FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Smit Neil | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 08/22/2005 | | | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS INC /MO/</u> [CHTR] | | | | | | | | |
| (Last) C/O CHARTER Ct 12405 POWERSCt (Street) ST. LOUIS (City) | (First) DMMUNICATIONS, I DURT DRIVE MO (State) | (Middle) NC. 63131 (Zip) | - | | | A. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director X Officer (give title below) CEO and Presider | | 10% Owner Other (specify below) | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| | | | | Table | I - Non-De | erivative S | ecurities Beneficially Owned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | | | | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned 3. Ownership Form: Dirt (Instr. 4) (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | | | | | | |
| No securities beneficially owned. ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | | 0 | D | | | | |
| | | | | | | | curities Beneficially Owned options, convertible securities | s) | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MonthDay/Year) | | | | | ate | (Instr. 4) Exercise Pr of Derivativ | | | 4. Conversion Exercise Price of Derivative | | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficia Ownership (Instr. 5) | <u></u> |
| | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. New CEO and President of Company effective August 22, 2005. No beneficial ownership of Charter securities prior to employment date. Remarks:

> ney-in-Fact on behalf /s/ Paul J. Rut 08/24/2005 of Neil Smit

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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 If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).
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Know all persons by these presents, that the undersigned constitutes and appoints Hunt Sevier Brown, Laurence G. Christopher, Shannon Dunham, Thomas J. Hearity, Paul

The undersigned hereby grants to each attorney-in-fact full power and authority to perform all and every act requisite, necessary and proper to be done in the exerc:

This Power of Attorney shall automatically terminate as to named attorneys-in-fact six months after the undersigned ceases to be a Section 16 Reporting Person of the

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed.

Date: August 22, 2005

By: /s/ Neil Smit

Print Name: Neil Smit