

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

<p>In the matter of Joint Application of Charter Communications, Inc.; Charter Fiberlink CACCO, LLC (U6878C); Time Warner Cable Inc.; Time Warner Cable Information Services (California), LLC (U6874C); Advance/Newhouse Partnership; Bright House Networks, LLC; and Bright House Networks Information Services (California), LLC (U6955C) Pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 854 for Expedited Approval of the Transfer of Control of both Time Warner Cable Information Services (California), LLC (U6874C) and Bright House Networks Information Services (California), LLC (U6955C) to Charter Communications, Inc., and for Expedited Approval of a pro forma transfer of control of Charter Fiberlink CA-CCO, LLC (U6878C).</p>	<p style="text-align:center">Application 15-07-009 (Filed July 2, 2015)</p>
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**MOTION OF DISH NETWORK CORPORATION FOR PARTY STATUS**

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In accordance with Commission Rules 1.4(a)(4) and 11.1, DISH Network Corporation (“DISH”) respectfully moves the Commission to grant it party status in the above-captioned application proceeding. In support of this motion, DISH states:

1. Subsidiaries of DISH include a multichannel video programming distributor (“MVPD”) and an online video distributor (“OVD”), both of which compete with Charter Communications, Inc. (“Charter”), Time Warner Cable Inc. (“TWC”), and Bright House Networks (“BHN”).
2. DISH has MVPD and OVD customers in the state of California.
3. DISH respectfully opposes Charter’s proposed acquisition of TWC and BHN (together, the “Applicants”). The Applicants have not demonstrated, based on their Application, that this merger would serve the public interest. Among other harms:
4. This transaction would permit and motivate the combined company (“New Charter”) to hurt or destroy online video rivals, including the Sling TV over-the-top video service, through its control over the broadband pipe. The merger would also enable the combined company to harm the broadband-reliant services provided by MVPDs.
5. This transaction will create a duopoly in the market for high-speed broadband service (defined as 25 Mbps and above), as it will result in two broadband providers – New Charter and Comcast – controlling about 90 percent of the nation’s high-speed broadband homes between them.
6. The impact of New Charter would cause a significant proportion of the combined company’s high-speed broadband subscribers to lack access to alternative high-

speed broadband options: almost two thirds of households in the New Charter footprint will not have access to at least one alternative high-speed broadband provider.

7. In short, this merger would empower New Charter to degrade the performance of rival OVDs and MVPDs in the knowledge that it is either extremely unlikely or downright impossible for New Charter's broadband subscribers to punish it by migrating to another high-speed ISP.
8. Therefore, DISH has a substantial interest in the subject matter of this proceeding, and the participation of DISH would be in the public interest.

WHEREFORE, DISH respectfully requests that it be granted party status in this proceeding.

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