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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 10-Q

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(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2004

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.**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

**43-1857213**

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

**12405 Powerscourt Drive  
St. Louis, Missouri 63131**

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(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)

**(314) 965-0555**

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(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 reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES ☒ NO ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). YES ☒ NO ☐

Number of shares of Class A common stock outstanding as of March 31, 2004: 299,503,256

Number of shares of Class B common stock outstanding as of March 31, 2004: 50,000

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**Charter Communications, Inc.**  
**Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Period ended March 31, 2004**

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This quarterly report on Form 10-Q is for the three months ended March 31, 2004. 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.

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**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:

- our ability to sustain and grow revenues and cash flows from operating activities by offering video, high-speed data and other services and to maintain a stable customer base, particularly in the face of increasingly aggressive competition from other service providers;
- our ability to pay or refinance debt as it becomes due, commencing in 2005;
- the availability 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;
- any adverse consequences arising out of our restatement of our 2000, 2001 and 2002 financial statements;
- the results of the pending grand jury investigation by the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Missouri, the pending SEC Division of Enforcement investigation, the putative class action, the unconsolidated state action, and derivative shareholders litigation against us;
- 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 obtain programming at reasonable prices or to pass 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 taxing authorities, on our business.

All forward-looking statements attributable to us or a 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.

**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION.**

**ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.**

**Independent Accountants' Review Report**

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

We have reviewed the accompanying interim condensed consolidated balance sheet of Charter Communications, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of March 31, 2004, and the related condensed consolidated statements of operations and cash flows for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2004 and 2003. These interim condensed consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management.

We conducted our review in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. 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 generally accepted auditing standards, 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 review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial statements referred to above for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have previously audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the consolidated balance sheet of the Company as of December 31, 2003, 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 March 1, 2004, 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, 2003, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.

As discussed in Note 15 to the interim condensed consolidated financial statements, effective January 1, 2003, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*, as amended by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 148, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation – Transition and Disclosure – an amendment of FASB Statement No. 123*.

/s/ KPMG LLP

St. Louis, Missouri  
May 7, 2004

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

	March 31, 2004	December 31, 2003
	(Unaudited)	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 153	\$ 127
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$15 and \$17, respectively	164	189
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	39	34
Total current assets	356	350
<b>INVESTMENT IN CABLE PROPERTIES:</b>		
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$4,217 and \$3,950, respectively	6,710	7,014
Franchises, net of accumulated amortization of \$3,298 and \$3,445, respectively	13,196	13,680
Total investment in cable properties, net	19,906	20,694
<b>OTHER NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>	310	320
Total assets	\$ 20,572	\$ 21,364
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,286
Total current liabilities	1,250	1,286
<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>	18,108	18,647
<b>DEFERRED MANAGEMENT FEES – RELATED PARTY</b>	14	14
<b>OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>	893	848
<b>MINORITY INTEREST</b>	693	689
<b>PREFERRED STOCK – REDEEMABLE; \$.001 par value; 1 million shares authorized; 545,259 shares issued and outstanding</b>	55	55
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT:</b>		
Class A Common stock; \$.001 par value; 1.75 billion shares authorized; 299,503,256 and 295,038,606 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	4,729	4,700
Accumulated deficit	(5,145)	(4,851)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(25)	(24)
Total shareholders' deficit	(441)	(175)
Total liabilities and shareholders' deficit	\$ 20,572	\$ 21,364

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 Ended March 31,	
	2004	2003
REVENUES	\$ 1,214	\$ 1,178
COSTS AND EXPENSES:		
Operating (excluding depreciation and amortization)	512	485
Selling, general and administrative	239	235
Depreciation and amortization	370	370
(Gain) loss on sale of assets, net	(106)	9
Option compensation expense, net	14	—
Special charges, net	10	2
	<u>1,039</u>	<u>1,101</u>
Income from operations	<u>175</u>	<u>77</u>
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE:		
Interest expense, net	(393)	(390)
Gain (loss) on derivative instruments and hedging activities, net	(7)	14
Loss on debt to equity conversions	(8)	—
Other, net	(2)	(2)
	<u>(410)</u>	<u>(378)</u>
Loss before minority interest and income taxes	(235)	(301)
MINORITY INTEREST	(4)	160
Loss before income taxes	(239)	(141)
INCOME TAX EXPENSE	(54)	(40)
Net loss	(293)	(181)
Dividends on preferred stock – redeemable	(1)	(1)
Net loss applicable to common stock	<u>\$ (294)</u>	<u>\$ (182)</u>
LOSS PER COMMON SHARE, basic and diluted	<u>\$ (1.00)</u>	<u>\$ (0.62)</u>
Weighted average common shares outstanding, basic and diluted	<u>295,106,077</u>	<u>294,466,137</u>

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**

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net loss	\$ (293)	\$ (181)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash flows from operating activities:		
Minority interest	4	(160)
Depreciation and amortization	370	370
Option compensation expense, net	10	—
Noncash interest expense	93	106
(Gain) loss on derivative instruments and hedging activities, net	7	(14)
(Gain) loss on sale of assets, net	(106)	9
Loss on debt to equity conversions	8	—
Deferred income taxes	54	40
Other, net	2	11
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from dispositions:		
Accounts receivable	22	26
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(7)	(3)
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other	(49)	(50)
Receivables from and payables to related party, including deferred management fees	—	8
Net cash flows from operating activities	<u>115</u>	<u>162</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(190)	(104)
Change in accrued expenses related to capital expenditures	(6)	(124)
Proceeds from sale of assets	725	—
Purchases of investments	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>
Net cash flows from investing activities	<u>526</u>	<u>(231)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Borrowings of long-term debt	165	346
Repayments of long-term debt	(779)	(152)
Payments for debt issuance costs	(1)	—
Net cash flows from financing activities	<u>(615)</u>	<u>194</u>
<b>NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<u>26</u>	<u>125</u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period</b>	<u>127</u>	<u>321</u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period</b>	<u>\$ 153</u>	<u>\$ 446</u>
<b>CASH PAID FOR INTEREST</b>	<u>\$ 229</u>	<u>\$ 160</u>
<b>NONCASH TRANSACTIONS:</b>		
Debt exchanged for Charter Class A common stock	<u>\$ 10</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

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**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(UNAUDITED)**  
**(dollars in millions, except where indicated)**

**1. Organization and Basis of Presentation**

Charter Communications, Inc. ("Charter") is a holding company whose principal assets at March 31, 2004 are the 46.5% controlling common equity interest in Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC ("Charter Holdco") and "mirror" notes that are payable by Charter Holdco to Charter which have the same principal amount and terms as those of Charter's convertible senior notes. Charter Holdco is the sole owner of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC ("Charter Holdings"). The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Charter, Charter Holdco, Charter Holdings and all of their wholly owned subsidiaries where the underlying operations reside, collectively referred to herein as the "Company." The Company consolidates Charter Holdco on the basis of voting control. Charter Holdco's limited liability 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 data services and, in some areas, advanced broadband services such as high definition television, video on demand, telephony and interactive television. The Company sells its cable video programming, high-speed data and advanced broadband services on a subscription basis.

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 ("SEC"). Accordingly, certain information and footnote disclosures typically included in the Company'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 2003 amounts have been reclassified to conform with the 2004 presentation.

**2. Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The Company has incurred net loss applicable to common stock of \$294 million and \$182 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The Company's net cash flows from operating activities were \$115 million and \$162 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The Company has historically required significant cash to fund capital expenditures and debt service costs. Historically, the Company has funded these requirements through cash flows from operating activities, borrowings under its credit facilities, by issuances of debt and equity securities and by cash on hand. The mix of funding sources changes from period to period, but for the three months ended March 31, 2004, approximately 14% of the Company's funding requirements were from cash flows from operating activities and 86% was from proceeds from the sale of cable systems described below. For the three months ended March 31, 2004, the Company had net cash flows used in financing activities of \$615 million, reflecting a net repayment of \$614 million of debt. Additionally, the Company increased cash on hand by \$26 million.



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In April 2004, Charter's indirect subsidiaries, Charter Communications Operating, LLC ("Charter Operating") and Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp., sold \$1.5 billion of senior second lien notes in a private transaction. Additionally, Charter Operating amended and restated its \$5.1 billion credit facilities, among other things, to defer maturities and increase availability under those facilities to approximately \$6.5 billion, consisting of a \$1.5 billion revolving credit facility, a \$2.0 billion six-year term loan facility and a \$3.0 billion seven-year term loan facility. Charter Operating used the additional borrowings under the amended and restated credit facilities, together with proceeds from the sale of the Charter Operating senior second lien notes to refinance the credit facilities of its subsidiaries, CC VI Operating Company, LLC ("CC VI Operating"), Falcon Cable Communications, LLC ("Falcon Cable"), and CC VIII Operating, LLC ("CC VIII Operating"), all in one concurrent transaction. The effect of the transaction was to substitute Charter Operating as the lender in place of the banks under those subsidiaries' credit facilities.

The Company has a significant level of debt. In 2004, after giving effect to the refinancing in April 2004, \$15 million of the Company's debt matures, and an additional \$638 million and \$186 million will mature in 2005 and 2006, respectively. In addition, the amended and restated Charter Operating credit facilities require the CC V Holdings, LLC notes to be redeemed within 45 days after the Charter Holdings leverage ratio discussed below is determined to be below 8.75 to 1.0. In subsequent years, substantial additional amounts will become due under the Company's remaining obligations. As the principal amounts owing under the Company's various debt obligations become due, sustaining the Company's liquidity will likely depend on its ability to access additional sources of capital over time. A default under the covenants governing 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 would have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition or results of operations.

The Company expects that cash on hand, cash flows from operating activities and the amounts available under its amended and restated credit facilities will be adequate to meet its cash needs in 2004. However, these credit facilities are subject to certain restrictive covenants, some of which require the Company to achieve specified operating results. The Company expects to maintain compliance with these covenants in 2004. If the Company's actual operating performance results in non-compliance with these covenants, or if other events of non-compliance under these credit facilities or indentures governing subsidiary debt occur, funding under the credit facilities may not be available and defaults on some or potentially all debt obligations could occur. Additionally, no assurances can be given that the Company will not experience liquidity problems because of adverse market conditions, increased competition or other unfavorable events. Further, cash flows from operating activities and amounts available under the Company's credit facilities may not be sufficient to permit the Company to satisfy its principal repayment obligations that come due in 2005 and thereafter.

The indentures governing the CCH II, LLC notes, CCO Holdings, LLC notes, and Charter Operating notes restrict those subsidiaries from making distributions to their parent companies (including Charter) for payment of principal on Charter's convertible senior notes, in each case unless there is no default under those indentures and a specified leverage ratio test can be met. Each such subsidiary currently meets the applicable leverage ratio test, and therefore is not currently prohibited from making any such distributions to its direct parent. The indentures governing the Charter Holdings notes permit Charter Holdings to make distributions to Charter Holdco for payment of interest or principal on Charter's convertible senior notes, only if, after giving effect to the distribution, Charter Holdings can incur additional debt under the leverage ratio test of 8.75 to 1.0, there is no default under Charter Holdings' indentures and other specified tests are met. However, in the event that Charter Holdings could not incur any additional debt under the 8.75 to 1.0 leverage ratio test, the indentures governing the Charter Holdings notes permit Charter Holdings and its subsidiaries to make specified investments in Charter Holdco or Charter, up to an amount determined by a formula, as long as there is no default under the indentures. For the quarter ended March 31, 2004, there were no defaults under the Charter Holdings indentures and other specified tests were met. However, Charter Holdings continued not to meet the leverage ratio test at March 31, 2004. As a result, distributions from Charter

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Holdings to Charter have been restricted and will continue to be restricted until that test is met. Charter's ability to make payments on its convertible senior notes is dependent on Charter Holdco's liquidity or on its ability to obtain distributions, loans or other payments from Charter Holdings or Charter's other subsidiaries, and on Charter Holdco paying or distributing such funds to Charter. As of March 31, 2004, Charter Holdco had \$56 million in cash on hand and is owed \$37 million in intercompany loans, which are available to Charter Holdco to pay interest on Charter's convertible senior notes, which is expected to be approximately \$42 million in 2004. Accordingly, Charter's ability to make principal payments at maturity, in 2005 and 2006, on its outstanding convertible senior notes, is contingent upon it obtaining additional debt and/or equity financing or receiving distributions or other payments from its subsidiaries.

On March 1, 2004, the Company closed the sale of certain cable systems in Florida, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and West Virginia to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC. This transaction resulted in a \$108 million pretax gain recorded as a gain on sale of assets in the Company's condensed consolidated statements of operations. The Company closed on the sale of an additional cable system in New York to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC in April 2004. Subject to post-closing contractual adjustments, the Company expects the total net proceeds from the sale of all of these systems to be approximately \$733 million, of which \$10 million is currently held in an indemnity escrow account (with the unused portion thereof to be released by March 1, 2005). The proceeds received to date have been used to repay a portion of amounts outstanding under the Company's credit facilities.

The Company's long-term financing structure as of March 31, 2004 includes \$6.6 billion of credit facility debt, \$10.7 billion of high-yield notes and \$764 million of convertible senior debentures. The April 2004 refinancing discussed above resulted in approximately \$1.5 billion of senior second lien notes replacing credit facility debt and the deferral beyond 2008 of approximately \$8 billion of scheduled debt maturities and commitment reductions under the Company's credit facilities, which would otherwise have come due or would have occurred before that time. Approximately \$15 million of financing matures during the remainder of 2004, and the Company expects to pay amounts due at maturity by borrowing under its credit facilities. Unused availability as of the closing of the amendment and restatement of the Charter Operating credit facilities on April 27, 2004 was approximately \$1.0 billion.

### **3. Franchises and Goodwill**

On January 1, 2002, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 142, which eliminates the amortization of indefinite lived intangible assets. Accordingly, beginning January 1, 2002, all franchises that qualify for indefinite life treatment under SFAS No. 142 are no longer amortized against earnings but instead are tested for impairment annually, or more frequently as warranted by events or changes in circumstances. Based on the guidance prescribed in Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") Issue No. 02-7, *Unit of Accounting for Testing of Impairment of Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets*, franchises are aggregated into essentially inseparable asset groups to conduct the valuations. The asset groups generally represented geographic clusters of the Company's cable systems, which management believes represents the highest and best use of those assets. Fair value is determined based on estimated discounted future cash flows using assumptions that are consistent with internal forecasts.

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The effect of SFAS No. 142 as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003 is presented in the following table:

	March 31, 2004			December 31, 2003		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount
<b>Indefinite-lived intangible assets:</b>						
Franchises with indefinite lives	\$16,439	\$ 3,287	\$13,152	\$17,018	\$ 3,412	\$13,606
Goodwill	52	—	52	52	—	52
	<u>\$16,491</u>	<u>\$ 3,287</u>	<u>\$13,204</u>	<u>\$17,070</u>	<u>\$ 3,412</u>	<u>\$13,658</u>
<b>Finite-lived intangible assets:</b>						
Franchises with finite lives	\$ 55	\$ 11	\$ 44	\$ 107	\$ 33	\$ 74

For the three months ended March 31, 2004, the net carrying amount of indefinite-lived intangible assets was reduced by \$483 million as a result of the sale of cable systems to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC discussed in Note 2. Additionally, approximately \$29 million of franchises that were previously classified as finite-lived were reclassified to indefinite-lived, based on the Company's ability in 2003 to renew these franchise assets. Franchise amortization expense for each of the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 was \$1 million and \$2 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 \$4 million annually. Actual amortization expense to be reported 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.

#### 4. Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses

Accounts payable and accrued expenses consist of the following as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003:

	March 31, 2004	December 31, 2003
Accounts payable - trade	\$ 123	\$ 163
Accrued capital expenditures	102	108
Accrued interest	348	277
Programming costs	306	319
Franchise related fees	39	70
State sales tax	56	61
Other accrued expenses	276	288
	<u>\$ 1,250</u>	<u>\$ 1,286</u>

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**5. Long-Term Debt**

Long-term debt consists of the following as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003:

	March 31, 2004		December 31, 2003	
	Face Value	Accreted Value	Face Value	Accreted Value
<b>Long-Term Debt</b>				
Charter Communications, Inc.:				
October and November 2000				
5.75% convertible senior notes due 2005	\$ 608	\$ 608	\$ 618	\$ 618
May 2001				
4.75% convertible senior notes due 2006	156	156	156	156
Charter Holdings:				
March 1999				
8.250% senior notes due 2007	451	451	451	450
8.625% senior notes due 2009	1,244	1,242	1,244	1,242
9.920% senior discount notes due 2011	1,108	1,108	1,108	1,082
January 2000				
10.000% senior notes due 2009	640	640	640	640
10.250% senior notes due 2010	318	318	318	318
11.750% senior discount notes due 2010	450	411	450	400
January 2001				
10.750% senior notes due 2009	874	874	874	873
11.125% senior notes due 2011	500	500	500	500
13.500% senior discount notes due 2011	675	535	675	517
May 2001				
9.625% senior notes due 2009 (includes January 2002 additional notes issue)	640	638	640	638
10.000% senior notes due 2011 (includes January 2002 additional notes issue)	710	708	710	708
11.750% senior discount notes due 2011	939	737	939	717
January 2002				
12.125% senior discount notes due 2012	330	238	330	231
CCH II:				
10.250% senior notes due 2010	1,601	1,601	1,601	1,601
CCO Holdings:				
8¾% senior notes due 2013	500	500	500	500
Renaissance:				
10.00% senior discount notes due 2008	114	116	114	116
CC V Holdings:				
11.875% senior discount notes due 2008	113	113	113	113
<b>Credit Facilities</b>				
Charter Operating	4,248	4,248	4,459	4,459
CC VI Operating	702	702	868	868
Falcon Cable	641	641	856	856
CC VIII Operating	1,023	1,023	1,044	1,044
	<u>\$18,585</u>	<u>\$18,108</u>	<u>\$19,208</u>	<u>\$18,647</u>

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In April 2004, Charter's indirect subsidiaries, Charter Operating and Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp., sold \$1.5 billion of senior second lien notes in a private transaction. Additionally, Charter Operating amended and restated its \$5.1 billion credit facilities, among other things, to defer maturities and increase availability under those facilities to approximately \$6.5 billion, consisting of a \$1.5 billion revolving credit facility, a \$2.0 billion six-year term loan facility and a \$3.0 billion seven-year term loan facility. Charter Operating used the additional borrowings under the amended and restated credit facilities, together with proceeds from the sale of the Charter Operating senior second lien notes to refinance the credit facilities of its subsidiaries, CC VI Operating, Falcon Cable, and CC VIII Operating, all in one concurrent transaction. The effect of the transaction was to substitute Charter Operating as the lender in place of the banks under those subsidiaries' credit facilities.

**Loss on debt to equity conversions.** The Company recognized a loss of approximately \$8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 from a privately negotiated exchange of \$10 million principal amount of Charter's 5.75% convertible senior notes held by a single unrelated party for shares of Charter Class A common stock, which resulted in the issuance of more shares in the exchange transaction than would have been issued pursuant to the original terms of the convertible senior notes. In addition, in May 2004, the Company completed a privately negotiated exchange of \$20 million face amount of Charter's 5.75% convertible senior notes held by a single unrelated party for shares of Charter Class A common stock.

**6. Minority Interest and Equity Interest of Charter Holdco**

Charter is a holding company whose primary asset is a controlling equity interest in Charter Holdco, the indirect owner of the Company's cable systems, and mirror notes that are payable by Charter Holdco to Charter which have the same principal amount and terms as those of Charter's convertible senior notes. Minority interest on the Company's consolidated balance sheets represents the ownership percentages of Charter Holdco not owned by Charter, or 53.5% of total members' equity of Charter Holdco, plus \$696 million and \$694 million of preferred membership interests in CC VIII, LLC ("CC VIII"), an indirect subsidiary of Charter Holdco, as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively. As more fully described in Note 16, this preferred interest arises from the approximately \$630 million of preferred membership units issued by CC VIII in connection with the Bresnan acquisition in February, 2000. As of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, minority interest also includes \$25 million of preferred interest in Charter Helicon, LLC issued in connection with the Helicon acquisition.

Members' deficit of Charter Holdco was \$318 million and \$57 million as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively. Gains and losses arising from the issuance by Charter Holdco of its membership units are recorded as capital transactions, thereby increasing or decreasing shareholders' equity and decreasing or increasing minority interest on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Minority interest was 53.5% as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003. Minority interest includes the proportionate share of changes in fair value of interest rate risk management derivative agreements. Such amounts are temporary as they are contractually scheduled to reverse over the life of the underlying instrument. Additionally, reported losses allocated to minority interest on the statement of operations are limited to the extent of any remaining minority interest on the balance sheet related to Charter Holdco. Because minority interest in Charter Holdco was substantially eliminated at December 31, 2003, commencing in the first quarter of 2004, the Company began to absorb substantially all losses before income taxes that otherwise would have been allocated to minority interest. This resulted in an additional \$124 million of net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2004. Subject to any changes in Charter Holdco's capital structure, future losses will be substantially absorbed by Charter. Changes to minority interest consist of the following:

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	<b>Minority Interest</b>
Balance, December 31, 2003	\$ 689
Minority interest in income of a subsidiary	4
Changes in fair value of interest rate agreements	1
Other	(1)
Balance, March 31, 2004	<u>\$ 693</u>

#### **7. 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 consolidated balance sheets. The Company reports 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, *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, 2004 and 2003 was \$295 million and \$179 million, respectively.

#### **8. 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 are those that 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, 2004 and 2003, net gain (loss) on derivative instruments and hedging activities includes losses of \$1 million and gains of \$9 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, 2004 and 2003, a loss of \$2 million and a gain of \$7 million, 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 gain (loss) on derivative instruments and hedging activities in the

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Company's condensed consolidated statements of operations. For the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, net gain (loss) on derivative instruments and hedging activities includes losses of \$6 million and gains of \$5 million, respectively, for interest rate derivative instruments not designated as hedges.

As of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, the Company had outstanding \$2.9 billion and \$3.0 billion and \$520 million and \$520 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.

#### **9. Revenues**

Revenues consist of the following for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003:

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Video	\$ 849	\$ 866
High-speed data	168	122
Advertising sales	59	57
Commercial	56	47
Other	82	86
	<u>\$1,214</u>	<u>\$1,178</u>

#### **10. Operating Expenses**

Operating expenses consist of the following for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003:

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Programming costs	\$ 334	\$ 314
Advertising sales	23	21
Service costs	155	150
	<u>\$ 512</u>	<u>\$ 485</u>

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**11. Selling, General and Administrative Expenses**

Selling, general and administrative expenses consist of the following for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2004	2003
General and administrative	\$ 208	\$ 215
Marketing	31	20
	<u>\$ 239</u>	<u>\$ 235</u>

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

**12. Special Charges**

In the fourth quarter of 2002, the Company recorded a special charge of \$31 million associated with the Company's workforce reduction program and the consolidation of its operations from three divisions and ten regions into five operating divisions, elimination of redundant practices and streamlining its management structure. During the year ended December 31, 2003, additional severance related costs were incurred of \$26 million and recorded as a special charge. In the first quarter of 2004, an additional 100 employees were identified for termination, and severance costs of \$1 million were recorded in special charges. Payments are made over a period of up to two years with approximately \$8 million paid during the three months ended March 31, 2004 and \$43 million paid during the year ended December 31, 2003. As of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, a liability of approximately \$7 million and \$14 million, respectively, is recorded on the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets related to the realignment activities. For the three months ended March 31, 2004, special charges also include approximately \$9 million, which represents litigation costs related to the tentative settlement of the South Carolina national class action suit, subject to final documentation and court approval (see note 14).

During the three months ended March 31, 2003, the Company recorded severance costs of \$7 million in special charges. These severance costs were offset by a \$5 million settlement from the Internet service provider Excite@Home related to the conversion of approximately 145,000 high-speed data customers to our Charter Pipeline service in 2001.

**13. 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, Charter Investment, Inc. ("Charter Investment") and Vulcan Cable III, Inc. ("Vulcan Cable"). Charter is responsible for its share of the taxable income or loss of Charter Holdco allocated to Charter in accordance with the Charter Holdco amended and restated limited liability company agreement (the "LLC Agreement") and partnership tax rules and regulations.

As of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, the Company had net deferred income tax liabilities of approximately \$471 million and \$417 million, respectively. Approximately \$267 million of the deferred tax liabilities recorded in the condensed consolidated financial statements at March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003 relate to certain indirect subsidiaries of Charter Holdco, which file separate income tax returns.



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During the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, the Company recorded \$54 million and \$40 million of income tax expense, respectively. The sale of systems to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC on March 1, 2004 resulted in income tax expense of \$14 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004.

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. The Company recorded an additional deferred tax asset of approximately \$89 million during the three months ended March 31, 2004, relating to tax loss carryforwards but recorded a valuation allowance with respect to this asset because of the uncertainty of its ultimate realization.

The Company had deferred tax assets of approximately \$1.8 billion and \$1.7 billion as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively, a portion of which relates to the excess of cumulative financial statement losses over cumulative tax losses allocated from Charter Holdco. The deferred tax assets also include approximately \$1.1 billion and \$912 million of tax net operating loss carryforwards as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively (generally expiring in years 2004 through 2024) of Charter and its indirect corporate subsidiaries which are subject to certain return limitations.

The total valuation allowance for deferred tax assets was \$1.4 billion and \$1.3 billion as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively. In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some 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 deferred tax liabilities.

The Company is currently under examination by the Internal Revenue Service for the tax years ending December 31, 1999 and 2000. Management does not expect the results of this examination to have a material adverse effect on the Company's condensed consolidated financial position or results of operations.

#### **14. Contingencies**

Fourteen putative federal class action lawsuits (the "Federal Class Actions") have been filed against Charter and certain of its former and present officers and directors in various jurisdictions allegedly on behalf of all purchasers of Charter's securities during the period from either November 8 or November 9, 1999 through July 17 or July 18, 2002. Unspecified damages are sought by the plaintiffs. In general, the lawsuits allege that Charter utilized misleading accounting practices and failed to disclose these accounting practices and/or issued false and misleading financial statements and press releases concerning Charter's operations and prospects. The Federal Class Actions were specifically and individually identified in public filings made by Charter prior to the date of this quarterly report.

In October 2002, Charter filed a motion with the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (the "Panel") to transfer the Federal Class Actions to the Eastern District of Missouri. On March 12, 2003, the Panel transferred the six Federal Class Actions not filed in the Eastern District of Missouri to that district for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings with the eight Federal Class Actions already pending there. The Panel's transfer order assigned the Federal Class Actions to Judge Charles A. Shaw. By virtue of a prior court order, StoneRidge Investment Partners LLC became lead plaintiff upon entry of the Panel's transfer order. StoneRidge subsequently filed a Consolidated Amended Complaint. The Court subsequently consolidated the Federal Class Actions into a single consolidated action (the "Consolidated Federal Class Action") for pretrial purposes. On June 19, 2003, following a pretrial conference with the parties, the Court issued a Case Management Order setting forth a schedule for the pretrial phase of the Consolidated Federal Class Action. Motions to dismiss the Consolidated Amended Complaint have been filed. On February 10, 2004, in response to a joint motion made by StoneRidge and defendants, Charter, Vogel and Allen, the court entered an order providing, among other things, that: (1) the parties who filed such motion, engage in a mediation within ninety (90) days; and (2) all proceedings in the Consolidated Federal Class

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Actions are stayed for ninety (90) days.

On September 12, 2002, a shareholders derivative suit (the “State Derivative Action”) was filed in the Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri (the “Missouri State Court”) against Charter and its then current directors, as well as its former auditors. A substantively identical derivative action was later filed and consolidated into the State Derivative Action. The plaintiffs allege that the individual defendants breached their fiduciary duties by failing to establish and maintain adequate internal controls and procedures. Unspecified damages, allegedly on Charter’s behalf, are sought by the plaintiffs.

On March 12, 2004, an action substantively identical to the State Derivative Action was filed in the Missouri State Court, against Charter and certain of its current and former directors, as well as its former auditors. The plaintiffs allege that the individual defendants breached their fiduciary duties by failing to establish and maintain adequate internal controls and procedures. This case has not yet been consolidated with the State Derivative Action, but Charter expects that it will be in the future. Unspecified damages, allegedly on Charter’s behalf, are sought by plaintiffs.

Separately, on February 12, 2003, a shareholders derivative suit (the “Federal Derivative Action”), was filed against Charter and its then current directors in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. The plaintiff alleges that the individual defendants breached their fiduciary duties and grossly mismanaged Charter by failing to establish and maintain adequate internal controls and procedures. Unspecified damages, allegedly on Charter’s behalf, are sought by the plaintiffs.

In addition to the Federal Class Actions, the State Derivative Action, the new Missouri State Court derivative action and the Federal Derivative Action, six putative class action lawsuits have been filed against Charter and certain of its then current directors and officers in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware (the “Delaware Class Actions”). The lawsuits were filed after the filing of a Schedule 13D amendment by Mr. Allen indicating that he was exploring a number of possible alternatives with respect to restructuring or expanding his ownership interest in Charter. Charter believes that the plaintiffs speculated that Mr. Allen might have been contemplating an unfair bid for shares of Charter or some other sort of going private transaction on unfair terms and generally alleged that the defendants breached their fiduciary duties by participating in or acquiescing to such a transaction. The lawsuits were brought on behalf of Charter’s securities holders as of July 29, 2002, and seek unspecified damages and possible injunctive relief. The Delaware Class Actions are substantively identical. No such transaction by Mr. Allen has been presented. Orders of dismissal without prejudice have been entered in each of the Delaware Class Actions.

All of the lawsuits discussed above are each in preliminary stages. No reserves have been established for potential losses or related insurance recoveries on these matters because Charter is unable to predict the outcome. Charter intends to vigorously defend the lawsuits.

In August 2002, Charter became aware of a grand jury investigation being conducted by the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Missouri into certain of its accounting and reporting practices, focusing on how Charter reported customer numbers, and its reporting of amounts received from digital set-top terminal suppliers for advertising. The U.S. Attorney’s Office has publicly stated that Charter is not currently a target of the investigation. Charter has also been advised by the U. S. Attorney’s office that no member of its board of directors, including its Chief Executive Officer, is a target of the investigation. On July 24, 2003, a federal grand jury charged four former officers of Charter with conspiracy and mail and wire fraud, alleging improper accounting and reporting practices focusing on revenue from digital set-top terminal suppliers and inflated customer account numbers. On July 25, 2003 one of the former officers who was indicted entered a guilty plea. Charter is fully cooperating with the investigation.

On November 4, 2002, Charter received an informal, non-public inquiry from the staff of the SEC. The SEC has subsequently issued a formal order of investigation dated January 23, 2003, and subsequent document and testimony

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subpoenas. The investigation and subpoenas generally concern Charter's prior reports with respect to its determination of the number of customers, and various of its accounting policies and practices including its capitalization of certain expenses and dealings with certain vendors, including programmers and digital set-top terminal suppliers. Charter is fully cooperating with the SEC staff.

Charter is generally required to indemnify each of the named individual defendants in connection with the matters described above pursuant to the terms of its bylaws and (where applicable) such individual defendants' employment agreements. In accordance with these documents, in connection with the pending grand jury investigation, SEC investigation and the above described lawsuits, some of its current and former directors and Charter's current and former officers have been advanced certain costs and expenses incurred in connection with their defense.

Charter has liability insurance coverage that it believes is available for the matters described above, where applicable, subject to the terms, conditions and limitations of the respective policies. There is no assurance that current coverage will be sufficient for all claims described above or any future claims that may arise.

In October 2001, two customers, Nikki Nicholls and Geraldine M. Barber, filed a class action suit against Charter Holdco in South Carolina Court of Common Pleas ("South Carolina Class Action"), purportedly on behalf of a class of Charter Holdco's customers, alleging that Charter Holdco improperly charged them a wire maintenance fee without request or permission. They also claimed that Charter Holdco improperly required them to rent analog and/or digital set-top terminals even though their television sets were "cable ready." Charter Holdco removed this case to the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina in November 2001, and moved to dismiss the suit in December 2001. The federal judge remanded the case to the South Carolina Court of Common Pleas in August 2002 without ruling on the motion to dismiss. The plaintiffs subsequently moved for a default judgment, arguing that upon return to state court, Charter Holdco should have but did not file a new motion to dismiss. The state court judge granted the plaintiff's motion over Charter Holdco's objection in September 2002. Charter Holdco immediately appealed that decision to the South Carolina Court of Appeals and the South Carolina Supreme Court, but those courts have ruled that until a final judgment is entered against Charter Holdco, they lack jurisdiction to hear the appeal.

In January 2003, the Court of Common Pleas granted the plaintiffs' motion for class certification. In October and November 2003, Charter Holdco filed motions (a) asking that court to set aside the default judgment, and (b) seeking dismissal of plaintiffs' suit for failure to state a claim. In January 2004, the Court of Common Pleas granted in part and denied in part Charter Holdco's motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim. It also took under advisement Charter Holdco's motion to set aside the default judgment. In April 2004, the parties participated in a mediation with respect to this and related litigation. The mediator made a proposal to the parties. In May 2004, the parties to this and the related litigation accepted the mediator's proposal and reached a tentative settlement. The tentative settlement remains subject to final documentation and court approval. As a result of the tentative settlement, the Company has recorded a special charge of \$9 million in its condensed consolidated statement of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2004 (see note 12).

Charter is unable to predict the outcome of the lawsuits and the government investigations described above. An unfavorable outcome in any of these lawsuits or the government investigations could have a material adverse effect on the Company's condensed consolidated financial condition, results of operations or its liquidity.

In addition to the matters set forth above, Charter is also party to other lawsuits and claims that arose 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 the Company's condensed consolidated financial condition, results of operations or its liquidity.

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**15. Stock Compensation Plans**

The Company has historically accounted for stock-based compensation in accordance with Accounting Principles Board (“APB”) Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, and related interpretations, as permitted by SFAS No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*. On January 1, 2003, the Company adopted the fair value measurement provisions of SFAS No. 123 using the prospective method under which the Company recognizes compensation expense of a stock-based award to an employee over the vesting period based on the fair value of the award on the grant date consistent with the method described in Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 28, *Accounting for Stock Appreciation Rights and Other Variable Stock Option or Award Plans*. Adoption of these provisions resulted in utilizing a preferable accounting method as the condensed consolidated financial statements will present the estimated fair value of stock-based compensation in expense consistently with other forms of compensation and other expense associated with goods and services received for equity instruments. In accordance with SFAS No. 148, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation – Transition and Disclosure*, the fair value method is being applied only to awards granted or modified after January 1, 2003, whereas awards granted prior to such date will continue to be accounted for under APB No. 25, unless they are modified or settled in cash. Management believes the adoption of these provisions will not have a material impact on the consolidated results of operations or financial condition of the Company. The ongoing effect on consolidated results of operations or financial condition will depend on future stock-based compensation awards granted by the Company.

SFAS No. 123 requires pro forma disclosure of the impact on earnings as if the compensation expense for these plans had been determined using the fair value method. The following table presents the Company’s net loss and loss per share as reported and the pro forma amounts that would have been reported using the fair value method under SFAS No. 123 for the periods presented:

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Net loss applicable to common stock	\$ (294)	\$ (182)
Add back stock-based compensation expense related to stock options included in reported net loss (net of minority interest)	14	—
Less employee stock-based compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all employee stock option awards (net of minority interest)	(12)	(2)
Effects of stock option exchange	48	—
Pro forma	\$ (244)	\$ (184)
Loss per common shares, basic and diluted	\$ (1.00)	\$ (0.62)
Add back stock-based compensation expense related to stock options included in reported net loss (net of minority interest)	0.05	—
Less employee stock-based compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all employee stock option awards (net of minority interest)	(0.04)	—
Effects of stock option exchange	0.16	—
Pro forma	\$ (0.83)	\$ (0.62)

In January 2004, Charter commenced an option exchange program in which employees of the Company were offered the right to exchange all stock options (vested and unvested) issued under the 1999 Charter Communications Option Plan and 2001 Stock Incentive Plan that had an exercise price over \$10 per share for shares of restricted Charter Class A common stock or, in some instances, cash. Based on a sliding exchange ratio, which varied depending on the exercise price of an employees outstanding options, if an employee would have received more than 400 shares of

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restricted stock in exchange for tendered options, Charter issued to that employee shares of restricted stock in the exchange. If, based on the exchange ratios, an employee would have received 400 or fewer shares of restricted stock in exchange for tendered options, Charter instead paid the employee cash in an amount equal to the number of shares the employee would have received multiplied by \$5.00. The offer applied to options (vested and unvested) to purchase a total of 22,929,573 shares of Charter Class A common stock, or approximately 48% of the Company's 47,882,365 total options issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2003. Participation by employees was voluntary. Those members of the Company's board of directors who were not also employees of the Company were not eligible to participate in the exchange offer.

In the closing of the exchange offer on February 20, 2004, the Company accepted for cancellation eligible options to purchase approximately 18,137,664 shares of Charter Class A common stock. In exchange, the Company granted 1,966,686 shares of restricted stock, including 460,777 performance shares to eligible employees of the rank of senior vice president and above, and paid a total cash amount of approximately \$4 million (which amount includes applicable withholding taxes) to those employees who received cash rather than shares of restricted stock. The grants of restricted stock were effective as of February 25, 2004. Employees tendered approximately 79% of the options exchangeable under the program.

The cost to the Company of the stock option exchange program was approximately \$12 million, with a 2004 cash compensation expense of approximately \$4 million and a non-cash compensation expense of approximately \$8 million to be expensed ratably over the three-year vesting period of the restricted stock issued in the exchange.

In January 2004, the Compensation Committee of the board of directors of Charter approved Charter's Long-Term Incentive Program ("LTIP"), which is a program administered under the 2001 Stock Incentive Plan. Employees of Charter and its subsidiaries whose pay classifications exceed a certain level are eligible to receive stock options, and more senior level employees are eligible to receive stock options and performance shares. Under the LTIP, the stock options vest 25% on each of the first four anniversaries of the date of grant. The performance shares are earned on the third anniversary of the grant date, conditional upon Charter's performance against financial performance measures and customer growth targets established by Charter's management and approved by its board of directors as of the time of the award.

#### **16. Related Parties**

**CC VIII.** As part of the acquisition of the cable systems owned by Bresnan Communications Company Limited Partnership in February 2000, CC VIII, Charter's indirect limited liability company subsidiary, issued, after adjustments, 24,279,943 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"). While held by the Comcast sellers, the CC VIII interest was entitled to a 2% priority return on its initial capital account and such priority return was entitled to preferential distributions from available cash and upon liquidation of CC VIII. While held by the Comcast sellers, the CC VIII interest generally did not share in the profits and losses of CC VIII. 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. Consequently, subject to the matters referenced in the next paragraph, Mr. Allen generally thereafter will be allocated his pro rata share (based on number of membership interests outstanding) of profits or losses of CC VIII. In the event of a liquidation of CC VIII, Mr. Allen would be entitled to a priority distribution with respect to the 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 will equal 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). The limited liability company

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agreement of CC VIII does not provide for a mandatory redemption of the CC VIII interest.

An issue has arisen 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. Specifically, under the terms of the Bresnan transaction documents that were entered into in June 1999, the Comcast sellers originally would have received, after adjustments, 24,273,943 Charter Holdco membership units, but due to an FCC regulatory issue raised by the Comcast sellers shortly before closing, the Bresnan transaction was modified to provide that the Comcast sellers instead would receive the preferred equity interests in CC VIII represented by the CC VIII interest. As part of the last-minute changes to the Bresnan transaction documents, a draft amended version of the Charter Holdco limited liability company agreement was prepared, and contract provisions were drafted for that agreement that would have required an automatic exchange of the CC VIII interest for 24,273,943 Charter Holdco membership units if the Comcast sellers exercised the Comcast put right and sold the CC VIII interest to Mr. Allen or his affiliates. However, the provisions that would have required this automatic exchange did not appear in the final version of the Charter Holdco limited liability company agreement that was delivered and executed at the closing of the Bresnan transaction. The law firm that prepared the documents for the Bresnan transaction brought this matter to the attention of Charter and representatives of Mr. Allen in 2002.

Thereafter, the board of directors of Charter formed a Special Committee (currently comprised of Messrs. Tory, Wangberg and Merritt) 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. The Special Committee further determined that, as part of such contract reformation or alternative relief, Mr. Allen should be required to contribute the CC VIII interest to Charter Holdco in exchange for 24,273,943 Charter Holdco membership units. The Special Committee also recommended to the board of directors of Charter that, to the extent the contract reformation is achieved, the board of directors should consider whether the CC VIII interest should ultimately be held by Charter Holdco or Charter Holdings or another entity owned directly or indirectly by them.

Mr. Allen disagrees with the Special Committee’s determinations described above and has so notified the Special Committee. Mr. Allen contends that the transaction is accurately reflected in the transaction documentation and contemporaneous and subsequent company public disclosures.

The parties engaged in a process of non-binding mediation to seek to resolve this matter, without success. The Special Committee is evaluating what further actions or processes it may undertake to resolve this dispute. To accommodate further deliberation, each party has agreed to refrain from initiating legal proceedings over this matter until it has given at least ten days’ prior notice to the other. In addition, the Special Committee and Mr. Allen have determined to utilize the Delaware Court of Chancery’s program for mediation of complex business disputes in an effort to resolve the CC VIII interest dispute. If the Special Committee and Mr. Allen are unable to reach a resolution through that mediation process or to agree on an alternative dispute resolution process, the Special Committee intends to seek resolution of this dispute through judicial proceedings in an action that would be commenced, after appropriate notice, in the Delaware Court of Chancery against Mr. Allen and his affiliates seeking contract reformation, declaratory relief as to the respective rights of the parties regarding this dispute and alternative forms of legal and equitable relief. The ultimate resolution and financial impact of the dispute are not determinable at this time.

**TechTV, Inc.** TechTV, Inc. (“TechTV”) operates a cable television network that offers programming mostly related to technology. Pursuant to an affiliation agreement that originated in 1998 and that terminates in 2008, TechTV has provided the Company with programming for distribution via its cable systems. The affiliation agreement provides, among other things, that TechTV must offer Charter certain terms and conditions that are no

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less favorable in the affiliation agreement than are given to any other distributor that serves the same number of or fewer TechTV viewing customers. Additionally, pursuant to the affiliation agreement, the Company was entitled to incentive payments for channel launches through December 31, 2003.

In March 2004, Charter Holdco entered into agreements with Vulcan Programming and TechTV, which provide for (i) Charter Holdco and TechTV to amend the affiliation agreement which, among other things, revises the description of the TechTV network content, provides for Charter Holdco to waive certain claims against TechTV relating to alleged breaches of the affiliation agreement and provides for TechTV to make payment of outstanding launch receivables due to Charter Holdco under the affiliation agreement, (ii) Vulcan Programming to pay approximately \$10 million and purchase over a 24-month period, at fair market rates, \$2 million of advertising time across various cable networks on Charter cable systems in consideration of the agreements, obligations, releases and waivers under the agreements and in settlement of the aforementioned claims and (iii) TechTV to be a provider of content relating to technology and video gaming for Charter's interactive television platforms through December 31, 2006 (exclusive for the first year). The Company recognized approximately \$4 million of the Vulcan Programming payment as an offset to programming expense during the three months ended March 31, 2004 with the remaining to be recognized over the term of the agreement. The Company believes that Vulcan Programming, which is 100% owned by Mr. Allen, owned an approximate 98% equity interest in TechTV as of March 31, 2004. Until September 2003, Mr. Savoy, a former Charter director, was the president and director of Vulcan Programming and was a director of TechTV. Mr. Wangberg, one of Charter's directors, was the chairman, chief executive officer and a director of TechTV. Although Mr. Wangberg resigned as the chief executive officer of TechTV in July 2002, he remains a director of TechTV. Mr. Allen is a director of TechTV.

**Digeo, Inc.** On June 30, 2003, Charter Holdco entered into an agreement with Motorola for the purchase of 100,000 digital video recorder ("DVR") units. The software for these DVR units is being supplied by Digeo Interactive, LLC ("Digeo Interactive"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Digeo, Inc. ("Digeo"), under a license agreement entered into in April 2004. Under the license agreement Digeo Interactive granted to Charter Holdco the right to use Digeo's proprietary software for the number of DVR units that Charter deploys from a maximum of 10 headends through year-end 2004. The license granted for each unit deployed under the agreement is valid for five years. In addition, Charter will pay certain other fees including a per-headend license fee and maintenance fees. Total license and maintenance fees during the term of the agreement are expected to be approximately \$3 million. The agreement provides that Charter is entitled to receive contract terms, considered on the whole, and license fees, considered apart from other contract terms, no less favorable than those accorded to any other Digeo customer.

In May 2004, Charter Holdco entered into a binding term sheet with Digeo Interactive for the purchase of 70,000 Digeo PowerKey DVR units. The term sheet provides that the parties will proceed in good faith to negotiate, prior to year-end 2004, definitive agreements for the purchase of the DVR units and that the parties will enter into a license agreement for Digeo's proprietary software on terms substantially similar to the terms of the license agreement described above. Total purchase price and license and maintenance fees during the term of the definitive agreements are expected to be approximately \$40 million. The term sheet and any definitive agreements will be terminable at no penalty to Charter in certain circumstances.

The Company believes that Vulcan Ventures, an entity controlled by Mr. Allen, owns an approximate 60% equity interest in Digeo, Inc. Messrs. Allen and Vogel are directors of Digeo. Mr. Savoy, who resigned from Charter's board of directors in April 2004, was a director and served on the compensation committee of Digeo until September 2003. Mr. Vogel owns options to purchase 10,000 shares of Digeo common stock.



## 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, 2004 are a 46.5% controlling common equity interest in Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC ("Charter Holdco") and "mirror" notes that are payable by Charter Holdco to Charter which 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 data services and in some areas advanced broadband services such as high definition television, video on demand, telephony and interactive television. We sell our cable video programming, high-speed data and advanced broadband services on a subscription basis.

The following table summarizes our customer statistics for analog and digital video, residential high-speed data and residential telephony as of March 31, 2004 and 2003:

	Approximate as of	
	March 31, 2004 (a)	March 31, 2003 (a)
<b>Cable Video Services:</b>		
<b>Analog Video:</b>		
Residential (non-bulk) analog video customers (b)	5,953,200	6,277,300
Multi-dwelling (bulk) and commercial unit customers (c)	238,800	250,900
Analog video customers (b)(c)	6,192,000	6,528,200
<b>Digital Video:</b>		
Digital video customers (d)	2,657,400	2,651,100
Digital percentage of analog video customers (b)(c)(d)(e)	43%	41%
Digital set-top terminals deployed	3,756,300	3,749,400
<b>Non-Video Cable Services:</b>		
Residential high-speed data customers (f)	1,653,000	1,272,300
Dial-up customers	8,900	12,700
Telephony customers (g)	26,300	22,800

Pro forma for the effect of the sale of systems to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC, which closed in March and April 2004, and to WaveDivision Holdings, LLC, which closed on October 1, 2003, as if all of these sales had occurred as of January 1, 2003, analog video customers, digital video customers and residential high-speed data customers would have been 6,265,900, 2,556,700 and 1,229,200, respectively as of March 31, 2003.

- (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). Further, "customers" include persons receiving service under promotional programs that offered up to two months of service for free, some of whom had not requested to be disconnected, but had not become paying customers as of March 31, 2004. If such persons do not become paying customers, we do not believe this would have a material impact on our consolidated financial condition or consolidated results of operations. In addition, at March 31, 2004 and 2003, "customers" include approximately 5,800 and 3,700 persons, whose accounts were over 90 days past due in payment and approximately 2,200 and 1,000 of which were over 120 days past due in payment, respectively.
- (b) "Residential (non-bulk) analog video customers" include all residential customers who receive video



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services, except for complimentary accounts (such as our employees).

- (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 video 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, 2004 and 2003 are approximately 12,000 and 14,800 customers, respectively, that receive digital video service directly through satellite transmission.
- (e) Represents the number of digital video customers as a percentage of analog video customers.
- (f) All of these customers also receive video service and are included in the video statistics above, except that the video statistics do not include approximately 142,700 and 56,700 of these customers at March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, who were residential high-speed data only customers.
- (g) “Telephony customers” include all households receiving telephone service.

## **Overview of Operations**

We have a history of net losses. Further, we 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, depreciation expenses that we incur resulting from the capital investments we have made and continue to make in our cable properties, and amortization and impairment of our franchise intangibles. We expect that these expenses (other than amortization and impairment of franchises) will remain significant, and we therefore expect to continue to report net losses for the foreseeable future. Additionally, reported losses allocated to minority interest on the statement of operations are limited to the extent of any remaining minority interest balance on the balance sheet related to Charter Holdco. Because minority interest in Charter Holdco was substantially eliminated at December 31, 2003, commencing in the first quarter of 2004, we began to absorb substantially all future losses before income taxes that otherwise would have been allocated to minority interest. This resulted in an additional \$124 million of net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2004. Subject to any changes in Charter Holdco’s capital structure, future losses will continue to be absorbed by Charter.

For the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, our income from operations, which includes depreciation and amortization expense but excludes interest expense, was \$175 million and \$77 million, respectively. Our operating margins increased from 7% for the three months ended March 31, 2003 to 14% for the three months ended March 31, 2004, primarily as a result of a gain on the sale of certain cable systems in Florida, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and West Virginia to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC of approximately \$108 million, partially offset by increases in option compensation expense and special charges that we recognized in the three months ended March 31, 2004.

Since our inception, and currently, our ability to conduct operations has been and continues to be dependent on our access to credit under our credit facilities. 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 outstanding public notes and would have a material adverse effect on us. Including the effects of the refinancing in April 2004, approximately \$15 million of our financing matures during 2004, which we expect to fund through borrowings under our credit facilities.

## 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 2003 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

### *Three Months Ended March 31, 2004 Compared to Three Months Ended March 31, 2003*

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,			
	2004		2003	
Revenues	\$ 1,214	100%	\$ 1,178	100%
Costs and expenses:				
Operating (excluding depreciation and amortization)	512	42%	485	41%
Selling, general and administrative	239	20%	235	20%
Depreciation and amortization	370	31%	370	31%
(Gain) loss on sale of assets, net	(106)	(9)%	9	1%
Option compensation expense, net	14	1%	—	—
Special charges, net	10	1%	2	—
	1,039	86%	1,101	93%
Income from operations	175	14%	77	7%
Interest expense, net	(393)		(390)	
Gain (loss) on derivative instruments and hedging activities, net	(7)		14	
Loss on debt to equity conversions	(8)		—	
Other, net	(2)		(2)	
	(410)		(378)	
Loss before minority interest and income taxes	(235)		(301)	
Minority interest	(4)		160	
Loss before income taxes	(239)		(141)	
Income tax expense	(54)		(40)	
Net loss	(293)		(181)	
Dividends on preferred stock – redeemable	(1)		(1)	
Net loss applicable to common stock	\$ (294)		\$ (182)	
Loss per common share, basic and diluted	\$ (1.00)		\$ (0.62)	
Weighted average common shares outstanding, basic and diluted	295,106,077		294,466,137	

**Revenues.** Revenues increased by \$36 million, or 3%, from \$1.2 billion for the three months ended March 31, 2003 to \$1.2 billion for the three months ended March 31, 2004. This increase is principally the result of an increase of 380,700 and 6,300 high-speed data and digital video customers, respectively, as well as price increases for video and high-speed data services, and is offset partially by a decrease of 336,200 analog video customers. Included in the

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reduction in analog video customers and reducing the increase in digital video and high-speed data customers are 262,300 analog video customers, 94,400 digital video customers and 43,100 high-speed data customers sold in the cable system sales to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC, which closed on March 1, 2004, and to WaveDivision Holdings, LLC, which closed on October 1, 2003 (collectively referred to herein as the “Systems Sales”), and the sale of the New York system to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC, which occurred in April 2004. Our goal is to increase revenues by stabilizing our analog video customer base, implementing price increases on certain services and packages and increasing revenues from incremental high-speed data services, digital video and advanced products and services such as telephony using voice-over-Internet protocol, video on demand (“VOD”), high definition television and digital video recorders provided to our existing customer base and commercial customers.

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

Three Months Ended March 31,						
	2004		2003		2004 over 2003	
	Revenues	% of Revenues	Revenues	% of Revenues	Change	% Change
Video	\$ 849	70%	\$ 866	74%	\$ (17)	(2)%
High-speed data	168	14%	122	10%	46	38%
Advertising sales	59	5%	57	5%	2	4%
Commercial	56	4%	47	4%	9	19%
Other	82	7%	86	7%	(4)	(5)%
	<u>\$ 1,214</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$ 1,178</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$ 36</u>	<u>3%</u>

Video revenues consist primarily of revenues from analog and digital video services provided to our non-commercial customers. Video revenues decreased by \$17 million, or 2%, from \$866 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 to \$849 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004.

Approximately \$14 million of the decrease was the result of the System Sales, while the remaining decrease of approximately \$3 million was primarily the result of a decline in analog video customers partially offset by price increases and an increase in digital video customers.

Revenues from high-speed data services provided to our non-commercial customers increased \$46 million, or 38%, from \$122 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 to \$168 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004. Approximately 92% of the increase related to the increase in the average number of customers, whereas approximately 8% related to the increase in average price of the service. The increase was primarily the result of the addition of high-speed data customers within our existing service areas. We were also able to offer this service to more of our customers, as the estimated percentage of homes passed that could receive high-speed data service increased from 84% as of March 31, 2003 to 87% as of March 31, 2004 as a result of our system upgrades.

Advertising sales revenues consist primarily of revenues from commercial advertising customers, programmers and other vendors. Advertising sales increased \$2 million, or 4%, from \$57 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 to \$59 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004, primarily as a result of an increase in local advertising sales revenues offset partially by a decrease in advertising revenue from vendors. For the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, we received \$3 million and \$4 million, respectively, in advertising revenue from vendors.

Commercial revenues consist primarily of revenues from cable video and high-speed data services to our commercial customers. Commercial revenues increased \$9 million, or 19%, from \$47 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 to \$56 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004, primarily as a result of an increase in commercial high-speed data revenues.

Other revenues consist of revenues from franchise fees, equipment rental, customer installations, home shopping, dial-up Internet service, late payment fees, wire maintenance fees and other miscellaneous revenues. Other revenues decreased \$4 million, or 5%, from \$86 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 to \$82 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004. The decrease was primarily the result of a decrease in installation revenue.

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**Operating Expenses.** Operating expenses increased \$27 million, or 6%, from \$485 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 to \$512 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004. Programming costs included in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations were \$334 million and \$314 million, representing 32% and 29% of total costs and expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. Key expense components as a percentage of revenues were as follows (dollars in millions):

Three Months Ended March 31,						
	2004		2003		2004 over 2003	
	Expenses	% of Revenues	Expenses	% of Revenues	Change	% Change
Programming	\$ 334	27%	\$ 314	26%	\$ 20	6%
Advertising sales	23	2%	21	2%	2	10%
Service costs	155	13%	150	13%	5	3%
	<u>\$ 512</u>	<u>42%</u>	<u>\$ 485</u>	<u>41%</u>	<u>\$ 27</u>	<u>6%</u>

Programming costs consist primarily of costs paid to programmers for the provision of analog, premium, digital channels and pay-per-view programming. The increase in programming costs of \$20 million, or 6%, for the three months ended March 31, 2004 over the three months ended March 31, 2003, was a result of price increases, particularly in sports programming, an increased number of channels carried on our systems, and an increase in digital video customers, partially offset by a decrease in analog video customers. Programming costs were offset by the amortization of payments received from programmers in support of launches of new channels of \$14 million and \$16 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. Programming costs also include a \$4 million reduction related to the settlement of a dispute with TechTV, Inc. See note 16 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

Our cable programming costs have increased in every year we have operated in excess of customary inflationary and cost-of-living type increases, and we expect them to continue to increase because of a variety of factors, including additional programming being provided to customers as a result of system rebuilds that increase channel capacity, increased costs to produce or purchase programming and inflationary or negotiated annual increases. Our increasing programming costs will result in declining video product margins to the extent we are unable to pass on 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 incremental high-speed data revenues, advertising revenues and commercial services revenues.

Advertising sales expenses consist of costs related to traditional advertising services provided to advertising customers, including salaries and benefits and commissions. Advertising sales expenses increased \$2 million, or 10%, primarily as a result of increased salary and benefit costs and marketing costs. Service costs consist primarily of service personnel salaries and benefits, franchise fees, system utilities, Internet service provider fees, maintenance and pole rent expense. The increase in service costs of \$5 million, or 3%, resulted primarily from additional activity associated with ongoing infrastructure maintenance.

**Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.** Selling, general and administrative expenses increased by \$4 million, or 2%, from \$235 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 to \$239 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004. Key components of expense as a percentage of revenues were as follows (dollars in millions):

	Three Months Ended March 31,					
	2004		2003		2004 over 2003	
	Expenses	% of Revenues	Expenses	% of Revenues	Change	% Change
General and administrative	\$ 208	17%	\$ 215	18%	\$ (7)	(3)%
Marketing	31	3%	20	2%	11	55%
	<u>\$ 239</u>	<u>20%</u>	<u>\$ 235</u>	<u>20%</u>	<u>\$ 4</u>	<u>2%</u>

General and administrative expenses consist primarily of salaries and benefits, rent expense, billing costs, call center costs, internal network costs, bad debt expense and property taxes. The decrease in general and administrative expenses of \$7 million, or 3%, resulted primarily from decreases in salary and benefit costs of \$11 million and professional fees of \$3 million. These decreases were partially offset by increases in third party call center costs of \$4 million and bad debt expense of \$2 million.

Marketing expenses increased \$11 million, or 55%, as a result of introducing the “Get Hooked” national branding campaign related to our service offerings.

**Depreciation and Amortization.** Depreciation and amortization expense remained constant at \$370 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003. The increase in capital expenditures was offset by lower depreciation as the result of the System Sales.

**(Gain) Loss on Sale of Assets, Net.** Gain on sale of assets of \$106 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 primarily represents the pretax gain realized on the sale of systems to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC which closed on March 1, 2004. The loss on sale of assets of \$9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 represents the loss realized on the sale of fixed assets.

**Option Compensation Expense, Net.** Option compensation expense of \$14 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 primarily represents the expense of approximately \$6 million related to a stock option exchange program, under which our employees were offered the right to exchange all stock options (vested and unvested) issued under the 1999 Charter Communications Option Plan and 2001 Stock Incentive Plan that had an exercise price over \$10 per share for shares of restricted Charter Class A common stock or, in some instances, cash. The exchange offer closed in February 2004. Additionally, during the three months ended March 31, 2004, we recognized approximately \$3 million related to the options granted under the Charter Long-Term Incentive Program and approximately \$5 million related to options granted following the adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (“SFAS”) No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*.

**Special Charges, Net.** Special charges of \$10 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 represents approximately \$9 million of litigation costs related to the tentative settlement of the South Carolina national class action suit subject to final documentation and court approval and approximately \$1 million of severance and related costs of our workforce reduction. Special charges of \$2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 represents \$7 million of severance and related costs of our workforce reduction, partially offset by a \$5 million credit from a settlement from the Internet service provider Excite@Home related to the conversion of approximately 145,000 high-speed data customers to our Charter Pipeline service in 2001. We expect to continue to record additional special charges in 2004 related to the reorganization of our operations.

**Interest Expense, Net.** Net interest expense increased by \$3 million, or 1%, from \$390 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 to \$393 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004. The increase in net interest expense was a result of an increase in our average borrowing rate from 7.89% in the first quarter of 2003 to 8.22% in

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the first quarter of 2004 partially offset by a decrease of \$0.2 billion in average debt outstanding from \$18.6 billion for the first quarter of 2003 compared to \$18.4 billion for the first quarter of 2004.

**Gain (Loss) on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, Net.** Net gain on derivative instruments and hedging activities decreased \$21 million from a gain of \$14 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 to a loss of \$7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004. The decrease is primarily a result of an increase in losses on interest rate agreements, which do not qualify for hedge accounting under SFAS No. 133, which decreased from a gain of \$5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 to a loss of \$6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004. This was coupled with an increase in losses on interest rate agreements, as a result of hedge ineffectiveness, on designated hedges, which decreased from a gain of \$9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 to a loss of \$1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004.

**Loss on debt to equity conversions.** Loss on debt to equity conversions of \$8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 represents the loss recognized from a privately negotiated exchange of \$10 million principal amount of Charter's 5.75% convertible senior notes held by a single unrelated party for shares of Charter Class A common stock, which resulted in the issuance of more shares in the exchange transaction than would have been issued pursuant to the original terms of the convertible senior notes. In addition, in May 2004, Charter completed a privately negotiated exchange of \$20 million face amount of Charter's 5.75% convertible senior notes held by a single unrelated party for shares of Charter Class A common stock.

**Other, Net.** Net other expense remained constant at \$2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, which primarily represents losses on equity investments.

**Minority Interest.** Minority interest represents the 10% dividend on preferred membership units in our indirect subsidiary, Charter Helicon, LLC and the 2% accretion of the preferred membership interests in our indirect subsidiary, CC VIII, LLC, and since June 6, 2003, the pro rata share of the profits of CC VIII, LLC. Reported losses allocated to minority interest on the statement of operations are limited to the extent of any remaining minority interest on the balance sheet related to Charter Holdco. Because minority interest in Charter Holdco was substantially eliminated at December 31, 2003, commencing in the first quarter of 2004, Charter began to absorb substantially all future losses before income taxes that otherwise would have been allocated to minority interest. For the three months ended March 31, 2003, 53.5% of Charter's losses were allocated to minority interest. As a result of negative equity at Charter Holdco during the three months ended March 31, 2004, no additional losses were allocated to minority interest, resulting in an additional \$124 million of net losses. Subject to any changes in Charter Holdco's capital structure, future losses will be substantially absorbed by Charter.

**Income Tax Expense.** Income tax expense of \$54 million and \$40 million was recognized for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The sale of certain systems to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC on March 1, 2004 resulted in income tax expense of \$14 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004. The income tax expense is 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.

**Net Loss.** Net loss increased by \$112 million, or 62%, from \$181 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 to \$293 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 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 in August 2001, on which Charter pays a quarterly cumulative cash dividends at an annual rate of 5.75% on a liquidation preference of \$100 per share.

**Loss Per Common Share.** The loss per common share increased by \$0.38, from \$0.62 per common share for the three months ended March 31, 2003 to \$1.00 per common share for the three months ended March 31, 2004 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.

### Overview

Our business requires significant cash to fund capital expenditures, debt service costs and ongoing operations. We have historically funded our operating activities, capital requirements and debt service costs through cash flows from operating activities, borrowings under our credit facilities, issuances of debt and equity securities and cash on hand. The mix of funding sources changes from period to period, but for the three months ended March 31, 2004, approximately 14% of our funding requirements were from cash flows from operating activities and 86% was from proceeds from the sale of cable systems described below. For the three months ended March 31, 2004, net cash flows used in financing activities were \$615 million, reflecting a net repayment of debt of \$614 million. Additionally, we increased cash on hand by \$26 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 and our ability to generate cash flows from operating activities.

In April 2004, Charter's indirect subsidiaries, Charter Communications Operating, LLC ("Charter Operating") and Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp., sold \$1.5 billion of senior second lien notes in a private transaction. Additionally, Charter Operating amended and restated its \$5.1 billion credit facilities, among other things, to defer maturities and increase availability under those facilities to approximately \$6.5 billion, consisting of a \$1.5 billion revolving credit facility, a \$2.0 billion six-year term loan facility and a \$3.0 billion seven-year term loan facility. Charter Operating used the additional borrowings under the amended and restated credit facilities, together with proceeds from the sale of the Charter Operating senior second lien notes to refinance the credit facilities of its subsidiaries, CC VI Operating Company, LLC ("CC VI Operating"), Falcon Cable Communications, LLC ("Falcon Cable"), and CC VIII Operating, LLC ("CC VIII Operating"), all in one concurrent transaction. The effect of the transaction was to substitute Charter Operating as the lender in place of the banks under the subsidiaries' credit facilities.

We have a significant level of debt. In 2004, after giving effect to the refinancing in April 2004, \$15 million of our debt matures, and in 2005 and 2006, an additional \$638 million and \$186 million will mature, respectively. In subsequent years, significant additional amounts will become due under our remaining obligations. As the principal amounts owing under our various debt obligations become due, sustaining our liquidity will likely depend on our ability to access additional sources of capital over time. A default under the covenants governing 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 would have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial condition and results of operations.

On March 1, 2004, we closed the sale of certain cable systems in Florida, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and West Virginia to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC. We closed on the sale of an additional cable system in New York to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC in April 2004. Subject to post closing contractual adjustments, we expect the total net proceeds from the sale of all of these systems to be approximately \$733 million, of which \$10 million is currently held in an indemnity escrow account (with the unused portion thereof to be released by March 1, 2005). The proceeds received to date have been used to repay a portion of our credit facilities.

As of March 31, 2004, we were and, as of the date of this report, we are in compliance with the covenants under our credit facilities and our indentures, and we expect to remain in compliance with those covenants throughout 2004. Further, at the closing of the Charter Operating offering and the related refinancing, we had total unused availability of approximately \$1.0 billion under the amended and restated Charter Operating credit facilities. If our actual operating performance results in non-compliance with these covenants, or if other events of non-compliance occur, funding under the credit facilities may not be available and defaults on some or potentially all debt obligations could

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occur. However, we expect that our cash on hand, cash flows from operating activities, and the amounts available under our credit facilities should be sufficient to satisfy our liquidity needs through 2004. As of March 31, 2004, we held \$153 million in cash and cash equivalents. However, cash flows from operating activities and amounts available under credit facilities may not be sufficient to permit us to satisfy our principal repayment obligations scheduled to come due in 2005 and thereafter. Our significant amount of debt may negatively affect our ability to access additional capital in the future. Continued access to these credit facilities is subject to our remaining in compliance with the applicable covenants of these credit facilities, including covenants tied to our operating performance. If there is an event of default under our credit facilities, such as the failure to maintain the applicable required financial ratios, we would be unable to borrow under these credit facilities, which could materially adversely impact our ability to operate our business and to make payments under our debt instruments.

Although Mr. Allen and his affiliates have purchased equity from us in the past, Mr. Allen and his affiliates are not obligated to purchase equity from, contribute to or loan funds to us in the future.

In addition, because of Charter's corporate structure, it may have less access to capital than certain of its operating subsidiaries. Therefore Charter's ability to repay any of its existing convertible senior notes is subject to additional uncertainties. Charter is a holding company and its principal assets are its interest in Charter Holdco and the mirror notes payable by Charter Holdco to Charter, which have the same principal amount and terms as those of Charter's outstanding convertible senior notes. As a result, if Charter is not able to obtain additional financing, its ability to make interest payments on its convertible senior notes, and, in 2005 and 2006, to repay the outstanding principal of its convertible senior notes as they mature, will depend on the receipt of payments or distributions from Charter Holdco or its subsidiaries.

The indentures governing the CCH II, LLC notes, CCO Holdings, LLC notes, and Charter Operating notes restrict those subsidiaries from making distributions to their parent companies (including Charter) for payment of principal on Charter's convertible senior notes, in each case unless there is no default under those indentures and a specified leverage ratio test can be met. Each such subsidiary currently meets the applicable leverage ratio test, and therefore is not currently prohibited from making any such distributions to its direct parent. The indentures governing the Charter Holdings notes permit Charter Holdings to make distributions to Charter Holdco for payment of interest or principal on Charter's convertible senior notes, only if, after giving effect to the distribution, Charter Holdings can incur additional debt under the leverage ratio test of 8.75 to 1.0, there is no default under Charter Holdings' indentures and other specified tests are met. However, in the event that Charter Holdings could not incur any additional debt under the 8.75 to 1.0 leverage ratio test, the indentures governing the Charter Holdings notes permit Charter Holdings and its subsidiaries to make specified investments in Charter Holdco or Charter, up to an amount determined by a formula, as long as there is no default under the indentures. For the quarter ended March 31, 2004, there were no defaults under the Charter Holdings indentures and other specified tests were met. However, Charter Holdings continued not to meet the leverage ratio test at March 31, 2004. As a result, distributions from Charter Holdings to Charter have been restricted and will continue to be restricted until that test is met. Charter's ability to make payments on its convertible senior notes is dependent on Charter Holdco's liquidity or on its ability to obtain distributions, loans or other payments from Charter Holdings or Charter's other subsidiaries, and on Charter Holdco paying or distributing such funds to Charter. As of March 31, 2004, Charter Holdco had \$56 million in cash on hand and is owed \$37 million in intercompany loans, which are available to Charter Holdco to pay interest on Charter's convertible senior notes, which is expected to be approximately \$42 million in 2004. Accordingly, Charter's ability to make principal payments at maturity, in 2005 and 2006, on its outstanding convertible senior notes, is contingent upon it obtaining additional debt and/or equity financing or receiving distributions or other payments from its subsidiaries.

No assurances can be given that we will not experience liquidity problems because of adverse market conditions, increased competition or other unfavorable events or if we do not obtain sufficient additional financing on a timely basis as our debt becomes due. If, at any time, additional capital or borrowing capacity is required beyond amounts internally generated or available through existing credit facilities or in traditional debt or equity financings, we would consider:

- further reducing our expenses and capital expenditures, which would likely impair our ability to increase revenue;



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- selling assets;
- issuing debt securities which may have structural or other priorities over our existing notes;
- issuing equity that would be dilutive to existing shareholders; 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, ultimately, 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 all principal and interest payments to which they are contractually entitled.

### ***Long-Term Debt***

As of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, long-term debt totaled approximately \$18.1 billion and \$18.6 billion, respectively. This debt was comprised of approximately \$6.6 billion and \$7.2 billion of debt under our credit facilities, \$10.7 billion and \$10.6 billion of high-yield debt and \$764 million and \$774 million debt related to our convertible senior notes, respectively. As of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, the weighted average interest rate on the bank debt was approximately 5.6% and 5.4%, respectively, the weighted average interest rate on the high-yield debt was approximately 10.3%, while the weighted average interest rate on the convertible debt was approximately 5.5%, resulting in a blended weighted average interest rate of 8.4% and 8.2%, respectively. Approximately 82% of our debt was effectively fixed including the effects of our interest rate hedge agreements as of March 31, 2004 compared to approximately 80% at December 31, 2003.

***April 2004 Charter Operating Notes.*** In April 2004, Charter's indirect subsidiaries, Charter Operating and Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp., sold \$1.1 billion of 8% senior second lien notes due 2012 and \$400 million of 8 3/8% senior second lien notes due 2014, for total gross proceeds of \$1.5 billion in a private transaction. These notes are structurally senior to the notes of Charter, Charter Holdings, CCH II, LLC and CCO Holdings and rank equally with all other current or future unsubordinated obligations of Charter Operating. The Charter Operating notes are structurally subordinated to all obligations of Charter Operating's subsidiaries, including Charter Operating amended and restated credit facilities described below.

At any time prior to April 30, 2007, the issuers of the 8% senior second lien notes may redeem, on a pro rata basis, up to 35% of the total original principal amount of these notes with proceeds from public equity sales at a redemption price equal to 108.000% of the principal amount thereof, plus any accrued and unpaid interest. Interest on the \$1.1 billion 8% senior second lien notes accrues at 8% per year and is payable semi-annually in arrears on each April 30 and October 30, commencing on October 30, 2004.

At any time prior to April 30, 2007, the issuers of the 8 3/8% senior second lien notes may redeem, on a pro rata basis, up to 35% of the total original principal amount of these notes with proceeds from public equity sales at a redemption price equal to 108.375% of the principal amount thereof, plus any accrued and unpaid interest. In addition, Charter Operating may redeem all or any portion of these notes on or after April 30, 2009, at an initial purchase price equal to 104.188% of the outstanding principal amount redeemed declining ratably to 100% for redemptions on or after April 30, 2012, plus any accrued and unpaid interest. Interest on the \$400 million 8 3/8% senior second lien notes accrues at 8 3/8% per year and is payable semi-annually in arrears on each April 30 and October 30, commencing on October 30, 2004.

In the event of specified change of control events, Charter Operating must offer to purchase the outstanding Charter Operating senior second lien notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the total principal amount of the notes, plus any accrued and unpaid interest.

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Until the guarantee and pledge date (as defined in the indenture governing the Charter Operating notes, generally the fifth business day after the Charter Holdings leverage ratio is certified to be below 8.75 to 1.0), the Charter Operating notes are secured by a second-priority lien on substantially all of Charter Operating's direct assets that secure the obligations of Charter Operating under the Charter Operating credit facilities. The collateral consists of substantially all of Charter Operating's direct assets in which security interests may be perfected under the Uniform Commercial Code by filing a financing statement (including capital stock and intercompany obligations).

On and after the guarantee and pledge date, the collateral for the Charter Operating notes will consist of all of Charter Operating's and its subsidiaries' assets that secure the obligations of Charter Operating or any subsidiary of Charter Operating with respect to the Charter Operating credit facility and the related obligations or certain other indebtedness on such date. It is currently contemplated that, as of the guarantee and pledge date, such collateral will consist of the capital stock of Charter Operating held by CCO Holdings, all of the intercompany obligations owing to CCO Holdings by Charter Operating or any subsidiary of Charter Operating, and substantially all of Charter Operating's and the guarantors' assets (other than the assets of CCO Holdings) in which security interests may be perfected under the Uniform Commercial Code by filing a financing statement (including capital stock and intercompany obligations).

In addition, within a time frame specified under the Charter Operating credit facilities, Charter Operating will be required to redeem or cause to be redeemed in full the notes outstanding under the CC V Holdings, LLC indenture. In addition, when Charter Operating or its subsidiaries exercise any option to redeem in full the notes outstanding under the Renaissance Media Group, LLC ("Renaissance") or CC V Holdings, LLC indentures, then, provided that the leverage ratio test remains satisfied, the Renaissance or CC V Holdings, LLC entities will be required to guarantee the Charter Operating credit facilities and the related obligations and to secure those guarantees with first-priority liens, and to guarantee the notes and to secure the Charter Operating senior second lien notes with second-priority liens, on substantially all of their assets in which security interests may be perfected under the Uniform Commercial Code by filing a financing statement (including capital stock and intercompany obligations).

***Amended and Restated Charter Operating Credit Facilities.*** In April 2004, the Charter Operating credit facilities were amended and restated concurrently with the sale of \$1.5 billion senior second lien notes described above, among other things, to defer maturities and increase availability under these facilities and to enable Charter Operating to acquire the interests of the lenders under the CC VI Operating, CC VIII Operating and the Falcon Cable credit facilities. The amended and restated Charter Operating credit facilities increase the availability from \$5.1 billion to \$6.5 billion and provide for two term facilities, one with a total principal amount of \$2.0 billion, of which 12.5% matures in 2007, 30% matures in 2008, 37.5% matures in 2009 and 20% matures in 2010 (Term A); and one with a total principal amount of \$3.0 billion, which is repayable in 27 equal quarterly installments aggregating in each loan year to approximately \$30 million, with the remaining balance due at final maturity in 2011 (Term B). The amended and restated Charter Operating credit facilities also provide for a revolving credit facility, in a total amount of \$1.5 billion, with a maturity date in 2010. Amounts under the amended and restated Charter Operating credit facilities bear interest, at Charter Operating's election, at a base rate or the Eurodollar rate, as defined, plus a margin for Eurodollar loans of up to 3.0% for the Term A and revolving credit facilities and up to 3.25% for the Term B credit facility, and for base rate loans, up to 2.0% for the Term A and revolving credit facilities and up to 2.25% for the Term B credit facility. A quarterly commitment fee of up to 0.75% is payable on the unused balance of the revolving credit facility.

Obligations under the amended commitment amount of \$6.5 billion are secured by a lien on all assets of Charter Operating, to the extent such lien can be perfected under the Uniform Commercial Code by filing a financing statement, which assets include capital stock owned by Charter Operating and intercompany obligations owing to it, including those from its subsidiaries, CC VI Operating, CC VIII Operating and Falcon Cable.

Obligations arising under the original commitment amount of \$5.1 billion continue to be guaranteed by CCO Holdings and by Charter Operating's subsidiaries, other than the non-guarantor subsidiaries (defined below). The "non-guarantor subsidiaries," generally include CC VI Operating, CC VIII Operating, Falcon Cable, and their respective subsidiaries. Obligations arising under the original commitment amount of \$5.1 billion continue to be secured by a pledge of the equity interests owned by the subsidiary guarantors and intercompany obligations owing to the subsidiary guarantors, as well as a pledge of CCO Holdings' equity interests in Charter Operating, and

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intercompany obligations owing to CCO Holdings by Charter Operating's subsidiaries.

At such time as Charter Holdings' leverage ratio is determined to be below 8.75 to 1.0: (i) the guarantors' guarantees will be amended to increase the amount guaranteed to include all of the obligations arising under the amended commitment amount of \$6.5 billion; (ii) most of the non-guarantor subsidiaries will become additional subsidiary guarantors of the amended commitment amount of \$6.5 billion; and (iii) such guarantees will be secured by a lien on all assets of the subsidiary guarantors to the extent such lien can be perfected under the Uniform Commercial Code by filing a financing statement; provided that the guarantee and pledge of such interests is not otherwise restricted by Charter's subsidiaries' indentures.

The amended and restated Charter Operating credit facilities permit Charter Operating and its subsidiaries to make distributions to pay interest on the Charter Operating senior second lien notes, the CCO Holdings senior notes, the CCH II senior notes, the Charter Holdings senior notes and Charter's convertible senior notes, provided that, among other things, no default has occurred and is continuing under the amended and restated Charter Operating credit facilities. Conditions to future borrowings include the absence of a default or an event of default under the amended and restated Charter Operating credit facilities.

The events of default under the amended and restated Charter Operating credit facilities include those customary for financings of this type, as well as events of default for, among other things: (i) the failure to pay or the occurrence of events that result in the acceleration of other indebtedness owing by certain of CCO Holdings' direct and indirect parent companies in amounts in excess of \$200 million in aggregate principal amount, (ii) Paul Allen and/or certain of his family members and/or their exclusively owned entities ceasing to have power, directly or indirectly, to vote as least 35% of the ordinary voting power of Charter Operating, and (iii) certain of Charter Operating's direct or indirect parent companies having indebtedness in excess of \$500 million aggregate principal amount which remains undefeased three months prior to the final maturity of such indebtedness.

Charter Operating used the additional borrowings under the amended and restated credit facilities, together with proceeds from the sale of the Charter Operating senior second lien notes to refinance the credit facilities of its subsidiaries, CC VI Operating, Falcon Cable, and CC VIII Operating, all in one concurrent transaction. Unused availability as of the closing of the amendment and restatement of the Charter Operating credit facilities on April 27, 2004 was approximately \$1.0 billion. The effect of the transaction was to substitute Charter Operating as the lender in place of the banks under those subsidiaries' credit facilities.

As noted above, our access to capital from our credit facilities is contingent on compliance with a number of restrictive covenants, including covenants tied to our operating performance. We may not be able to comply with all of these restrictive covenants. If there is an event of default under our credit facilities, such as the failure to maintain the applicable required financial ratios, we would be unable to borrow under these credit facilities, 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 certain of our debt obligations, if not waived, may result in the acceleration of those debt obligations, which could in turn result in the acceleration of other debt obligations, and could result in exercise of remedies by our creditors and could force us to seek the protection of the bankruptcy laws.

Our significant amount of debt and the interest charges incurred to service debt may adversely affect our ability to obtain financing in the future and react to changes in our business. We may need additional capital if we do not achieve our projected revenues, or if our operating expenses increase. If we are not able to obtain such capital from increases in our cash flows from operating activities, additional borrowings or other sources, we may not be able to fund customer demand for digital video, high-speed data or telephony services, offer certain services in certain of our markets or compete effectively. Consequently, our financial condition and results of operations could suffer materially. See the section entitled "Liquidity and Capital Resources" of "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included in our 2003 Annual Report on Form 10-K for a description of certain terms, restrictions and covenants in our subsidiaries' notes other than the Charter Operating notes issued in April 2004.

***Historical Operating, Financing and Investing Activities***

We held \$153 million in cash and cash equivalents as of March 31, 2004 compared to \$127 million as of December 31, 2003.

***Operating Activities.*** Net cash provided by operating activities decreased 29%, from \$162 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 to \$115 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004. For the three months ended March 31, 2004, net cash provided by operating activities decreased primarily as a result of changes in operating assets and liabilities that used \$15 million more cash during the three months ended March 31, 2004 than the corresponding period in 2003 coupled with an increase in cash interest expense of \$16 million over the corresponding prior period.

***Investing Activities.*** Net cash provided by investing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2004 was \$526 million and net cash used in investing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2003 was \$231 million. Investing activities provided \$757 million more cash during the three months ended March 31, 2004 than the corresponding period in 2003 primarily as a result of proceeds from the sale of certain cable systems in Florida, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and West Virginia to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC.

***Financing Activities.*** Net cash used in financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2004 was \$615 million and net cash provided by financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2003 was \$194 million. The decrease in cash provided during the three months ended March 31, 2004 as compared to the corresponding period in 2003 was primarily the result of an increase in repayments of long-term debt and a decrease in borrowings of long-term debt.

***Capital Expenditures***

We have significant ongoing capital expenditure requirements. Capital expenditures were \$190 million and \$104 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The majority of the capital expenditures for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 related to our customer premise equipment. See table below for more details.

Upgrading our cable systems has enabled us to offer digital television, high-speed data services, VOD, interactive services, additional channels and tiers, and expanded pay-per-view options to a larger customer base. 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, 2004 and 2003, our liabilities related to capital expenditures decreased \$6 million and \$124 million, respectively.

During 2004, we expect to spend a total of \$850 million to \$950 million on capital expenditures. We expect that the nature of these expenditures will continue to shift from upgrade/rebuild costs to customer premise equipment and scalable infrastructure costs. We expect to fund capital expenditures for 2004 primarily from cash flows from operating activities 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 new 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 GAAP, nor do they impact our accounting for capital expenditures under GAAP.

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The following table presents our major capital expenditures categories in accordance with NCTA disclosure guidelines for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 (dollars in millions):

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2004	2003
Customer premise equipment (a)	\$ 114	\$ 64
Scalable infrastructure (b)	19	8
Line extensions (c)	23	8
Upgrade/Rebuild (d)	11	15
Support capital (e)	23	9
Total capital expenditures (f)	\$ 190	\$ 104

- (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 51 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).
- (f) Represents all capital expenditures made during the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

### **Certain Trends and Uncertainties**

The following discussion highlights a number of trends and uncertainties, in addition to those discussed elsewhere in this quarterly report and in the “Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates” section of Item 7. “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in our 2003 Annual Report on Form 10-K, that could materially impact our business, results of operations and financial condition.

**Substantial Leverage.** We have a significant amount of debt. As of March 31, 2004, our total debt was approximately \$18.1 billion. In 2004, after giving effect to the April 2004 debt refinancing, \$15 million of our debt matures, and an additional \$638 million and \$186 million matures in 2005 and 2006, respectively. In subsequent years, substantial additional amounts will become due under our remaining obligations. We believe that as a result of our significant levels of debt, our access to the debt markets could be limited when substantial amounts of our current indebtedness become due. If our business does not generate sufficient cash flow from operating activities, and sufficient funds are not available to us from borrowings under our credit facilities or from other sources, we may not be able to repay our debt, grow our business, respond to competitive challenges, or to fund our other liquidity and capital needs. Further, if we are unable to refinance that debt, we could be forced to restructure our obligations or seek protection under the bankruptcy laws. If we were to raise capital through the issuance of additional equity or if we were to engage in a recapitalization or other similar transaction, our shareholders could suffer significant dilution and our noteholders might not receive all principal and interest payments to which they are contractually entitled on a timely basis or at all. For more information, see the section above entitled “Liquidity and Capital Resources.”

**Restrictive Covenants.** Our credit facilities and the indentures governing our publicly held notes contain a number of significant covenants that could adversely impact our business. In particular, our credit facilities and indentures restrict our subsidiaries’ ability to:

- pay dividends or make other distributions;

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

Furthermore, our credit facilities require our subsidiaries to maintain specified financial ratios and meet financial tests. The ability to comply with these provisions may be affected by events beyond our control. The breach of any of these covenants will result in a default under the applicable debt agreement or instrument and could trigger acceleration of the related debt under the applicable agreement, and in certain cases under other agreements governing our indebtedness. Any default under the credit facilities or indentures applicable to us could adversely affect our growth, our financial condition and our results of operations and the ability to make payments on our publicly held notes and those of our subsidiaries, and our credit facilities. For more information, see the section above entitled “Liquidity and Capital Resources.”

**Liquidity.** Our business requires significant cash to fund capital expenditures, debt service costs and ongoing operations. Our ongoing operations will depend on our ability to generate cash and to secure financing in the future. We have historically funded liquidity and capital requirements through cash flows from operating activities, borrowings under our credit facilities, issuances of debt and equity securities and cash on hand.

Our ability to operate depends on our continued access to credit under our credit facilities. Our access to those funds is subject to our satisfaction of the covenants in those credit facilities and the indentures governing our debt. In addition, 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.

If, at any time, additional capital or capacity is required beyond amounts internally generated or available through existing credit facilities or traditional debt or equity financings, we would consider:

- further reducing our expenses and capital expenditures, which would likely impair our ability to increase revenue;
- selling assets;
- issuing debt securities which may have structural or other priorities over our existing notes;
- issuing equity that would be dilutive to existing shareholders; 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 were not successful, we could be forced to restructure our obligations or seek protection under the bankruptcy laws. If we were to raise capital through the issuance of additional equity or if we were to engage in a recapitalization or other similar transaction, our shareholders could suffer significant dilution and our noteholders might not receive all principal and interest payments to which they are contractually entitled on a timely basis or at all. For more information, see the section above entitled “Liquidity and Capital Resources.”

**Acceleration of Indebtedness of Charter’s Subsidiaries.** In the event of a default under our credit facilities or notes, our creditors could elect to declare all amounts borrowed, together with accrued and unpaid interest and other fees, to be due and payable. In such event, our credit facilities and indentures would not permit Charter’s subsidiaries to distribute funds to Charter Holdco or Charter to pay interest or principal on our notes. If the amounts outstanding

under such credit facilities or notes are accelerated, all of the debt and liabilities of Charter's subsidiaries would be payable from the subsidiaries' assets, prior to any distribution of the subsidiaries' assets to pay the interest and principal amounts on Charter's notes. In addition, the lenders under our credit facilities could foreclose on their collateral, which includes equity interests in Charter's subsidiaries, and they could exercise other rights of secured creditors. In any such case, we might not be able to repay or make any payments on our notes. Additionally, an acceleration or payment default under our credit facilities would cause a cross-default in the indentures governing the Charter Holdings notes, CCH II notes, CCO Holdings notes, Charter Operating notes and Charter's convertible senior notes and would trigger the cross-default provision of the Charter Operating amended and restated credit agreement. Any default under any of our credit facilities or notes might adversely affect the holders of our notes and our growth, financial condition and results of operations and could force us to examine all options, including seeking the protection of the bankruptcy laws.

***Charter Communications, Inc.'s Convertible Senior Notes are Structurally Subordinated to all Liabilities of its Subsidiaries.*** The borrowers and guarantors under the Charter Operating credit facilities and senior second lien notes are Charter's indirect subsidiaries. A number of Charter's subsidiaries are also obligors under other debt instruments, including Charter Holdings, CCH II and CCO Holdings, which are each a co-issuer of senior notes and/or senior discount notes. As of March 31, 2004, our total debt was approximately \$18.1 billion, of which \$17.3 billion would have been structurally senior to the Charter convertible senior notes. In a liquidation, the lenders under our credit facilities and the holders of the other debt instruments and all other creditors of Charter's subsidiaries would have the right to be paid before Charter from any of its subsidiaries' assets.

The amended and restated Charter Operating credit facilities and the indentures governing the senior notes, senior discount notes and senior second lien notes issued by subsidiaries of Charter contain restrictive covenants that limit the ability of such subsidiaries to make distributions or other payments to Charter Holdco or Charter to enable Charter to make payments on its convertible senior notes. In addition, if Charter caused a subsidiary to make a distribution to enable it to make payments in respect of Charter's convertible senior notes, and such transfer were deemed a fraudulent transfer or an unlawful distribution, the holders of Charter's convertible senior notes could be required to return the payment to (or for the benefit of) the creditors of its subsidiaries. In the event of the bankruptcy, liquidation or dissolution of a subsidiary, following payment by such subsidiary of its liabilities, such subsidiary may not have sufficient assets remaining to make any payments to us as an equity holder or otherwise and may be restricted by bankruptcy and insolvency laws from making any such payments. The foregoing contractual and legal restrictions could limit Charter's ability to make payments to the holders of its convertible senior notes.

***Securities Litigation and Government Investigations.*** A number of putative federal class action lawsuits have been filed against us and certain of our former and present officers and directors alleging violations of securities laws, which have been consolidated for pretrial purposes. In addition, a number of other lawsuits have been filed against us in other jurisdictions. A shareholders derivative suit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, and several class action lawsuits were filed in Delaware state court against us and certain of our directors and officers. Finally, two shareholders derivative suits were filed in Missouri state Court against us, our then current directors and our former independent auditor. These actions were consolidated during the fourth quarter of 2002. The federal shareholders derivative suit, the Delaware class actions and the consolidated derivative suit each allege that the defendants breached their fiduciary duties.

In August 2002, we became aware of a grand jury investigation being conducted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri into certain of our accounting and reporting practices focusing on how we reported customer numbers, and our reporting of amounts received from digital set-top terminal suppliers for advertising. The U.S. Attorney's Office has publicly stated that we are not currently a target of the investigation. We have also been advised by the U.S. Attorney's Office that no member of our board of directors, including our Chief Executive Officer, is a target of the investigation. On July 24, 2003, a federal grand jury charged four former officers of Charter with conspiracy and mail and wire fraud, alleging improper accounting and reporting practices focusing on revenue from digital set-top terminal suppliers and inflated customer account numbers. On July 25, 2003, one of the former officers who was indicted entered a guilty plea. We are fully cooperating with the investigation.

On November 4, 2002, we received an informal, non-public inquiry from the staff of the SEC. The SEC subsequently issued a formal order of investigation dated January 23, 2003, and subsequent related document and

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testimony subpoenas. The investigation and subpoenas generally concern our prior reports with respect to our determination of the number of customers and various of our accounting policies and practices including our capitalization of certain expenses and dealings with certain vendors, including programmers and digital set-top terminal suppliers. We are fully cooperating with the SEC staff.

Due to the inherent uncertainties of litigation and investigations, we cannot predict the ultimate outcome of these proceedings. An unfavorable outcome in the lawsuits or the government investigations described above could have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial condition and results of operations or our liquidity.

In addition, the restatement of our 2000, 2001 and 2002 financial statements may lead to additional allegations in the pending securities class and shareholders derivative actions against us, or to additional claims being filed or to investigations being expanded or commenced. These proceedings, and our actions in response to these proceedings, could result in substantial costs, substantial potential liabilities and the diversion of management's attention, and could adversely affect our ability to execute our business and financial strategies.

**Competition.** The industry in which we operate is highly competitive. In some instances, we compete against companies with fewer regulatory burdens, easier access to financing, greater personnel resources, greater brand name recognition and long-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 direct broadcast satellite television services, also known as DBS. Competition from DBS, including intensive marketing efforts, aggressive pricing, and the ability of DBS to provide certain services that we are in process of developing, has had an adverse impact on our ability to retain customers. Local telephone companies and electric utilities can compete in this area, and they increasingly may do so in the future. The subscription television industry also faces competition from free broadcast television and from other communications and entertainment media. With respect to our Internet access services, we face competition, including intensive marketing efforts and aggressive pricing, from telephone companies and other providers of "dial-up" and digital subscriber line technology, also known as DSL. Further loss of customers to DBS or other alternative video and data services could have a material negative impact on our business.

Mergers, joint ventures and alliances among franchised, wireless or private cable operators, satellite television providers, local exchange carriers and others, and the repeal of certain ownership rules 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.

**Variable Interest Rates.** At March 31, 2004, excluding the effects of hedging, approximately 37% of our debt bears interest at variable rates that are linked to short-term interest rates. In addition, a significant portion of our existing debt, assumed debt or debt we might arrange in the future will bear interest at variable rates. If interest rates rise, our costs relative to those obligations will also rise. As of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, the weighted average interest rate on the bank debt was approximately 5.6% and 5.4%, respectively, the weighted average interest rate on the high-yield debt was approximately 10.3%, and the weighted average interest rate on the convertible debt was approximately 5.5%, resulting in a blended weighted average interest rate of 8.4% and 8.2%, respectively. Approximately 82% of our debt was effectively fixed including the effects of our interest rate hedge agreements as of March 31, 2004 compared to approximately 80% at December 31, 2003.

**Streamlining of Operations.** In the past, we experienced rapid growth from acquisitions of a number of smaller cable operators and the rapid rebuild and rollout of advanced services. Our future success will depend in part on our ability to standardize and streamline our operations. The failure to implement a consistent corporate culture and management, operating or financial systems or procedures necessary to standardize and streamline our operations and effectively operate our enterprise could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. In addition, our ability to properly manage our operations will be impacted by our ability to attract, retain and incentivize experienced, qualified, professional management.



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**Services.** We expect that a substantial portion of our near-term growth will be achieved through revenues from high-speed data services, digital video, bundled service packages, and to a lesser extent, various commercial services that take advantage of cable's broadband capacity. The technology involved in our product and service offerings generally requires that we have permission to use intellectual property and that such property not infringe on rights claimed by others. We may not be able to offer these advanced services successfully to our customers or provide adequate customer service and these advanced services may not generate adequate revenues. Also, if the vendors we use for these services are not financially viable over time, we may experience disruption of service and incur costs to find alternative vendors. In addition, if it is determined that the product being utilized infringes on the rights of others, we may be sued or be precluded from using the technology.

**Increasing Programming Costs.** 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. This escalation may continue, and we may not be able to pass programming cost increases on to our customers. The inability to fully pass these programming cost increases on to our customers would have an adverse impact on our cash flow and operating margins.

**Class A Common Stock and Notes Price Volatility.** The market price of our Class A common stock and the publicly traded notes issued by us has been and is likely to continue to be highly volatile. We expect that the price of our securities may fluctuate in response to various factors, including the factors described throughout this section and various other factors, which may be beyond our control. These factors beyond our control could include: financial forecasts by securities analysts; new conditions or trends in the cable or telecommunications industry; general economic and market conditions and specifically, conditions related to the cable or telecommunications industry; any further downgrade of our debt ratings; announcement of the development of improved or competitive technologies; the use of new products or promotions by us or our competitors; changes in accounting rules; new regulatory legislation adopted in the United States; and any action taken or requirements imposed by Nasdaq if our Class A common stock trades below \$1.00 per share for over 30 consecutive trading days.

In addition, the securities market in general, and the Nasdaq National Market and the market for cable television securities in particular, have experienced significant price fluctuations. Volatility in the market price for companies may often be unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of those companies. These broad market and industry factors may seriously harm the market price of our Class A common stock and our notes, regardless of our operating performance. In the past, securities litigation has often commenced following periods of volatility in the market price of a company's securities, and several purported class action lawsuits were filed against us in 2001 and 2002, following a decline in our stock price.

**Economic Slowdown; Global Conflict.** It is difficult to assess the impact that the general economic slowdown and global conflict will have on future operations. However, the economic slowdown has resulted and could continue to result in reduced spending by customers and advertisers, which could reduce our revenues, and also could affect our ability to collect accounts receivable and maintain customers. If we experience reduced operating revenues, it could negatively affect our ability to make expected capital expenditures and could also result in our inability to meet our obligations under our financing agreements. These developments could also have a negative impact on our financing and variable interest rate agreements through disruptions in the market or negative market conditions.

**Long-Term Indebtedness — Change of Control Payments.** We may not have the ability to raise the funds necessary to fulfill our obligations under Charter's convertible senior notes, our senior and senior discount notes and our credit facilities following a change of control. Under the indentures governing the Charter convertible senior notes, upon the occurrence of specified change of control events, including certain specified dispositions of stock by Mr. Allen, Charter is required to offer to repurchase all of the outstanding Charter convertible senior notes. However, we may not have sufficient funds at the time of the change of control event to make the required repurchase of the Charter convertible senior notes and Charter's subsidiaries are limited in their ability to make distributions or other payments to Charter to fund any required repurchase. In addition, a change of control under our credit facilities and indentures governing our notes would require the repayment of borrowings under those credit facilities and indentures. Because such credit facilities and notes are obligations of Charter's subsidiaries, the credit facilities and the notes would have to be repaid by Charter's subsidiaries before their assets could be available to Charter to repurchase the Charter convertible senior notes. Charter's failure to make or complete a change of control

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offer would place it in default under the Charter convertible senior notes. The failure of Charter's subsidiaries to make a change of control offer or repay the amounts outstanding under their credit facilities would place them in default of these agreements and could result in a default under the indentures governing the Charter convertible senior notes.

**Regulation and Legislation.** Cable system operations are extensively regulated at the federal, state, and local level, including rate regulation of basic service and equipment and municipal approval of franchise agreements and their terms, such as franchise requirements to upgrade cable plant and meet specified customer service standards. Additional legislation and regulation is always possible. For example, there has been considerable legislative interest recently in requiring cable operators to offer historically bundled programming services on an a la carte basis.

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 the FCC were to require cable systems to carry both the analog and digital versions of local broadcast signals or multiple channels added by digital broadcasters. The FCC is currently conducting a proceeding in which it is considering this channel usage possibility, although it previously issued a tentative decision against such dual carriage. In addition, the carriage of new high definition broadcast and satellite programming services over the next few years may consume significant amounts of system capacity without contributing to proportionate increases in system revenue.

There is also uncertainty whether local franchising authorities, state regulators, the FCC, or the U.S. Congress will impose obligations on cable operators to provide unaffiliated Internet service providers with regulated access to cable plant. If they were to do so, and the obligations were found to be lawful, it could complicate our operations in general, and our Internet operations in particular, from a technical and marketing standpoint. These open access obligations could adversely impact our profitability and discourage system upgrades and the introduction of new products and services. The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit recently vacated in part an FCC ruling defining cable modem service as an "information service" and remanded for further proceedings. The Ninth Circuit held that cable modem service is not "cable service" but is part "telecommunications service" and part "information service." The decision will likely be appealed, but it may possibly lead to cable operators having to contribute to the federal government's universal service fund, to open access requirements, and to other common carrier regulations. As we offer other advanced services over our cable system, we are likely to face additional calls for regulation of our capacity and operation. These regulations, if adopted, could adversely affect our operations.

### **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, 2003 Form 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, 2004 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

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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.

#### Securities class actions and derivative suits

Fourteen putative federal class action lawsuits (the “Federal Class Actions”) have been filed against Charter and certain of its former and present officers and directors in various jurisdictions allegedly on behalf of all purchasers of Charter’s securities during the period from either November 8 or November 9, 1999 through July 17 or July 18, 2002. Unspecified damages are sought by the plaintiffs. In general, the lawsuits allege that Charter utilized misleading accounting practices and failed to disclose these accounting practices and/or issued false and misleading financial statements and press releases concerning Charter’s operations and prospects. In October 2002, Charter filed a motion with the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (the “Panel”) to transfer the Federal Class Actions to the Eastern District of Missouri. On March 12, 2003, the Panel transferred the six Federal Class Actions not filed in the Eastern District of Missouri to that district for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings with the eight Federal Class Actions already pending there. The Panel’s transfer order assigned the Federal Class Actions to Judge Charles A. Shaw. By virtue of a prior court order, StoneRidge Investment Partners LLC became lead plaintiff upon entry of the Panel’s transfer order. StoneRidge subsequently filed a Consolidated Amended Complaint. The Court subsequently consolidated the Federal Class Actions into a single consolidated action (the “Consolidated Federal Class Action”) for pretrial purposes. On June 19, 2003, following a pretrial conference with the parties, the Court issued a Case Management Order setting forth a schedule for the pretrial phase of the Consolidated Federal Class Action. Motions to dismiss the Consolidated Amended Complaint have been filed. On February 10, 2004, in response to a joint motion made by StoneRidge and defendants, Charter, Vogel and Allen, the court entered an order providing, among other things, that: (1) the parties who filed such motion, engage in a mediation within ninety (90) days; and (2) all proceedings in the Consolidated Federal Class Actions are stayed for ninety (90) days.

The Consolidated Federal Class Action is entitled:

- In re Charter Communications, Inc. Securities Litigation, MDL Docket No. 1506 (All Cases), StoneRidge Investments Partners, LLC, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated, v. Charter Communications, Inc., Paul Allen, Jerald L. Kent, Carl E. Vogel, Kent Kalkwarf, David G. Barford, Paul E. Martin, David L. McCall, Bill Shreffler, Chris Fenger, James H. Smith, III, Scientific-Atlanta, Inc., Motorola, Inc. and Arthur Andersen, LLP, Consolidated Case No. 4:02-CV-1186-CAS.

On September 12, 2002, a shareholders derivative suit (the “State Derivative Action”) was filed in the Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri (the “Missouri State Court”), against Charter and its then current directors, as well as its former auditors. A substantively identical derivative action was later filed and consolidated into the State Derivative Action. The plaintiffs allege that the individual defendants breached their fiduciary duties by failing to establish and maintain adequate internal controls and procedures. Unspecified damages, allegedly on Charter’s behalf, are sought by the plaintiffs.

The consolidated State Derivative Action is entitled:

- Kenneth Stacey, Derivatively on behalf of Nominal Defendant Charter Communications, Inc., v. Ronald L. Nelson, Paul G. Allen, Marc B. Nathanson, Nancy B. Peretsman, William Savoy, John H. Tory, Carl E. Vogel, Larry W. Wangberg, Arthur Andersen, LLP and Charter Communications, Inc.

On March 12, 2004, an action substantively identical to the State Derivative Action was filed in the Missouri State Court, against Charter and certain of its current and former directors, as well as its former auditors. The plaintiffs allege that the individual defendants breached their fiduciary duties by failing to establish and maintain adequate internal controls and procedures. This case has not yet been consolidated with the State Derivative Action, but we expect that it will be in the future. Unspecified damages, allegedly on Charter’s behalf, are sought by plaintiffs.

This action is entitled:

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- Thomas Schimmel, Derivatively on behalf of Nominal Defendant Charter Communications, Inc., v. Ronald L. Nelson, Paul G. Allen, Marc B. Nathanson, Nancy B. Peretsman, William D. Savoy, John H. Tory, Carl E. Vogel, Larry W. Wangberg, and Arthur Andersen, LLP, and Charter Communications, Inc.

Separately, on February 12, 2003, a shareholders derivative suit (the “Federal Derivative Action”), was filed against Charter and its then current directors in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. The plaintiff alleges that the individual defendants breached their fiduciary duties and grossly mismanaged Charter by failing to establish and maintain adequate internal controls and procedures. Unspecified damages, allegedly on Charter’s behalf, are sought by the plaintiffs.

The Federal Derivative Action is entitled:

- Arthur Cohn, Derivatively on behalf of Nominal Defendant Charter Communications, Inc., v. Ronald L. Nelson, Paul G. Allen, Marc B. Nathanson, Nancy B. Peretsman, William Savoy, John H. Tory, Carl E. Vogel, Larry W. Wangberg, and Charter Communications, Inc.

In addition to the Federal Class Actions, the State Derivative Action, the new Missouri State Court derivative action and the Federal Derivative Action, six putative class action lawsuits have been filed against Charter and certain of its then current directors and officers in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware (the “Delaware Class Actions”). The lawsuits were filed after the filing of a Schedule 13D amendment by Mr. Allen indicating that he was exploring a number of possible alternatives with respect to restructuring or expanding his ownership interest in Charter. We believe the plaintiffs speculated that Mr. Allen might have been contemplating an unfair bid for shares of Charter or some other sort of going private transaction on unfair terms and generally alleged that the defendants breached their fiduciary duties by participating in or acquiescing to such a transaction. The lawsuits were brought on behalf of Charter’s securities holders as of July 29, 2002, and seek unspecified damages and possible injunctive relief. The Delaware Class Actions are substantively identical. No such transaction by Mr. Allen has been presented. Orders of dismissal without prejudice have been entered in each of the Delaware Class Actions.

The Delaware Class Actions consist of:

- Eleanor Leonard, v. Paul G. Allen, Larry W. Wangberg, John H. Tory, Carl E. Vogel, Marc B. Nathanson, Nancy B. Peretsman, Ronald L. Nelson, William Savoy, and Charter Communications, Inc., filed on August 12, 2002;
- Helene Giarraputo, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, v. Paul G. Allen, Carl E. Vogel, Marc B. Nathanson, Ronald L. Nelson, Nancy B. Peretsman, William Savoy, John H. Tory, Larry W. Wangberg, and Charter Communications, Inc., filed on August 13, 2002;
- Ronald D. Wells, Whitney Council and Manny Varghese, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, v. Charter Communications, Inc., Ronald L. Nelson, Paul G. Allen, Marc B. Nathanson, Nancy B. Peretsman, William Savoy, John H. Tory, Carl E. Vogel, Larry W. Wangberg, filed on August 13, 2002;
- Gilbert Herman, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, v. Paul G. Allen, Larry W. Wangberg, John H. Tory, Carl E. Vogel, Marc B. Nathanson, Nancy B. Peretsman, Ronald L. Nelson, William Savoy, and Charter Communications, Inc., filed on August 14, 2002;
- Stephen Noteboom, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, v. Paul G. Allen, Larry W. Wangberg, John H. Tory, Carl E. Vogel, Marc B. Nathanson, Nancy B. Peretsman, Ronald L. Nelson, William Savoy, and Charter Communications, Inc., filed on August 16, 2002; and
- John Fillmore on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, v. Paul G. Allen, Larry W. Wangberg, John H. Tory, Carl E. Vogel, Marc B. Nathanson, Nancy B. Peretsman, Ronald L. Nelson, William Savoy, and Charter Communications, Inc., filed on October 18, 2002.

All of the lawsuits discussed above are each in preliminary stages. No reserves have been established for potential

losses or related insurance recoveries on these matters because Charter is unable to predict the outcome. Charter intends to vigorously defend the lawsuits.

### **Government investigations**

In August 2002, Charter became aware of a grand jury investigation being conducted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri into certain of its accounting and reporting practices, focusing on how Charter reported customer numbers, and its reporting of amounts received from digital set-top terminal suppliers for advertising. The U.S. Attorney's Office has publicly stated that Charter is not currently a target of the investigation. Charter has also been advised by the U. S. Attorney's office that no member of its board of directors, including its Chief Executive Officer, is a target of the investigation. On July 24, 2003, a federal grand jury charged four former officers of Charter with conspiracy and mail and wire fraud, alleging improper accounting and reporting practices focusing on revenue from digital set-top terminal suppliers and inflated customer account numbers. On July 25, 2003 one of the former officers who was indicted entered a guilty plea. Charter is fully cooperating with the investigation.

On November 4, 2002, Charter received an informal, non-public inquiry from the staff of the SEC. The SEC has subsequently issued a formal order of investigation dated January 23, 2003, and subsequent document and testimony subpoenas. The investigation and subpoenas generally concern Charter's prior reports with respect to its determination of the number of customers, and various of its accounting policies and practices including its capitalization of certain expenses and dealings with certain vendors, including programmers and digital set-top terminal suppliers. Charter is fully cooperating with the SEC staff.

### **Indemnification**

Charter is generally required to indemnify each of the named individual defendants in connection with the matters described above pursuant to the terms of its bylaws and (where applicable) such individual defendants' employment agreements. In accordance with these documents, in connection with the pending grand jury investigation, SEC investigation and the above described lawsuits, some of its current and former directors and Charter's current and former officers have been advanced certain costs and expenses incurred in connection with their defense.

### **Insurance**

Charter has liability insurance coverage that it believes is available for the matters described above, where applicable, subject to the terms, conditions and limitations of the respective policies. There is no assurance that current coverage will be sufficient for all claims described above or any future claims that may arise.

### **Other litigation**

In October 2001, two customers, Nikki Nicholls and Geraldine M. Barber, filed a class action suit against Charter Holdco in South Carolina Court of Common Pleas ("South Carolina Class Action"), purportedly on behalf of a class of Charter Holdco's customers, alleging that Charter Holdco improperly charged them a wire maintenance fee without request or permission. They also claimed that Charter Holdco improperly required them to rent analog and/or digital set-top terminals even though their television sets were "cable ready." Charter Holdco removed this case to the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina in November 2001, and moved to dismiss the suit in December 2001. The federal judge remanded the case to the South Carolina Court of Common Pleas in August 2002 without ruling on the motion to dismiss. The plaintiffs subsequently moved for a default judgment, arguing that upon return to state court, Charter Holdco should have but did not file a new motion to dismiss. The state court judge granted the plaintiff's motion over Charter Holdco's objection in September 2002. Charter Holdco immediately appealed that decision to the South Carolina Court of Appeals and the South Carolina Supreme Court, but those courts have ruled that until a final judgment is entered against Charter Holdco, they lack jurisdiction to hear the appeal.

In January 2003, the Court of Common Pleas granted the plaintiffs' motion for class certification. In October and November 2003, Charter Holdco filed motions (a) asking that court to set aside the default judgment, and (b) seeking dismissal of plaintiffs' suit for failure to state a claim. In January 2004, the Court of Common Pleas granted in part

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and denied in part Charter Holdco's motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim. It also took under advisement Charter Holdco's motion to set aside the default judgment. In April 2004, the parties participated in a mediation with respect to this and related litigation. The mediator made a proposal to the parties. In May 2004, the parties to this and the related litigation accepted the mediator's proposal and reached a tentative settlement. The tentative settlement remains subject to final documentation and court approval. As a result of the tentative settlement, we have recorded a special charge of \$9 million in our condensed consolidated statement of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2004.

The South Carolina Class Action is entitled:

- Nikki Nicholls and Geraldine M. Barber, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated v. Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC and City of Spartanburg filed on October 29, 2001.

### **Outcome**

Charter is unable to predict the outcome of the lawsuits and the government investigations described above. An unfavorable outcome in any of these lawsuits or the government investigations could have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial condition, results of operations or our liquidity.

In addition to the matters set forth above, Charter is also party to other lawsuits and claims that arose 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 2. Changes in Securities, Use of Proceeds and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.**

On March 29, 2004, Charter issued 2,385,705 shares of its Class A Common Stock in exchange for \$10 million aggregate principal amount of Charter's 5.75% convertible senior notes due 2005 in a privately negotiated transaction with a single unrelated holder of such convertible senior notes due 2005. The shares of Class A Common Stock issued in this exchange were exempt from registration under Section 3(a)(9) of the Securities Act of 1933.

### **Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K.**

#### ***(a) EXHIBITS***

The index to the exhibits begins on page 50 of this quarterly report.

#### ***(b) REPORTS ON FORM 8-K***

On January 5, 2004, the registrant filed a current report on Form 8-K to announce the appointment of Michael P. Huseby to the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

On January 20, 2004, the registrant filed a current report on Form 8-K to announce an opportunity for its and its subsidiaries' employees to exchange certain existing stock options for shares of the registrant's restricted Class A common stock or, in some instances, cash.

On February 2, 2004, the registrant filed a current report on Form 8-K regarding the status of the issue of the ultimate ownership of the CC VIII Interest following consummation of the Comcast Put Right.

On February 6, 2004, the registrant filed a current report on Form 8-K to announce that its indirect subsidiary, CCO Holdings, LLC, filed a Registration Statement on Form S-4.

On February 19, 2004, the registrant filed a current report on Form 8-K to announce its results for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2003.

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On February 27, 2004, the registrant filed a current report on Form 8-K to announce the results of its stock option exchange program previously announced on January 20, 2004.

On March 2, 2004, the registrant filed a current report on Form 8-K to announce the completion of the sale by its subsidiaries of various non-strategic assets to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC.

On March 25, 2004, the registrant filed a current report on Form 8-K to announce that its direct subsidiary, Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC entered into agreements with Vulcan Programming Inc. and TechTV, Inc.

On March 31, 2004, the registrant filed a current report on Form 8-K to announce that its indirect subsidiary, Charter Communications Operating, LLC intended to amend its \$5.1 billion credit facilities.

On March 31, 2004, the registrant filed a current report on Form 8-K to announce that its indirect subsidiaries, Charter Communications Operating, LLC and Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp., intended to offer Senior Second Lien Notes due 2014.



**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 10, 2004

By: /s/ MICHAEL P. HUSEBY

Name: Michael P. Huseby  
Title: *Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)*

By: /s/ Paul E. Martin

Name: Paul E. Martin  
Title: *Senior Vice President and  
Corporate Controller  
(Principal Accounting Officer)*

## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description of Document
2.1	Purchase Agreement, dated May 29, 2003, by and between Falcon Video Communications, L.P. and WaveDivision Holdings, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Charter Communications, Inc.'s current report on Form 8-K filed on May 30, 2003 (File No. 000-27927)).
2.2	Asset Purchase Agreement, dated September 3, 2003, by and between Charter Communications VI, LLC, The Helicon Group, L.P., Hornell Television Service, Inc., Interlink Communications Partners, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Charter Communications, Inc.'s current report on Form 8-K/A filed on September 3, 2003 (File No. 000-27927)).
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	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)).
3.3	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)).
3.4	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)).
10.1	Amended and Restated Credit Agreement among Charter Communications Operating, LLC, CCO Holdings, LLC and certain lenders and agents named therein dated April 27, 2004 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.25 to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of CCH II, LLC filed on May 5, 2004 (File No. 333-111423)).
10.2	Indenture relating to the 8% senior second lien notes due 2012 and 8 3/8% senior second lien notes due 2014, dated as of April 27, 2004, by and among Charter Communications Operating, LLC, Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp. and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as trustee (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.32 to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of CCH II, LLC filed on May 5, 2004 (File No. 333-111423)).
10.3	Purchase Agreement, dated April 20, 2004 by and between Charter Communications Operating, LLC and Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.32 to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of CCH II, LLC filed on May 5, 2004 (File No. 333-111423)).
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.
31.2	Certificate of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/Rule 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
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).
32.2	Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Chief Financial Officer).

May 7, 2004

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Re: Form 10-Q For The Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2004

With respect to the Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2004, we acknowledge our awareness of the use therein of our report dated May 7, 2004 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 accountant, or a report prepared or certified by an accountant within the meaning of Sections 7 and 11 of the Act.

/s/ KPMG LLP

St. Louis, Missouri

I, Carl E. Vogel, 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)) 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) [Reserved];
  - (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 10, 2004

/s/ Carl E. Vogel

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Carl E. Vogel  
Chief Executive Officer

I, Michael P. Huseby, 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)) 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) [Reserved];
  - (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 10, 2004

/s/ Michael P. Huseby

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Michael P. Huseby  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

**CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER REGARDING PERIODIC REPORT CONTAINING  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

I, Carl E. Vogel, the 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 three months ended March 31, 2004 (the “Report”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission:

- 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.

/s/ Carl E. Vogel

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Carl E. Vogel  
Chief Executive Officer  
May 10, 2004

**CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL  
OFFICER REGARDING PERIODIC REPORT CONTAINING  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

I, Michael P. Huseby, 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 three months ended March 31, 2004 (the “Report”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission:

- 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.

/s/ Michael P. Huseby

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Michael P. Huseby  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)  
May 10, 2004