming services described on Schedule 5.14(a) of the Disclosure Schedules (the "**Programming Services**"), and that the Seller has discussed with the Buyer the benefits that it may derive from the continued carriage of each of the Programming Services by the Systems, following the Closing. The Buyer further acknowledges that the Seller has recommended that the Buyer continue to carry the Programming Services. The Buyer understands that the Seller is not able to offer the Buyer the same terms that are available to CCI and its Affiliates, and that the Buyer's rights to carry the Programming Services shall be subject to the Buyer's reaching mutual agreement with each provider of the Programming Services. The Buyer agrees to consider the Seller's recommendation in good faith and that, if the Buyer chooses to negotiate a programming agreement with any programmer, it shall do so in good faith.

(b) No party, in the course of its fulfillment of any of its obligations under this Section 5.14, shall be required to make any payments or otherwise provide any services in respect of the other's obligations to its programmers.

Section 5.15 Transition Planning and Services.

(a) Between the date hereof and the Closing Date, the Seller and the Buyer will reasonably cooperate to transition the services and operations from the Seller and the Subsidiaries to the Buyer, and in connection therewith, the Seller shall provide, and shall cause

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the Subsidiaries to provide, and shall use their commercially reasonable efforts to cause the respective officers, employees, representatives and advisors (including legal and accounting advisors) of the Seller and the Subsidiaries to provide, to the Buyer cooperation as reasonably requested by Buyer that is necessary, proper or reasonably advisable in connection with the transitioning at Closing of such services and operations to the Buyer (including with respect to payroll, human resources and benefits administration, financials (general ledger, accounts payable, purchasing and inventory asset management), billing migration, e-commerce (including electronic bill pay and presentment), COM/operational data requests (including, programming information for payments, channel lineups, headend information, service code and work order mapping, subscriber counts by service), e-mail, provisioning, disaster recovery, dispatch system and ticketing system).

(b) Within 60 days of execution of this Agreement, the Seller and the Buyer shall, in good faith, negotiate and execute a transition services agreement in a form reasonably acceptable to each of them (the "Transition Services Agreement"), to provide transition services to each other for a period of up to 180 days following the Closing Date to allow for, among other things, the conversion of existing call center, billing system, and all Internet support services, including access to and the right to use its billing system, billing call center, Internet addresses, software, Internet back bone connection, HSI tier 2 support, continued access to reports currently provided to the Systems (unless any such report contains information unrelated to the Systems that the Seller cannot, after exercise of its commercially reasonable efforts, remove), access to existing VOD content (other than VOD programming content), customer access to existing portal and content, e-mail servers, provisioning support for new HSI modems until such time as Buyer begins using its own IP address space and related fixed assets, as well as such other services as are reasonably necessary or appropriate for transitioning the Business and to permit the operation of the Business in the ordinary course (the "Transition Services"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Seller shall provide customer email transition services for up to an additional 90 days after the termination of the Transition Services Agreement. The Transition Services Agreement shall require the Seller to provide transition Services to other cable systems owned by the Seller or any of its Affiliates, the Transition Services Agreement shall require the Buyer to provide Transition Services to such Seller or Affiliate as agreed to by both parties, which Transition Services shall be provided to such Seller or Affiliate at the Buyer's cost, including costs arising solely as a result of the transition Services shall be provided to such Seller or Affiliate at the Buyer's cost, including cost

Section 5.16 <u>Cooperation as to Subscriber Reimbursements</u>. If the Seller or the Subsidiaries are required, following the Closing, pursuant to any Law, settlement or otherwise, to reimburse or provide in-kind or another form of consideration to any subscribers of the Systems in respect of any subscriber payments previously made by them, including fees for cable television service, late fees and similar payments, the Buyer agrees that it shall make such reimbursement or provide such in-kind or other form of consideration through the Buyer's billing system on terms specified by the Seller, and the Seller shall reimburse the Buyer, at cost, for all such payments and other consideration made by the Buyer following the Closing and for the Buyer's reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection therewith. Such reimbursement shall be reflected in the Pre-Closing Working Capital Statement and Final Working Capital Statement, to the extent then known. For expenses incurred after completion of

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the Final Working Capital Statement, the Seller shall reimburse the Buyer within 30 days after receipt of a statement therefor. The Buyer shall provide the Seller with all information in the Buyer's possession that is reasonably required by the Seller in connection with such reimbursement.

Section 5.17 <u>Telecommunications Certificates</u>. The Buyer acknowledges and agrees that, following the Closing, the Buyer shall have no right to the Subsidiaries' (other than the C-Corporations', if any) state and federal telecommunications Licenses and authorities for non-cable services, each of which are Excluded Assets, and that the Subsidiaries may terminate some or all of such Licenses and authorities. Following the execution hereof, the Buyer will use commercially reasonable efforts to (i) obtain any Permits related to such Licenses and authorities and (ii) obtain eligible telecommunications provider status from the Universal Service Administration Company, in each case, which the Buyer deems necessary or appropriate, or which are required by any Contract or Permit included in the Transferred Assets, for the offer of services by it. The Buyer will prepare and file, or cause to be prepared and filed, within 30 days after the date hereof, all applications (including any FCC Forms 499) required to be filed in connection with such efforts. The Buyer will pay all fees and expenses incurred by the Buyer with respect to the foregoing. Any liability of the Buyer resulting from the failure to obtain such Licenses or to file such applications shall be an Assumed Liability.

Section 5.18 Leased Vehicles; Other Capital Leases. Prior to the Closing, the Seller will pay, or cause to be paid, the remaining balances on any (i) leases for vehicles or (ii) capital leases for other Equipment or Real Property included in the Transferred Assets and will deliver such vehicles, Real Property and other Equipment free and clear of all Encumbrances (other than Permitted Encumbrances) to the Buyer at the Closing.

Section 5.19 Tax Matters.

(a) All federal, state, local or foreign or other excise, sales, use, value added, transfer (including real property transfer or gains), stamp, documentary, filing, recordation and other similar taxes (but not including any income or corporate franchise taxes, or any Taxes based on, or measured by income, all of which shall be solely the responsibility of the Seller) that may be imposed or assessed as a result of the transactions contemplated hereby, together with any interest, additions or penalties with respect thereto and any interest in respect of such additions or penalties (the **"Transfer Taxes"**), shall be shared equally by the Seller and the Buyer.

(b) Any Tax Returns that must be filed in connection with Transfer Taxes (the "<u>Transfer Tax Returns</u>"), other than Transfer Tax Returns relating to Real Property and vehicles that are included in the Transferred Assets (which shall be prepared and filed by the Buyer), shall be prepared and filed by the Seller; provided, however, that the Buyer shall reimburse the Seller for all amounts shown as due and payable on such Transfer Tax Returns for which the Buyer is responsible for payment pursuant to Section 5.19(a), and the Seller shall reimburse the Buyer for amounts shown as due and payable on Transfer Tax Returns prepared and filed by the Buyer for which the Seller is responsible pursuant to Section 5.19(a). The Buyer and the Seller shall provide copies of such items for the other's review at least ten Business Days prior to the due date for such returns to be filed. The Buyer and the Seller shall (and shall cause each of their respective Affiliates to) cooperate in the timely completion and filing of all such

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Tax Returns, and the Buyer and the Seller shall (and shall cause each of their respective Affiliates to) execute such documents in connection with such filings as shall have been required by Law or reasonably requested by the other party. The Seller or the Buyer, as the case may be, shall furnish to the other party a copy of any Transfer Tax Return (or similar form claiming an applicable exemption from Transfer Taxes) prepared and filed pursuant to this Section 5.19.

(c) The Buyer shall control the conduct of any audit, claim, contest or administrative or judicial proceeding relating to such Transfer Taxes, subject to the Seller's right, at its own expense, to participate in such proceedings. Any additional Transfer Taxes resulting from an adverse determination by a Governmental Authority shall be shared equally by the Buyer and the Seller. If the Buyer, on the one hand, or the Seller, on the other hand, receives any written notice of assessment or other claim from any Governmental Authority with respect to Transfer Taxes for which the other party potentially may be liable, the notified party shall notify the other party of the receipt of such notice of assessment or other claim promptly after the receipt thereof.

(d) Any Transfer Taxes resulting from any subsequent increase in the Purchase Price pursuant to this Agreement shall be borne in accordance with the provisions of this Section 5.19.

(e) All real property taxes, personal property taxes, or ad valorem obligations and similar recurring taxes and fees on the Transferred Assets shall be prorated between the Buyer and the Seller as of the Closing Date. The Seller shall be responsible for all such Taxes and fees on the Transferred Assets to the extent attributable to any period up to and including the Closing Date. The Buyer shall be responsible for all such Taxes and fees on the Transferred Assets to the extent attributable to any period after the Closing Date (including any revaluation or reassessment as a result of this transaction affecting Taxes after the Closing or any subsequent transaction after the Closing Date). With respect to Taxes described in this Section 5.19(e), the Seller shall timely file all Tax Returns due on or before the Closing Date with respect to such Taxes and the Buyer shall prepare and timely file all Tax Returns due after the Closing Date with respect to such Taxes. If one party remits to the appropriate Taxing Authority payment for Taxes, which are subject to proration under this Section 5.19(e), and such payment includes the other party's share of such Taxes, such other party shall promptly reimburse the remitting party for its share of such Taxes.

(f) The Seller shall prepare and file, or cause to be prepared and filed, all Tax Returns of the C-Corporations that are required to be filed for Pre-Closing Tax Periods. The Buyer shall prepare and file all other Tax Returns of the C-Corporations, including Tax Returns, if any, for Straddle Periods. Income Tax Returns relating to Straddle Periods that are prepared by the Buyer shall be prepared and filed in a manner consistent with past practice except (i) as otherwise required by a change in applicable Law, or (ii) as consented to by the Seller, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Income Tax Returns relating to Straddle Periods that are prepared by the Buyer shall be provided to the Seller for review and comment as soon as possible prior to the final due date for the filing thereof and in any event at least ten days prior to such final due date. The Seller shall be liable for and shall pay any Taxes of the C-Corporations for any Pre-Closing Tax Periods. The Seller shall to the extent permitted by applicable law, elect with the relevant taxing authority to close any Tax period of the C-Corporations as of the day before the Closing Date. If applicable Law does not permit such election to be made, then in the case of any Taxes attributable to a Straddle Period and based

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upon or related to income, capital or receipts, the portion of such Taxes which relates to a Pre-Closing Tax Period shall equal the amount that would be payable if such taxable period ended on and included the day before the Closing. For purposes of the preceding sentence, any lien, exemption, deduction, credit or other item that is calculated on an annual basis shall be allocated to the portion of the Straddle Period ending on the day before the Closing on a pro rata basis determined by multiplying the total amount of such item allocable to the Straddle Period times the Straddle Period Fraction. In the case of any other Taxes attributable to a Straddle Period and imposed on a periodic basis with respect to the C-Corporations, the portion of any such Taxes which relates to a Pre-Closing Tax Period shall equal the amount of such Taxes for the Straddle Period multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the number of days in the portion of the Straddle Period ending on and including the day before the Closing and the denominator of which is the number of days in the entire Straddle Period (the "<u>Straddle Period Fraction</u>"). The Seller shall pay to the Buyer the amount of its share of such Taxes within five days prior to the due date for such payments (giving effect to any extensions thereof). Notwithstanding anything else in this Section 5.19(f) to the contrary, the Seller shall be responsible for any Taxes resulting from any transaction undertaken not in the ordinary course of business on the Closing Date but before the Closing (other than the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the Taxes of which shall be payable as otherwise provided in this Agreement).

(g) The Seller and the Buyer shall cooperate (and shall cause each of their Affiliates to cooperate) fully at such time and to the extent reasonably requested by the other party, in connection with the preparation and filing of any Tax Returns of the C-Corporations or the conduct of any audit, dispute, proceeding, suit or action concerning any Tax of the C-Corporations. Such cooperation shall include, without limitation, (i) the retention and (upon the other party's request) the provision of records, documentation and other information in such party's possession which are reasonably relevant to the preparation of any Tax Return until the expiration of the applicable statutes of limitation (giving effect to any extension, waiver or mitigation thereof); (ii) the provision of additional information in such party's possession and explanation of any material provided hereunder; (iii) the execution of any document that may be necessary or reasonably helpful in connection with the filing of any C-Corporation's Tax Return or in connection with any audit, dispute, proceeding, suit or action respecting any C-Corporation's Tax; and (iv) the use of the parties' commercially reasonable efforts to obtain any documentation from a governmental authority or a third party that may be necessary or helpful in connection with the foregoing.

(h) The Buyer shall control the defense and settlement of any audit or administrative or judicial proceeding involving any asserted liability for Taxes of the C-Corporations for (i) any Straddle Period and (ii) any taxable period beginning on or after the Closing Date; provided, however, that the Buyer shall not settle any proceeding which would give rise to an indemnification obligation under Section 7.2 hereof without prior written consent of the Seller, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

Section 5.20 <u>Cooperation</u>; <u>Commercially Reasonable Efforts</u>. Without limiting or expanding any of the express obligations of the parties hereunder, the parties shall cooperate with each other and their respective counsel, accountants, agents and other representatives in all commercially

reasonable respects in connection with any actions required to be taken as part of their respective obligations under this Agreement, and otherwise use their commercially reasonable efforts to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and to fulfill their obligations hereunder as expeditiously as practicable.

Section 5.21 Non-Competition; Non-Solicitation.

(a) The Seller shall not, and shall cause the Subsidiaries (other than the C-Corporations), and their respective Affiliates to not, directly or indirectly, whether as principal, agent, consultant, stockholder, investor or otherwise, alone or in association with any Person:

(i) for a period commencing on the Closing Date and expiring on the second anniversary of the Closing Date, manage, operate, finance, participate in, enter into, engage in or own any interest in, any business or Person that engages in the provision of multi-channel video programming service, high speed data service or wireline telephone service (including the ownership or operation of a cable television system, multi-channel multi-point distribution system, direct broadcast satellite system, open video system, master antennae television system or private operational fixed microwave service) in any of the Franchise Areas as of the Closing Date, except (A) the small system digital service (SSD) currently operated by certain Affiliates of the Subsidiaries to the extent provided on the date of this Agreement to cable television systems in any Franchise Area and (B) as a passive investor or shareholder holding less than 5% of the outstanding voting stock or other equity interest of any entity, provided, however, that for so long as CCI does not, directly or indirectly, control Conversent Communications, Inc. ("Conversent"), no direct or indirect investment by CCI in Conversent or other participation in the affairs of Conversent will be deemed a breach or violation of this Section 5.21(a);

(ii) from the date of this Agreement to the Closing Date, directly solicit (excluding through any general or public solicitation) for employment after the Closing (including as an independent contractor) any Business Employee (other than the Retained Employees); and

(iii) for a period commencing on the Closing Date and expiring on the first anniversary of the Closing Date, directly solicit (excluding through any general or public solicitation) for employment (including as an independent contractor) any Transferred Employee.

(b) From the date hereof until the Closing (but if a Liquidity Transaction has not occurred by the close of business on May 15, 2006 such that the Seller would have the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Section 8.1(e), excluding the period commencing on May 15, 2006 and ending on June 15, 2006) the Seller agrees that it will not, and will cause its Affiliates, or its or its Affiliates respective agents, Representatives, officers, directors, managers and employees not to, directly or indirectly: (A) offer the Transferred Assets, the Systems or the Business for sale, (B) initiate, solicit, encourage, facilitate or entertain offers for the Transferred Assets, Systems or Business, (C) participate in any negotiations or discussions for the possible sale of the Transferred Assets, Systems or Business available to any Person (other than the Buyer and its Affiliates and Representatives) in connection with the possible sale of the Transferred Assets, Systems or Business. For the period described in the preceding sentence, the Seller shall not

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enter into any agreement relating to the sale (by merger, exchange or otherwise) of the equity interests of any of the Subsidiaries, or consummate any such transaction, without prior written notice to the Buyer and unless the acquiror of such equity interests agrees in writing on terms and conditions reasonably acceptable to the Buyer to assume the Seller's obligations hereunder and under the Ancillary Agreements; provided, that, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Buyer, no such assumption shall relieve the Seller of any of its obligations or liabilities hereunder or thereunder; and provided further that in no event may the Seller enter into any agreement relating to the sale (by merger, exchange or otherwise) of the equity interests of any of the C-Corporations, or consummate any such transaction.

(c) If any provision of this Section 5.21 is determined to be unreasonable or unenforceable, such provision and the remainder of this Section 5.21 shall not be declared invalid, but rather shall be modified and enforced to the maximum extent permitted by law.

Section 5.22 Financial and Operational Information.

(a) The Seller shall use commercially reasonable efforts to furnish to the Buyer, the costs of which shall be shared equally by the Buyer and the Seller:

(i) on or before April 1, 2006, a copy of the audited consolidated balance sheet of the Business as of December 31, 2004 and 2005, and the related audited consolidated statements of results of operations, invested equity and cash flows of the Business for the three years ended December 31, 2005, together with all related notes and schedules thereto, accompanied by the reports thereon of KPMG, LLC (which shall contain no "going concern" or other qualification) (collectively referred to as the "<u>Audited Financial Statements</u>") which (A) shall have been prepared based on the books and records of the Seller and the Subsidiaries pertaining to the Business (except as may be indicated in any notes thereto), (B) shall have been prepared in accordance with GAAP applied on a consistent basis, (C) will fairly present, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Business as at the date thereof and for the respective periods indicated therein, (D) will comply in all material respects with the requirements of Regulation S-X promulgated under the Securities Act and (E) shall have been audited by KPMG, LLC; and

(ii) on or before May 15, 2006, a copy of the unaudited consolidated balance sheet with respect to the Business as of March 31, 2006 and 2005, and the related consolidated statements of operations and cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2006, and 2005, together with all related notes and schedules thereto, which (A) shall have been prepared based on the books and records of the Seller and the Subsidiaries pertaining to the Business, (B) shall have been prepared in accordance with GAAP applied on a consistent basis, (C) will fairly present, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Systems in the aggregate as of March 31, 2006 and 2005, and the consolidated results of their operations for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, which will include all of the information and footnote disclosure required by GAAP for interim financial information and (D) shall have been reviewed in accordance with SAS 100 by KPMG, LLC. In the event the Closing occurs more than 135 days after any fiscal quarter end, financial information related to the subsequent

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quarterly period shall be furnished to the Buyer in accordance with this Section 5.22 within 45 days after such subsequent quarter end.

(b) Following the Closing, the Seller shall give the Buyer and its representatives (including the Buyer's accountants) access to the Seller's and the Subsidiaries books and records and any other business and financial data that the Buyer may reasonably request, and the Seller shall, and shall instruct the Subsidiaries, their employees, accountants and other advisors to, at the Buyer's request, cooperate with the Buyer as may be reasonably necessary to enable the Buyer to (i) complete any audit or review in conformity with Regulation S-X promulgated under the Securities Act, including the preparation and audit of information required for a "black line" presentation with respect to the Systems for the period January 1, 2006 through the Closing Date and for the period beginning the day following the Closing Date through December 31, 2006, and (ii) obtain the relevant information required for the preparation of a Registration Statement on Form S-4 under the Securities Act or any additional information required for filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, required to be made during or with respect to the 2006 fiscal year. In the event that the Seller or any Subsidiary ceases to exist following the Closing or substantially diminishes its activities, the Seller shall take such actions as are necessary to preserve its books and records and any other business and financial data and shall make arrangements so that such books and records and data are made available to the Buyer upon its reasonable request.

Section 5.23 <u>Risk of Loss</u>. The risk of any loss or damage to the Transferred Assets resulting from fire, theft or any other casualty (except reasonable wear and tear) will be borne by the Seller at all times prior to the Closing. In the event of any such loss or damage to any of the Transferred Assets, Seller shall, at its option, repair or replace such Transferred Assets, as applicable, or pay over to the Buyer at the Closing, cash in the amount necessary to repair or replace such Transferred Assets, as applicable.

Section 5.24 Financing.

(a) The Buyer shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain and effectuate the financing contemplated by the Financing Commitments on the terms set forth therein. The Buyer agrees to notify the Seller promptly and, in any case, within 3 Business Days if, at any time prior to the Closing Date, (i) any Financing Commitment shall expire or be terminated, modified or amended for any reason or (ii) any of the financing sources that is a party to the Debt Commitments notifies the Buyer that such source will not be able to provide financing substantially on the terms set forth in the Debt Commitments. The Buyer shall not, and shall not permit any of its Affiliates to, without the prior written consent of the Seller, take any action or enter into any transaction, including any merger, acquisition, joint venture, disposition, lease, contract or debt or equity financing that would reasonably be expected to materially delay or prevent the financing contemplated by the Financing Commitments. The Buyer shall not amend or alter, or agree to amend or alter, the Financing Commitments in any manner that could reasonably be expected to materially delay or prevent the transactions contemplated hereby without the prior written consent of the Seller, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. Notwithstanding the foregoing, including the first sentence hereof, the Buyer shall not be prohibited from obtaining and effectuating financing on terms other than those contemplated by the Financing Commitments; provided the Buyer's efforts to obtain such alternate financing

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terms does not materially delay or prevent the financing and consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(b) The Seller shall provide, and shall cause the Subsidiaries to provide, reasonable assistance to the Buyer's efforts to obtain the funds contemplated by the Financing Commitments, including provision of existing financial statements for prior periods, facilitating customary due diligence and arranging for Business Employees to meet with prospective lenders in customary presentations or to participate in customary road shows, in each case upon the Buyer's request with reasonable prior notice and at the Buyer's sole cost and expense. The Seller shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to facilitate the engagement of KPMG, LLC by the Buyer for any purpose relating to the financing of the transactions contemplated hereby (including the provision of an auditors "comfort letter" by April 8, 2006, which, among other things, will relate to the quarterly financial statements for the quarter ending December 31, 2005, provided that such efforts in no way delay the delivery of the Audited Financial Statements) and to cause KPMG, LLC to provide its consent to the inclusion of its reports in any document filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (it being understood and agreed that the Seller shall not be required to spend any funds, provide any indemnity or make any representations in any manner with respect to such engagement).

Section 5.25 <u>Fiber Audit</u>. The Seller shall use commercially reasonable efforts in the ordinary course of business to continue its audit of the fibers utilized under the agreements with FiberNet, LLC referred to on Schedule 3.15 of the Disclosure Schedules and upon such completion the Seller agrees to promptly deliver the results of such audit to the Buyer.

Section 5.26 <u>Contracts Containing Non-Competition Agreements</u>. No later than 30 days after the date of this Agreement, the Seller shall provide the Buyer with a schedule of those Contracts that contain non-competition or other similar provisions that would be binding on the (a) the Buyer and its Affiliates or (b) the Equity Sponsors and their affiliates after the Closing. Upon receipt of such schedule, the Buyer shall have 15 days to designate any of the Contracts set forth therein as Excluded Assets, which shall not be transferred to the Buyer at the Closing. The previous sentence notwithstanding, if the Seller obtains any waiver or other elimination of such non-competition provision from such Contract with the respect to the (a) the Buyer and its Affiliates and/or (b) the Equity Sponsors and their affiliates, as appropriate, prior to the Closing, such Contract will be transferred to the Buyer as a Transferred Asset.

ARTICLE VI

CONDITIONS TO CLOSING

Section 6.1 <u>General Conditions</u>. The respective obligations of the Buyer and the Seller to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby shall be subject to the fulfillment, at or prior to the Closing, of each of the following conditions, any of which may, to the extent permitted by applicable Law, be waived in writing by either party in its sole discretion (provided that such waiver shall only be effective as to the obligations of such party):

(a) No Governmental Authority shall have enacted, issued, promulgated, enforced or entered any Law (whether temporary, preliminary or permanent) that enjoins, restrains, makes

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illegal or otherwise prohibits the consummation of the transactions, taken as a whole, contemplated by this Agreement or the Ancillary Agreements.

(b) Any waiting period (and any extension thereof) under the HSR Act applicable to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements shall have expired or shall have been terminated.

Section 6.2 <u>Conditions to Obligations of the Seller</u>. The obligations of the Seller to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby shall be subject to the fulfillment, at or prior to the Closing, of each of the following conditions, any of which may be waived in writing by the Seller in its sole discretion:

(a) The representations and warranties of the Buyer contained in this Agreement shall be true and correct both when made and as of the Closing Date, or in the case of representations and warranties that are made as of a specified date, such representations and warranties shall be true and correct as of such specified date, except where the failure to be so true and correct (without giving effect to any limitation or qualification as to "materiality" (including the word "material") or "Buyer Material Adverse Effect" set forth therein) would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Buyer Material Adverse Effect. The Buyer shall have performed all obligations and agreements and complied with all covenants and conditions required by this Agreement to be performed or complied with by it in all material respects prior to or at the Closing. The Seller shall have received from the Buyer a certificate to the effect set forth in the preceding sentences, signed by an officer thereof.

(b) The Seller shall have received an executed counterpart of each of the Ancillary Agreements, signed by each party other than the Seller or the Subsidiaries that are parties thereto.

(c) The LFA Approvals, consistent with the provisions of Section 5.7, with respect to Franchises that represent, in aggregate, not less than 90% of the individually-billed subscribers of the Systems, (i) shall have been received, or (ii) shall be deemed to have been received in accordance with Section 617 of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. Section 537), or (iii) shall not be required by applicable Law or under any applicable Franchise; provided, however, if less than 100% of the LFA Approvals have been obtained, all applicable waiting periods (including extensions) shall have expired with respect to the FCC Forms 394 filed in connection with requests for such LFA Approvals that have not been obtained. Solely for purposes of determining the applicable percentage of individually-billed subscriber sunder Section 2.5(b), this Section 6.2(c) and Section 6.3(c), the parties shall use the number of subscribers in the Systems set forth on Schedule 6.3(c) of the Disclosure Schedules.

Section 6.3 <u>Conditions to Obligations of the Buyer</u>. The obligations of the Buyer to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby shall be subject to the fulfillment, at or prior to the Closing, of each of the following conditions, any of which may be waived in writing by the Buyer in its sole discretion:

(a) The representations and warranties of the Seller contained in this Agreement shall be true and correct both when made and as of the Closing Date, or in the case of representations

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and warranties that are made as of a specified date, such representations and warranties shall be true and correct as of such specified date, except where the failure to be so true and correct (without giving effect to any limitation or qualification as to "materiality" (including the word "material") or "Material Adverse Effect" set forth therein) would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The Seller shall have performed all obligations and agreements and complied with all covenants and conditions required by this Agreement to be performed or complied with by it in all material respects prior to or at the Closing. The Buyer shall have received from the Seller a certificate to the effect set forth in the preceding sentences, signed by an officer thereof.

(b) The Buyer shall have received an executed counterpart of each of the Ancillary Agreements signed by each party other than the Buyer.

(c) (i) The LFA Approvals, consistent with the provisions of Section 5.7, with respect to Franchises that represent, in aggregate, not less than 65% of the individually-billed subscribers of the Systems, (i) shall have been received, or (ii) shall be deemed to have been received in accordance with Section 617 of the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. Section 537), or (iii) shall not be required by applicable Law or under any applicable Franchise; provided, however, if less than 100% of the LFA Approvals have been obtained, all applicable waiting periods (including extensions) shall have expired with respect to the FCC Forms 394 filed in connection with requests for such LFA Approvals that have not been obtained. Solely for purposes of determining the applicable percentage of individually-billed subscribers under Section 2.5(b), Section 6.2(c) and this Section 6.3(c), the parties shall use the number of subscribers in the Systems set forth on Schedule 6.3(c) of the Disclosure Schedules.

(d) The Required Consents with respect to the assignment of any leases for any Material Real Property serving more than 2,000 individuallybilled subscribers shall have been received.

(e) There shall not have occurred any change, event or development that, individually or in the aggregate, has had or is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(f) The Buyer shall have received (i) the Audited Financial Statements and (ii) the financial statements referred to in Section 5.22(a)(ii) to the extent such financial statements are then due pursuant to the terms of Section 5.22(a)(ii), and the Operating Cash Flow for the year ended December 31, 2005, as derived from the statement of results of operations of the Business in the Audited Financial Statements will not be more than \$2,000,000 less than the Operating Cash Flow for the year ended December 31, 2005, as derived from the statement of results of operations of the Business in the Statement of results of operations of the Business.

(g) Forty five days shall have elapsed since delivery of the most recent quarterly financial statements required to be delivered under Section 5.22(a)(ii).

(h) As of the Closing Date, the aggregate number of the RGUs shall be no fewer than 284,537.

(i) The Buyer shall have received the funds in the amount contemplated by the Debt Commitments substantially on the terms and conditions set forth therein.

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(j) The Seller shall not have sold, transferred, encumbered or otherwise disposed of any material Transferred Assets or any interest therein, except with the consent of the Buyer (which consent shall not have been unreasonably withheld).

(k) The conditions set forth in Schedule 6.3(i) of the Disclosure Schedules shall have been met.

ARTICLE VII

INDEMNIFICATION

Section 7.1 <u>Survival of Representations and Warranties.</u> The representations and warranties of the Seller and the Buyer contained in this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements and any certificate delivered pursuant hereto or thereto shall survive the Closing for a period of 12 months after the Closing Date, except representations and warranties relating to authorization of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, Taxes, the C-Corporations, title to the Real Property and the Transferred Assets, ERISA, environmental matters and brokers, which representations and warranties will survive the Closing for the duration of the applicable statute of limitations.

Section 7.2 Indemnification by the Seller. After the Closing, the Seller shall, and shall cause the Subsidiaries to, save, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Buyer and its Affiliates, direct and indirect equityholders, owners, general partners, managers and members of the Buyer or its Affiliates, and the respective Representatives, successors and assigns of each of the foregoing (collectively, the "Buyer Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all losses, damages, liabilities, deficiencies, claims, interest, awards, judgments, settlements, penalties, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and other out-of-pocket expenses incurred in investigating, preparing or defending the foregoing) (hereinafter collectively, "Losses") to the extent arising out of or resulting from:

(a) any breach of any representation or warranty made by the Seller contained in this Agreement or the Ancillary Agreements;

(b) any breach of any covenant or agreement by the Seller contained in this Agreement or the Ancillary Agreements;

(c) any Excluded Liability, including any liability arising out of any litigation described on Schedule 3.8 of the Disclosure Schedules as well as any other litigation related to the Business, Transferred Assets or the C-Corporations with respect to any period prior to the Closing; and

(d) any liability that is not an Assumed Liability.

Section 7.3 <u>Indemnification by the Buyer</u>. After the Closing, the Buyer shall save, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Seller and its Affiliates, direct and indirect shareholders, owners, general partners, managers and members of the Seller or its Affiliates, and the respective Representatives, successors and assigns of each of the foregoing (collectively, the

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"Seller Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all Losses to the extent arising out of or resulting from:

- (a) any breach of any representation or warranty made by the Buyer contained in this Agreement or the Ancillary Agreements;
- (b) any breach of any covenant or agreement by the Buyer contained in this Agreement or the Ancillary Agreements; and
- (c) any Assumed Liability.

Section 7.4 Procedures.

(a) In order for a Buyer Indemnified Party or Seller Indemnified Party (each an "Indemnified Party") to be entitled to any indemnification provided for under this Agreement or the Ancillary Agreements in respect of, arising out of or involving a Loss or a claim or demand, whether between the parties hereto (a "Direct Claim") or made by any Person against such Indemnified Party (a "Third Party Claim"), such Indemnified Party shall deliver notice thereof to the party against whom indemnity is sought (the "Indemnifying Party") describing in reasonable detail the facts giving rise to any Direct Claim or Third Party Claim for indemnification hereunder, the amount or method of computation of the amount of such Direct Claim or Third Party Claim (if known) (which amount or any computation of such amount shall not in any event limit the amount of indemnification to which an Indemnified Party may be entitled hereunder) and such other information with respect thereto as the Indemnifying Party may reasonably request. If the claim is a Third Party Claim, notice shall be given promptly by the Indemnified Party after receipt by such Indemnified Party of written notice of the Third Party Claim. The failure to provide any such notice of a Direct Claim or Third Party Claim, however, shall not release the Indemnifying Party from any of its obligations under this Article VII except to the extent that the Indemnifying Party is materially prejudiced by such failure.

(b) Following receipt of notice from the Indemnified Party of a Direct Claim or Third Party Claim, the Indemnifying Party shall have 30 days (or such shorter period as is set forth in such notice as may be required in any applicable proceeding, in the event of a litigated matter) to make such investigation of the Direct Claim or Third Party Claim as the Indemnifying Party deems necessary or desirable and, in the case of a Third Party Claim, to notify the Indemnified Party as to whether it intends to assume the defense thereof pursuant to Section 7.4(c). For the purposes of such investigation, the Indemnified Party agrees to make available to the Indemnifying Party and its authorized representative(s) the information relied upon by the Indemnified Party to substantiate the Direct Claim or Third Party Claim. If the Indemnified Party and the Indemnifying Party agree at or prior to the expiration of said 30 day period (or such shorter period, or in either case any mutually agreed upon extension thereof) to the validity and amount of such Direct Claim or Third Party Claim. If the Indemnified Party the full amount of the Direct Claim or Third Party Claim. If the Indemnified Party the full amount of the Direct Claim or Third Party Claim. If the Indemnified Party the full amount of the Direct Claim or Third Party Claim. If the Indemnified Party the full amount of the Direct Claim or Third Party Claim. If the Indemnified Party the full amount of the Direct Claim or Third Party may seek appropriate legal remedy.

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The Indemnifying Party shall have the right, upon written notice to the Indemnified Party, to assume the defense of any Third Party Claim (c) at the expense of the Indemnifying Party with counsel selected by the Indemnifying Party and reasonably satisfactory to the Indemnified Party, unless (i) the Third Party Claim relates to or arises in connection with a criminal proceeding, action, indictment, allegation or investigation, (ii) the Indemnifying Party has failed to defend or is failing to defend in good faith the Third Party Claim, (iii) the Indemnifying Party and the Indemnified Party are both named parties to the Third Party Claim, and the Indemnified Party reasonably concludes that representation of both parties by the same counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential different interests, (iv) in the case of Losses suffered by a Buyer Indemnified Party, it is reasonably likely that the Losses arising from such Third Party Claim will exceed the amount such Buyer Indemnified Party will be entitled to recover as a result of the limitations set forth in Section 7.5, (v) the Indemnifying Party does not, in the Indemnified Party's reasonable judgment, have sufficient financial resources to satisfy the amount of any adverse judgment that is reasonably likely to result with respect to such Third Party Claim, or (vi) the Indemnifying Party fails to acknowledge in writing that it would have an absolute indemnity obligation for any and all Losses resulting from such Third Party Claim. If the Indemnifying Party assumes the defense of such Third Party Claim, the Indemnified Party shall have the right to employ separate counsel and to participate in the defense thereof, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of the Indemnified Party; provided, however, that if in the reasonable opinion of counsel for the Indemnified Party, there is a conflict of interest between the Indemnified Party and the Indemnifying Party, the Indemnifying Party shall be responsible for the reasonable fees and expenses of one counsel to such Indemnified Party in connection with such defense. If the Indemnifying Party assumes the defense of any Third Party Claim, the Indemnified Party shall reasonably cooperate with the Indemnifying Party in such defense and use commercially reasonable efforts to make available to the Indemnifying Party all witnesses, pertinent records, materials and information in the Indemnified Party's possession or under the Indemnified Party's control relating thereto as is reasonably required by the Indemnifying Party subject to reimbursement for actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Indemnified Party as the result of a request by the Indemnifying Party. If the Indemnifying Party assumes the defense of a Third Party Claim and continues to diligently defend such claim, the Indemnified Party shall not admit any liability with respect to, or settle, compromise or discharge, or offer to settle, compromise or discharge, such Third Party Claim without the Indemnifying Party's prior written consent, which may be granted or withheld in the Indemnifying Party's sole discretion. The Indemnifying Party shall not, without the prior written consent of the Indemnified Party, which may be granted or withheld in the Indemnified Party's sole discretion, settle, compromise or offer to settle or compromise any Third Party Claim on a basis that would result in (i) the imposition of a consent order, injunction or decree that would restrict the future activity or conduct of, or impose any non-monetary liability, obligation or commitment on, the Indemnified Party or any of its Affiliates, (ii) a finding or admission of a violation of Law or violation of the rights of any Person by the Indemnified Party or any of its Affiliates, (iii) a finding or admission that would have an adverse effect on other claims made or threatened against the Indemnified Party or any of its Affiliates, or (iv) any monetary liability of the Indemnified Party that shall not be promptly paid or reimbursed by the Indemnifying Party. Any such settlement or compromise shall include as an unconditional term thereof the giving by the claimant of a release of the Indemnified Party from all liability with respect to such Third Party Claim.

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(d) In the event any Indemnified Party should have a claim against any Indemnifying Party hereunder that does not involve a Third Party Claim being asserted against or sought to be collected from such Indemnified Party, the Indemnified Party shall deliver notice of such claim promptly to the Indemnifying Party, describing in reasonable detail the facts giving rise to any claim for indemnifying Party may reasonably request. The failure to provide such notice, however, shall not release the Indemnifying Party from any of its obligations under this Article VII except to the extent that the Indemnifying Party is materially prejudiced by such failure. The Indemnified Party shall reasonably cooperate and assist the Indemnifying Party in determining the validity of any claim for indemnify by the Indemnified Party and in otherwise resolving such matters. Such assistance and cooperation shall include providing reasonable access to and copies of information, records and documents relating to such matters, furnishing employees to assist in the investigation, defense and resolution of such matters and providing legal and business assistance with respect to such matters.

(e) In the event the Indemnifying Party (i) does not elect to assume control or otherwise participate in the defense of any Third Party Claim, (ii) is not entitled to assume the defense of a Third Party Claim pursuant to Section 7.4(c) or (iii) after assuming the defense of a Third Party Claim, fails to take reasonable steps to defend diligently such Third Party Claim, the Indemnified Party shall have the right, but not the obligation, to assume its own defense with respect to the applicable Third Party Claim (it being understood that the Indemnified Party's right to indemnification for a Third Party Claim shall not be adversely affected by assuming the defense of such Third Party Claim), and the Indemnifying Party shall be bound by the results obtained by the Indemnified Party; provided, however, that the Indemnified Party shall not have the right to consent or otherwise agree to any non-monetary settlement or relief, including injunctive relief or other equitable remedies, that would reasonably be expected to adversely affect the Indemnifying Party, without the prior written consent of the Indemnifying Party, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

Section 7.5 Indemnification by the Buyer. Limits on Indemnification.

(a) No claim may be asserted against either party for breach of any representation or warranty contained in this Agreement or the Ancillary Agreements or any certificate delivered hereto or thereto, unless written notice of such claim is received by such party, describing in reasonable detail the facts and circumstances with respect to the subject matter of such claim on or prior to the date on which the representation or warranty on which such claim is based ceases to survive as set forth in Section 7.1, in which case such representation or warranty shall survive as to such claim until such claim has been finally resolved.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement:

(i) neither party shall be liable to the other party for any claim for indemnification under Section 7.2(a) or 7.3(a), as the case may be, unless and until the aggregate amount of indemnifiable Losses that may be recovered from the Seller or the

Buyer under Section 7.2(a) or 7.3(a), as the case may be, equals or exceeds \$4,620,000 in which case the Indemnifying Party shall be liable only for the Losses in excess of such amount; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, such limitation shall not apply with respect to representations and warranties relating to title to the Real Property and the Transferred Assets and, in substitute of such limitation, the Seller shall not be liable to the Buyer for any claim for indemnification under Section 7.2(a), in respect of representations and warranties that the Seller is transferring title to the Real Property and the Transferred Assets free and clear of Encumbrances (other than as set forth in this Agreement) unless and until the aggregate amount of indemnifiable Losses that may be recovered from the Seller under Section 7.2(a) in respect of such representations and warranties equals or exceeds \$400,000; <u>provided further</u>, <u>however</u>, that such limitations shall not apply to indemnification in respect of representations and warranties relating to authorization of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, Taxes, C-Corporations as set forth in Section 3.22 and brokers;

(ii) the maximum aggregate amount of indemnifiable Losses that may be recovered by either party under Section 7.2(a) or 7.3(a), as the case may be, shall be an amount equal to \$50,000,000; provided, however, that the maximum aggregate amount of indemnifiable Losses that may be recovered by either party under Section 7.2(a) or 7.3(a), as the case may be, with respect to representations and warranties relating to ERISA and environmental matters shall be an amount equal to \$154,000,000; provided further, however, that the maximum aggregate amount of indemnifiable Losses that may be recovered by either party under Section 7.2(a) or 7.3(a), as the case may be, with respect to representations and warranties relating to authorization of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, Taxes, title to the Real Property and the Transferred Assets, the C-Corporations and brokers shall be the Purchase Price (for the avoidance of doubt, the maximum amounts payable under any clause of this Section 7.5(b)(ii) shall be reduced by any amount previously paid under Section 7.2(a) or 7.3(a));

(iii) no Losses may be claimed by any Indemnified Party or shall be reimbursable by or shall be included in calculating the aggregate Losses set forth in clause (i) above other than Losses in excess of \$5,000 resulting from any single claim or aggregated claims arising out of the same facts, events or circumstances;

(iv) the Seller shall not be obligated to indemnify any Buyer Indemnified Party with respect to any Loss to the extent that such Loss was a Current Liability included in the calculation of the Final Net Current Asset Value or to the extent that an accrual or reserve for the amount of such loss was included in the calculation of the Final Net Asset Value (in each case, as finally determined pursuant to Section 2.9); and

(v) no party hereto shall have any liability under any provision of this Agreement for any punitive, incidental, consequential, special or indirect damages, including business interruption, loss of future revenue, profits or income, or loss of business reputation or opportunity relating to the breach or alleged breach of this Agreement, except to the extent awarded by a court or other tribunal of competent jurisdiction to a third party in connection with a Third Party Claim.

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(c) For all purposes of this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements, Losses shall be net of any insurance or other recoveries payable to the Indemnified Party or its Affiliates in connection with the Losses giving rise to the right of indemnification.

(d) The Buyer and the Seller shall reasonably cooperate with each other with respect to resolving any claim or liability with respect to which one party is obligated to indemnify the other party hereunder, including by making commercially reasonably efforts to mitigate or resolve any such claim or liability.

Section 7.6 <u>Assignment of Claims.</u> If any party receives any payment from the other party in respect of any Losses pursuant to Section 7.2 or Section 7.3, as the case may be, and the Indemnified Party could have recovered all or a part of such Losses from a third party (a "<u>Potential Contributor</u>") based on the underlying claim asserted against the Seller or the Buyer, as the case may be, the Indemnified Party shall assign, on a non-recourse basis and without any representation or warranty, such of its rights to proceed against the Potential Contributor as are necessary to permit the Seller or the Buyer, as the case may be, to recover from the Potential Contributor the amount of such payment. Any payment received in respect of such claim shall be distributed, (i) first, to the Indemnified Party in the amount of any deductible or similar amount required to be paid by the Indemnified Party prior to the Seller or the Buyer, as the case may be, being required to make any payment to the Indemnified Party, (ii) second, to the Indemnifying Party in an amount equal to the aggregate payments made by the Indemnifying Party to the Indemnified Party in respect of such Loss, plus reasonable costs and expenses (including attorney's costs and expenses) incurred in investigating, defending or otherwise incurred in connection with addressing such claim and (iii) the balance, if any, to the Indemnified Party.

Section 7.7 Payments. The Indemnifying Party shall pay all amounts payable pursuant to this Article VII by wire transfer of immediately available funds, promptly following receipt from an Indemnified Party of a bill, together with all accompanying reasonably detailed back-up documentation, for each Loss that is the subject of indemnification hereunder, except to the extent the Indemnifying Party in good faith disputes the Loss or a portion thereof, in which event it shall so notify the Indemnified Party; provided that the Indemnifying Party shall promptly pay any portion of such Loss not subject to dispute. In any event, the Indemnifying Party shall pay to the Indemnified Party, by wire transfer of immediately available funds, the amount of any Loss for which it is liable hereunder no later than three days following any final determination of such Loss and the Indemnifying Party's liability therefor. A "final determination" shall exist when (i) the parties to the dispute have reached an agreement in writing, or a court of competent jurisdiction shall have entered a final and non-appealable order or judgment.

Section 7.8 Exclusivity. Except as specifically set forth in this Agreement or the Ancillary Agreements, after the Closing, in the absence of fraud on the part of either party in connection with the negotiation, execution or delivery of this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby (to the extent determined by a final judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction), this Article VII shall provide the exclusive remedy of any party against the other party for any breach of any

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representation or warranty set forth in or made pursuant to this Agreement or the Ancillary Agreements.

Section 7.9 Disclaimer of Implied Warranties.

(a) It is the explicit intent and understanding of each party hereto that neither party hereto or any of such party's Affiliates or Representatives is making any representation or warranty whatsoever (including any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness), oral or written, express or implied, as to the accuracy or completeness of any information regarding the Business, the Transferred Assets or the Assumed Liabilities, except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, and neither party hereto is relying on any statement, representation or warranty, oral or written, express or implied, made by the other party hereto or such other party's Affiliates or Representatives, except for the representations and warranties expressly set forth in this Agreement.

(b) In connection with the Buyer's investigation of the Business, the Buyer has received certain estimates, projections and other forecasts regarding the Business and the Transferred Assets, including those set forth in the Confidential Information Memorandum dated October, 2005. The Buyer acknowledges that there are uncertainties inherent in attempting to make such estimates, projections and other forecasts, that the Buyer is familiar with such uncertainties and that the Buyer is taking full responsibility for making its own evaluation of the adequacy and accuracy of all estimates, projections and other forecasts so furnished to it (including the reasonableness of the assumptions underlying such estimates, projections and forecasts). Accordingly, the Seller makes no representation or warranty with respect to such estimates, projections and other forecasts of the assumptions underlying such estimates, projections and forecasts).

ARTICLE VIII

TERMINATION, AMENDMENT AND WAIVER

Section 8.1 <u>Termination</u>. This Agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the Closing:

(a) by mutual written consent of the Buyer and the Seller;

(b) (i) by the Seller, if the Buyer breaches or fails to perform in any respect any of its representations, warranties or covenants contained in this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement and such breach or failure to perform (A) would give rise to the failure of a condition set forth in Section 6.2, (B) cannot be cured or has not been cured within 30 days after written notice thereof is given to the Buyer and (C) has not been waived by the Seller or (ii) by the Buyer, if the Seller breaches or fails to perform in any respect any of its representations, warranties or covenants contained in this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement and such breach or failure to perform (any of its representations, warranties or covenants contained in this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement and such breach or failure to perform (x) would give rise to the failure of a condition set forth in Section 6.3, (y) cannot be cured or has not been cured within 30 days after written notice thereof is given to the Seller and (z) has not been waived by the Buyer;

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(c) by either the Seller or the Buyer if the Closing shall not have occurred by the first anniversary of the date of this Agreement (the **"Termination Date"**); provided, however, that the right to terminate this Agreement under this Section 8.1(c) shall not be available if the failure of the party so requesting termination to fulfill any obligation under this Agreement shall have been the cause of the failure of the Closing to occur on or prior to such date;

(d) by either the Seller or the Buyer in the event that any Governmental Authority shall have issued an order, decree or ruling or taken any other action restraining, enjoining or otherwise prohibiting all of the transactions contemplated hereby, and such order, decree, ruling or other action shall have become final and nonappealable; provided, however, that the right to terminate this Agreement under this Section 8.1(d) shall not be available to a party if such order, decree, ruling or other action was due to such party's failure to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement;

(e) by the Seller, if a Liquidity Transaction has not occurred by the close of business on May 15, 2006; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Seller must elect to terminate this Agreement, if at all, pursuant to this Section 8.1(e) prior to cure by the Buyer and in any event on or prior to June 15, 2006; or

(f) by the Buyer, if the failure of the condition set forth in Section 6.3(j): (i) cannot be cured or has not been cured within 30 days after written notice thereof is given to the Seller and (ii) has not been waived by the Buyer.

The party seeking to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.1 (other than Section 8.1(a)) shall give prompt written notice of such termination to the other party.

Section 8.2 Effect of Termination. In the event of termination of this Agreement as provided in Section 8.1, this Agreement shall forthwith become void and there shall be no liability on the part of either party except for the provisions of Sections 3.17 and 4.6 relating to broker's fees and finder's fees, Sections 5.2(a) and (d) relating to expenses and indemnities, Section 5.2(e) relating to confidentiality and sharing of information, Section 5.6 relating to confidentiality, Section 5.13 relating to public announcements, Section 8.3 relating to rights upon termination, Section 9.1 relating to fees and expenses, Section 9.4 relating to notices, Section 9.7 relating to third-party beneficiaries, Section 9.8 relating to governing law, Section 9.9 relating to submission to jurisdiction, Section 9.11 relating to personal liability, Section 9.16 relating to waiver of jury trial and this Section 8.2.

Section 8.3 Rights upon Termination.

(a) In the event of any termination of this Agreement prior to the Closing, the Buyer shall be entitled to the immediate return of the Escrow Fund; provided, however, in the event of a termination of this Agreement by the Seller pursuant to (i) Section 8.1(b)(i), (ii) Section 8.1(c), if the failure of the Closing to occur by the Termination Date was the result of the Buyer's failure to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement, (iii) Section 8.1(d), if the order, decree, ruling or other action referred to in Section 8.1(d) causing the termination was caused by the Buyer's failure to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement, or (iv) Section 8.1(e), then in each case the Seller shall be entitled to receive the Escrow Fund as liquidated damages

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for the damages suffered by Seller (which amount the parties agree is a reasonable estimate of the actual damages that will be suffered by Seller and does not constitute a penalty).

(b) In the event of a termination of this Agreement by the Buyer pursuant to (i) Section 8.1(b)(ii) (other than as a result of a breach of the nonsolicitation covenant contained in Section 5.21(b)), (ii) Section 8.1(c), if the failure of the Closing to occur by the Termination Date was the result of the Seller's failure to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement, (iii) Section 8.1(d), if the order, decree, ruling or other action referred to in Section 8.1(d) causing the termination was caused by the Seller's failure to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement or (iv) Section 8.1(f), the Buyer shall be entitled to damages for breach of contract in an amount equal in value to the amount of the Escrow Fund on the date of termination as liquidated damages for the damages suffered by Buyer (which amount the parties agree is a reasonable estimate of the actual damages that will be suffered by Buyer and does not constitute a penalty).

Section 8.4 Other Termination Provisions.

(a) Notwithstanding the foregoing, a party may not rely on the failure of any condition set forth in Article VI to be satisfied if such failure was caused by such party's breach of or failure to perform any of its representations, warranties, covenants or other obligations in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

(b) The Seller and the Buyer acknowledge and agree that if the Closing does not occur, the Buyer's maximum liability under this Agreement shall be the amount of the Escrow Fund. The Buyer shall only be liable for such amount if the Closing does not occur and the Seller validly terminates this Agreement and is entitled to the Escrow Fund in accordance with Section 8.3, and such payment is intended to be liquidated damages, it being agreed that said amount shall constitute full payment to the Seller for any claim by Seller for any and all damages suffered by the Seller by reason of any such breach by the Buyer of any of its obligations under this Agreement (other than for attorneys fees provided in Section 8.4(c) below) or by reason of any such termination. The Buyer and the Seller agree in advance that actual damages would be difficult to ascertain and that the amount of the Escrow Fund is a fair and equitable amount to reimburse the Seller for damages sustained due to the Buyer's breach of any of its obligations under this Agreement and neither the Seller nor the Buyer will seek to assert that the provisions of this Section 8.4(b) are unenforceable in any way.

(c) Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement that may limit or qualify a party's remedies, in the event of a breach or default by any party that results in a lawsuit or other proceeding for any remedy available under this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reimbursement from the breaching or defaulting party of its reasonable legal fees and out-of-pocket expenses (whether incurred at trial or on appeal).

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ARTICLE IX

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 9.1 <u>Fees and Expenses</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, all fees and expenses incurred in connection with or related to this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby shall be paid by the party incurring such fees or expenses, whether or not such transactions are consummated. In the event of termination of this Agreement, the obligation of each party to pay its own expenses shall be subject to any rights of such party arising from a breach of this Agreement by the other.

Section 9.2 <u>Amendment and Modification</u>. This Agreement may not be amended, modified or supplemented in any manner, whether by course of conduct or otherwise, except by an instrument in writing signed on behalf of each party and otherwise as expressly set forth herein.

Section 9.3 <u>Waiver</u>. No failure or delay of either party in exercising any right or remedy hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right or power, or any abandonment or discontinuance of steps to enforce such right or power, or any course of conduct, preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right or power. The rights and remedies of the parties hereunder are cumulative and are not exclusive of any rights or remedies, which they would otherwise have hereunder. Any agreement on the part of either party to any such waiver shall be valid only if set forth in a written instrument executed and delivered by a duly authorized officer on behalf of such party.

Section 9.4 Notices. All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing, delivered by personal delivery, facsimile transmission or other electronic means reasonably acceptable to both parties (to be followed promptly by written confirmation mailed by certified mail as provided below) or sent by overnight courier service or certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall be deemed duly given on the earliest of (a) the date of personal delivery, (b) the date of confirmed receipt if delivered utilizing a next day service by a recognized next day courier or (c) the date of recipient's written acknowledgement of receipt of facsimile transmissions or other electronic means. All notices hereunder shall be delivered to the addresses set forth below, or pursuant to such other instructions as may be designated in writing by the party to receive such notice:

(a) if to the Seller, to:

c/o Charter Communications, Inc. 6399 Fiddler's Green Circle, 6th Floor Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111 Attention: Carol O'Keeffe Facsimile: (720) 200-9276

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With copies (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Charter Communications 12405 Powerscourt Drive St. Louis, Missouri 63131 Attention: Shannon R. Dunham Facsimile: (314) 965-6640

and:

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP 200 Park Avenue New York, New York 10166 Attention: Dennis J. Friedman, Esq. Facsimile: (212) 351-4035

and:

Sherman & Howard L.L.C. 633 Seventeenth Street, Suite 3000 Denver, Colorado 80202 Attention: Gregory J. Ramos, Esq. Facsimile: (303) 298-0940

(b) if to the Buyer, to:

c/o Cebridge Connections 12444 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 450 St. Louis, Missouri 63131 Attention: Heather Wood, Senior Vice President, Corporate Development Facsimile : (314) 965-0500

and:

Attention: Craig L. Rosenthal, Vice President and General Counsel Facsimile: (314) 315-9322

With copies (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Cequel III, LLC 12444 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 450 St. Louis, Missouri 63131 Attention: Wendy Knudsen, Executive Vice President and General Counsel Facsimile: (314) 965-0500

and:

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Brown Raysman Millstein Felder & Steiner LLP 900 Third Avenue New York, New York 10022 Attention: Stanley E. Bloch Facsimile: (212) 895-2900

Rejection or other refusal to accept or inability to deliver because of a change of address of which no notice was given shall be deemed to be receipt of the notice.

Section 9.5 Interpretation. When a reference is made in this Agreement to a Section, Article or Exhibit, such reference shall be to a Section, Article or Exhibit of this Agreement unless otherwise indicated. The table of contents and headings contained in this Agreement or in any Exhibit are for convenience of reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. All words used in this Agreement shall be construed to be of such gender or number as the circumstances require. Any capitalized terms used in the Disclosure Schedules or any Exhibit but not otherwise defined therein shall have the meaning as defined in this Agreement. All Exhibits annexed hereto or referred to herein are hereby incorporated in and made a part of this Agreement as if set forth herein. The word "including" and words of similar import when used in this Agreement shall mean "including, without limitation", unless otherwise specified.

Section 9.6 Entire Agreement. This Agreement (including the Exhibits and Disclosure Schedules hereto), the Ancillary Agreements and the Confidentiality Agreement constitute the entire agreement, and supersede all prior written agreements, arrangements, communications and understandings and all prior and contemporaneous oral agreements, arrangements, communications and understandings among the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement or undertaking of any party with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby other than those expressly set forth herein or therein or in any document required to be delivered hereunder or thereunder, and none shall be deemed to exist or be inferred with respect to the subject matter hereof. Notwithstanding any oral agreement of the parties or their Representatives to the contrary, no party to this Agreement shall be under any legal obligation to enter into or complete the transactions contemplated hereby unless and until this Agreement shall have been executed and delivered by each of the parties.

Section 9.7 <u>No Third-Party Beneficiaries</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure solely to the benefit of each of the parties and their respective successors and assigns, and nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other Person any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature under or by reason of this Agreement, except as provided in Article VII.

Section 9.8 <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement and all disputes or controversies arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the internal laws of the State of Delaware, without regard

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to the laws of any other jurisdiction that might be applied because of the conflicts of laws principles of the State of Delaware.

Section 9.9 <u>Submission to Jurisdiction</u>. Each of the parties irrevocably agrees that any legal action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or for recognition and enforcement of any judgment in respect hereof brought by the other party or its successors or assigns may be brought and determined in federal court sitting in the District of Delaware (or, if such court lacks subject matter jurisdiction, in the Delaware Court of Chancery or the Delaware Superior Court), and each of the parties hereby irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction of the aforesaid courts for itself and with respect to its property, generally and unconditionally, with regard to any such action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby (and agrees not to commence any action, suit or proceeding relating thereto except in such courts). Each of the parties further agrees to accept service of process in any manner permitted by such courts. Each of the parties hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waives, and agrees not to assert, by way of motion or as a defense, counterclaim or otherwise, in any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby, (a) any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of the above-named courts for any reason other than the failure lawfully to serve process, (b) that it or its property is exempt or immune from jurisdiction of any such court or from any legal process commenced in such courts (whether through service of notice, attachment prior to judgment, attachment in aid of execution of judgment, execution of judgment or otherwise) and (c) to the fullest extent permitted by law, that (i) the suit, action or proceeding in any such court is brought in an inconvenient forum, (ii) the venue of such suit, action or proceeding is improper or (iii) this Agreement, or the subject matter hereof, may not be enforced in or by such courts.

Section 9.10 <u>Disclosure Generally</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Disclosure Schedules or in this Agreement, the information and disclosures contained in any Disclosure Schedule shall be deemed to be disclosed and incorporated by reference in any other Disclosure Schedule as though fully set forth in such Disclosure Schedule to the extent the applicability of such information and disclosure in such other Disclosure Schedule is reasonably apparent on its face. The fact that any item of information is disclosed in any Disclosure Schedule shall not be construed to mean that such information is required to be disclosed by this Agreement. Such information and the dollar thresholds set forth herein shall not be used as a basis for interpreting the terms "material" or "Material Adverse Effect" or other similar terms in this Agreement.

Section 9.11 <u>Personal Liability</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or in any Ancillary Agreement, it is expressly understood and the parties expressly agree that nothing contained herein or in any Ancillary Agreement or in any other document contemplated hereby or thereby (whether from a covenant, representation, warranty or other provision herein or therein) shall create or be deemed to create or permit any personal liability or obligation on the part of any direct or indirect equityholder of the Seller (or any of its Affiliates) or the Buyer (or any of its Affiliates) or any officer, director, employee, agent, partner, Affiliate or Representative of such equityholder of either party hereto or such party's Affiliates.

Section 9.12 <u>Assignment</u>; <u>Successors</u>. Neither this Agreement nor any of the rights, interests or obligations under this Agreement may be assigned or delegated, in whole or in part,

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by operation of law or otherwise, by either party without the prior written consent of the other party, and any such assignment without such prior written consent shall be null and void; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that (i) the Buyer may assign any of its rights and interests and delegate any of its obligations under this Agreement (in whole or in part) to any Affiliate of Cebridge and (ii) at or following the Closing, the Buyer may collaterally assign (in whole or in part) its rights hereunder to any bank or other financing institution in connection with the Buyer's financing arrangements, in each case, without the prior consent of the Seller and; <u>provided further</u>, that the Seller may assign any of their rights under this Agreement, including the right to receive the Purchase Price, to one or more Affiliates of the Seller without the prior consent of the Buyer and; <u>provided still further</u>, that no assignment shall limit the assignor's obligations hereunder. Subject to the preceding sentence, this Agreement shall be binding upon, inure to the benefit of, and be enforceable by, the parties and their respective successors and assigns. In addition, the Seller may assign all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement (but not obligations) to a qualified intermediary within the meaning of Section 1.1031(k)-1(g)(4)(iii) of the Code ("Qualified Intermediary"), and the Buyer shall cooperate with the Seller as may be reasonably necessary in connection with such assignment and the deferred tax-free exchange to be accomplished in connection therewith, including acknowledging the execution of a written agreement between the Seller and the Qualified Intermediary, subject to reimbursement by the Seller for actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Buyer as the result of a request by the Seller in connection with the foregoing.

Section 9.13 Enforcement.

(a) The Seller agrees that, prior to the Closing, irreparable damage would occur in the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement were not performed by it in accordance with their specific terms or were otherwise breached. Accordingly, prior to the Closing, the Buyer shall be entitled to specific performance of the terms hereof, including an injunction or injunctions to prevent breaches of this Agreement and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions of this Agreement in federal court sitting in the District of Delaware (or, if such court lacks subject matter jurisdiction, in the Delaware Court of Chancery or the Delaware Superior Court), this being in addition to any other remedy to which they are entitled at law or in equity. The Seller further hereby waives (i) any defense in any action for specific performance that a remedy at law would be adequate and (ii) any requirement under any law to post security as a prerequisite to obtaining equitable relief.

(b) Each of the Seller and the Buyer agree that, after the Closing, irreparable damage would occur in the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement were not performed by it in accordance with their specific terms or were otherwise breached. Accordingly, after the Closing, the Buyer or the Seller, as appropriate, shall be entitled to specific performance of the terms hereof, including an injunction or injunctions to prevent breaches of this Agreement and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions of this Agreement in federal court sitting in the District of Delaware (or, if such court lacks subject matter jurisdiction, in the Delaware Court of Chancery or the Delaware Superior Court), this being in addition to any other remedy to which they are entitled at law or in equity. Each of the Seller and the Buyer further hereby waives (i) any defense in any action for specific performance that a remedy at law would be adequate and (ii) any requirement under any law to post security as a prerequisite to obtaining equitable relief.

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Section 9.14 <u>Currency</u>. All references to "<u>dollars</u>" or "<u>US\$</u>" in this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement refer to United States dollars, which is the currency used for all purposes in this Agreement and any Ancillary Agreement.

Section 9.15 Severability. Whenever possible, each provision or portion of any provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable Law, but if any provision or portion of any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect by a court of competent jurisdiction under any applicable Law or rule in any jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision or portion of any provision in such jurisdiction, and this Agreement shall be reformed, construed and enforced in such jurisdiction as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision or portion of any provision had never been contained herein and a suitable and equitable provision shall be substituted therefore in order to carry out, so far as may be valid and enforceable, the intent and purpose of such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision.

Section 9.16 <u>Waiver of Jury Trial</u>. EACH OF THE PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ALL RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING OR COUNTERCLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

Section 9.17 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, all of which shall be considered one and the same instrument and shall become effective when one or more counterparts have been signed by each of the parties and delivered to the other party.

Section 9.18 Execution. This Agreement may be executed by delivery of a signature by facsimile or other electronic means reasonably acceptable to both parties and such signature shall constitute an original for all purposes.

Section 9.19 <u>No Presumption Against Drafting Party</u>. Each of the Buyer and the Seller acknowledge that each party to this Agreement has been represented by counsel in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Accordingly, any rule of law or any legal decision that would require interpretation of any claimed ambiguities in this Agreement against the drafting party has no application and is expressly waived.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Seller and the Buyer have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date first written above by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS OPERATING, LLC

By: <u>/s/ Carol O'Keeffe</u> Name: Carol O'Keeffe Title: Vice President - Corporate Development

CEBRIDGE ACQUISITION CO. LLC

By: <u>/s/ Heather Wood</u> Name: Heather Wood Title: Senior Vice President - Corporate Development

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Description of Charter Communications, Inc. 2006 Executive Bonus Plan

Executive Officers of Charter Communications, Inc. ("Charter") and certain other managerial and professional employees of Charter and its subsidiaries are eligible to participate in Charter's 2006 Executive Bonus Plan. Bonuses for eligible employees for 2006 will be determined based on the extent to which Charter's (or, if applicable, a divisional employee's particular division's) performance during 2006 meets or exceeds budgeted goals with respect to four performance measures. These measures, and the percentage of an employee's bonus allocated to each measure, are Revenue (40%), Adjusted EBITDA excluding corporate marketing (OCF for Divisional and KMA employees) (20%), Unlevered Free Cash Flow (20%) and Customer Satisfaction (20%). Customer Satisfaction will be measured against quantifiable statistics determined by the board of directors or compensation committee, include 1) repeat service calls within 30 days, 2) total trouble call rate and 3) call center service level.

With respect to each performance measure listed above, the eligible employee would receive 100% of the portion of his or her target bonus allocated to that performance measure if Charter's (or such employee's division's) performance reaches the budgeted goal for that measure. Also, for each performance measure, the employee would receive a portion of the allocated percentage if the performance exceeds 95% of the budgeted goal, and could receive as much as 200% (for Revenue) and 150% (for all other measures) of the allocated percentage if the performance exceeds the applicable budgeted goal by 5%. Each employee's target bonus is determined based on market data and position within the company. Target bonuses for executive officers range from 40% to 125% of base salary, subject to applicable employment agreements.

Charter Communications, Inc. and Subsidiaries 12405 Powerscourt Drive St. Louis, MO 63131

Re: Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2006

With respect to the Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2006, we acknowledge our awareness of the use therein of our report dated April 28, 2006 related to our review of interim financial information.

Pursuant to Rule 436 under the Securities Act of 1933 (the Act), such report is not considered part of a registration statement prepared or certified by an independent registered public accounting firm, or a report prepared or certified by an independent registered public accounting firm within the meaning of Sections 7 and 11 of the Act.

/s/ KPMG LLP

St. Louis, Missouri

I, Neil Smit, certify that:

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

Date: May 2, 2006

<u>/s/ Neil Smit</u> Neil Smit President and Chief Executive Officer

I, Jeffrey T. Fisher, certify that:

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

Date: May 2, 2006

/s/ Jeffrey T. Fisher

Jeffrey T. Fisher Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REGARDING PERIODIC REPORT CONTAINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

I, Neil Smit, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Charter Communications, Inc. (the "Company") in compliance with 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, hereby certify that, the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2006 (the "Report") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission:

- \cdot fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- · the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

<u>/s/ Neil Smit</u> Neil Smit President and Chief Executive Officer May 2, 2006

CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REGARDING PERIODIC REPORT CONTAINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

I, Jeffrey T. Fisher, the Chief Financial Officer of Charter Communications, Inc. (the "Company") in compliance with 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, hereby certify that, the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2006 (the "Report") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission:

- \cdot fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- · the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

<u>/s/ Jeffrey T. Fisher</u> Jeffrey T. Fisher Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer) May 2, 2006