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**Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp.**

Quarterly Report

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2005

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This quarterly report is for the three and six months ended June 30, 2005. In this quarterly report, "we," "us" and "our" refer to Charter Communications Operating, LLC and its subsidiaries.

### **CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS:**

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

- the availability of funds to meet interest payment obligations under our and our parent companies' debt and to fund our operations and necessary capital expenditures, either through cash flows from operating activities, further borrowings or other sources;
- our ability to sustain and grow revenues and cash flows from operating activities by offering video, high-speed Internet, telephone and other services and to maintain a stable customer base, particularly in the face of increasingly aggressive competition from other service providers;
- our and our parent companies' ability to comply with all covenants in our and our parent companies' 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 and our parent companies' ability to pay or refinance debt as it becomes due;
- our ability to obtain programming at reasonable prices or to pass programming cost increases on to our customers;
- general business conditions, economic uncertainty or slowdown; and
- the effects of governmental regulation, including but not limited to local franchise authorities, on our business.

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

**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION.**

**Item 1. Financial Statements.**

**CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS OPERATING, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(DOLLARS IN MILLIONS)**

|  | <u>June 30,<br/>2005</u><br>(Unaudited) | <u>December 31,<br/>2004</u> |
|--|---|------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |   |                              |
| CURRENT ASSETS:  |   |                              |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$ 18                                   | \$ 5                         |
| Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of<br>\$14 and \$15, respectively            | 180                                     | 175                          |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets  | 17                                      | 20                           |
| Total current assets   | <u>215</u>                              | <u>200</u>                   |
| INVESTMENT IN CABLE PROPERTIES:  |   |                              |
| Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated<br>depreciation of \$6,026 and \$5,142, respectively | 6,033                                   | 6,110                        |
| Franchises, net  | 9,839                                   | 9,878                        |
| Total investment in cable properties, net  | <u>15,872</u>                           | <u>15,988</u>                |
| OTHER NONCURRENT ASSETS  | <u>232</u>                              | <u>213</u>                   |
| Total assets   | <u>\$ 16,319</u>                        | <u>\$ 16,401</u>             |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY</b>   |   |                              |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES:   |   |                              |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses  | \$ 890                                  | \$ 890                       |
| Payables to related party  | 148                                     | 41                           |
| Total current liabilities  | <u>1,038</u>                            | <u>931</u>                   |
| LONG-TERM DEBT   | <u>7,394</u>                            | <u>7,244</u>                 |
| LOANS PAYABLE – RELATED PARTY  | <u>62</u>                               | <u>390</u>                   |
| DEFERRED MANAGEMENT FEES – RELATED PARTY   | <u>14</u>                               | <u>14</u>                    |
| OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES  | <u>477</u>                              | <u>493</u>                   |
| MINORITY INTEREST  | <u>662</u>                              | <u>656</u>                   |
| MEMBER'S EQUITY:   |   |                              |
| Member's equity  | 6,677                                   | 6,688                        |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss   | (5)                                     | (15)                         |
| Total member's equity  | <u>6,672</u>                            | <u>6,673</u>                 |
| Total liabilities and member's equity  | <u>\$ 16,319</u>                        | <u>\$ 16,401</u>             |

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

**CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS OPERATING, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
**(DOLLARS IN MILLIONS)**  
**Unaudited**

|   | <u>Three Months Ended June 30,</u> |                | <u>Six Months Ended June 30,</u> |                |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
|   | <u>2005</u>                        | <u>2004</u>    | <u>2005</u>                      | <u>2004</u>    |
| REVENUES  | \$ 1,323                           | \$ 1,239       | \$ 2,594                         | \$ 2,453       |
| COSTS AND EXPENSES:   |                                    |                |                                  |                |
| Operating (excluding depreciation and amortization)               | 569                                | 515            | 1,128                            | 1,027          |
| Selling, general and administrative                               | 256                                | 244            | 493                              | 483            |
| Depreciation and amortization                                     | 378                                | 364            | 759                              | 734            |
| Asset impairment charges  | 8                                  | --             | 39                               | --             |
| (Gain) loss on sale of assets, net                                | --                                 | 2              | 4                                | (104)          |
| Option compensation expense, net                                  | 4                                  | 12             | 8                                | 26             |
| Special charges, net  | (2)                                | 87             | 2                                | 97             |
|   | <u>1,213</u>                       | <u>1,224</u>   | <u>2,433</u>                     | <u>2,263</u>   |
| Income from operations  | <u>110</u>                         | <u>15</u>      | <u>161</u>                       | <u>190</u>     |
| OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSES:  |                                    |                |                                  |                |
| Interest expense, net   | (146)                              | (129)          | (285)                            | (242)          |
| Gain (loss) on derivative instruments and hedging activities, net | (1)                                | 63             | 26                               | 56             |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt                                    | --                                 | (21)           | (5)                              | (21)           |
| Gain on investments   | 20                                 | 1              | 21                               | --             |
|   | <u>(127)</u>                       | <u>(86)</u>    | <u>(243)</u>                     | <u>(207)</u>   |
| Loss before minority interest and income taxes                    | (17)                               | (71)           | (82)                             | (17)           |
| MINORITY INTEREST   | <u>(3)</u>                         | <u>(6)</u>     | <u>(6)</u>                       | <u>(9)</u>     |
| Loss before income taxes  | (20)                               | (77)           | (88)                             | (26)           |
| INCOME TAX EXPENSE  | <u>(2)</u>                         | <u>(3)</u>     | <u>(8)</u>                       | <u>(4)</u>     |
| Net loss  | <u>\$ (22)</u>                     | <u>\$ (80)</u> | <u>\$ (96)</u>                   | <u>\$ (30)</u> |

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**(DOLLARS IN MILLIONS)**  
**Unaudited**

|  | <b>Six Months Ended June 30,</b> |             |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------|
|  | <b>2005</b>                      | <b>2004</b> |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>                                       |                                  |             |
| Net loss   | \$ (96)                          | \$ (30)     |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash flows from operating activities:     |                                  |             |
| Minority interest  | 6                                | 9           |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 759                              | 734         |
| Asset impairment charges   | 39                               | --          |
| Option compensation expense, net   | 8                                | 23          |
| Special charges, net   | (2)                              | 85          |
| Noncash interest expense   | 12                               | 9           |
| Gain on derivative instruments and hedging activities, net                         | (26)                             | (56)        |
| (Gain) loss on sale of assets, net   | 4                                | (104)       |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt   | --                               | 18          |
| Gain on investments  | (21)                             | --          |
| Deferred income taxes  | 5                                | 2           |
| Other, net   | --                               | (5)         |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from dispositions:     |                                  |             |
| Accounts receivable  | (10)                             | (1)         |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets  | (21)                             | (4)         |
| Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other                                       | (29)                             | (126)       |
| Receivables from and payables to related party, including deferred management fees | (38)                             | (53)        |
| Net cash flows from operating activities   | 590                              | 501         |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>                                       |                                  |             |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment   | (542)                            | (380)       |
| Change in accrued expenses related to capital expenditures                         | 48                               | (38)        |
| Proceeds from sale of assets   | 8                                | 727         |
| Purchases of investments   | (1)                              | --          |
| Proceeds from investments  | 16                               | --          |
| Other, net   | (1)                              | (2)         |
| Net cash flows from investing activities   | (472)                            | 307         |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>                                       |                                  |             |
| Borrowings of long-term debt   | 635                              | 2,812       |
| Borrowings from related parties  | 200                              | --          |
| Repayments of long-term debt   | (819)                            | (3,159)     |
| Repayments to related parties  | (168)                            | --          |
| Payments for debt issuance costs   | (3)                              | (93)        |
| Contributions  | 479                              | --          |
| Distributions  | (429)                            | (364)       |
| Net cash flows from financing activities   | (105)                            | (804)       |
| NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS  | 13                               | 4           |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period                                     | 5                                | 84          |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period   | \$ 18                            | \$ 88       |
| CASH PAID FOR INTEREST   | \$ 269                           | \$ 272      |
| <b>NONCASH TRANSACTIONS:</b>   |                                  |             |
| Issuance of debt by Charter Communications Operating, LLC                          | \$ 333                           | \$ --       |
| Distribution of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC notes and accrued interest    | \$ (343)                         | \$ --       |
| Transfer of property, plant and equipment from parent company                      | \$ 139                           | \$ --       |
| Intercompany loan and related interest converted to equity                         | \$ 379                           | \$ --       |

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**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**1. Organization and Basis of Presentation**

Charter Communications Operating, LLC ("Charter Operating") is a holding company whose primary assets at June 30, 2005 are equity interests in its operating subsidiaries. Charter Operating is a subsidiary of CCO Holdings, LLC ("CCO Holdings"), which is a subsidiary of CCH II, LLC ("CCH II"). CCH II is an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC ("Charter Holdings"). Charter Holdings is a subsidiary of Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC ("Charter Holdco"). Charter Holdco is a subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc. ("Charter"). Charter Operating and its subsidiaries are collectively referred to herein as the "Company." All significant intercompany accounts and transactions among consolidated entities have been eliminated. The Company is a broadband communications company operating in the United States. The Company offers its customers traditional cable video programming (analog and digital video) as well as high-speed Internet services and, in some areas, advanced broadband services such as high definition television, video on demand and telephone. The Company sells its cable video programming, high-speed Internet and advanced broadband services on a subscription basis. The Company also sells local advertising on satellite-delivered networks.

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 2004 amounts have been reclassified to conform with the 2005 presentation.

**2. Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The Company incurred net loss of \$22 million and \$80 million for the three months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively, and \$96 million and \$30 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The Company's net cash flows from operating activities were \$590 million and \$501 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

The Company's long-term financing as of June 30, 2005 consists of \$5.4 billion of credit facility debt and \$1.9 billion accreted value of high-yield notes. For the remainder of 2005, \$15 million of the Company's debt matures, and in 2006, an additional \$30 million of the Company's debt matures. In 2007 and beyond, significant additional amounts will become due under the Company's remaining long-term debt obligations.

The Company has historically required significant cash to fund debt service costs, capital expenditures and ongoing operations. Historically, the Company has funded these requirements through cash flows from operating activities, borrowings under its credit facilities, equity contributions from its parent companies, borrowings from its parent companies, sales of assets, issuances of debt securities and from cash on hand. However, the mix of funding sources changes from period to period. For the six months ended June 30, 2005, the Company generated \$590 million of net cash flows from operating activities, after paying cash interest of \$269 million. In addition, the Company used approximately \$542 million for purchases of property, plant and equipment. Finally, the Company had net cash flows used in financing activities of \$105 million, which included, among other things, approximately \$705 million in repayment of borrowings under the Company's revolving credit facility. The repayment was offset in part by \$479 million of contributions from CCO Holdings of proceeds from the sale of the CCO Holdings senior floating rate notes in December 2004.

The Company expects that cash on hand, cash flows from operating activities and the amounts available under its credit facilities will be adequate to meet its and its parent companies' cash needs for the remainder of 2005. Cash flows from operating activities and amounts available under the Company's credit facilities may not be sufficient to

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fund the Company's operations and satisfy its and its parent companies' interest and principal repayment obligations that come due in 2006 and, the Company believes, will not be sufficient to fund its operations and satisfy such interest and repayment obligations thereafter.

It is likely that the Company and its parent companies will require additional funding to repay debt maturing after 2006. The Company has been advised that Charter is working with its financial advisors to address such funding requirements. However, there can be no assurance that such funding will be available to the Company. Although Mr. Allen and his affiliates have purchased equity from Charter and Charter Holdco in the past, Mr. Allen and his affiliates are not obligated to purchase equity from, contribute to or loan funds to Charter, Charter Holdco or the Company in the future.

***Credit Facilities and Covenants***

The Company's ability to operate depends upon, among other things, its continued access to capital, including credit under the Charter Operating credit facilities. These credit facilities, along with the Company's indentures, contain certain restrictive covenants, some of which require the Company to maintain specified financial ratios and meet financial tests and to provide audited financial statements with an unqualified opinion from the Company's independent auditors. As of June 30, 2005, the Company was in compliance with the covenants under its indentures and credit facilities and the Company expects to remain in compliance with those covenants for the next twelve months. As of June 30, 2005, the Company had borrowing availability under the credit facilities of \$870 million, none of which was restricted due to covenants. Continued access to the Company's credit facilities is subject to the Company remaining in compliance with the covenants of these credit facilities, including covenants tied to the Company's operating performance. If the Company's operating performance results in non-compliance with these covenants, or if any of certain other events of non-compliance under these credit facilities or indentures governing the Company's debt occurs, funding under the credit facilities may not be available and defaults on some or potentially all of the Company's debt obligations could occur. An event of default under 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 could have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition or results of operations.

The Charter Operating credit facilities required the Company to redeem the CC V Holdings, LLC notes as a result of the Charter Holdings leverage ratio becoming less than 8.75 to 1.0. In satisfaction of this requirement, in March 2005, CC V Holdings, LLC redeemed all of its outstanding notes, at 103.958% of principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. The total cost of the redemption including accrued and unpaid interest was approximately \$122 million. The Company funded the redemption with borrowings under the Charter Operating credit facilities.

***Parent Companies' Debt Obligations***

Any financial or liquidity problems of the Company's parent companies could cause serious disruption to the Company's business and have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and results of operations. A failure by Charter Holdings to satisfy its debt payment obligations or a bankruptcy filing with respect to Charter Holdings would give the lenders under the Charter Operating credit facilities the right to accelerate the payment obligations under these facilities. Any such acceleration would be a default under the indenture governing the Company's notes. As of June 30, 2005, Charter had approximately \$888 million principal amount of senior convertible notes outstanding with approximately \$25 million and \$863 million maturing in 2006 and 2009, respectively. During the six months ended June 30, 2005, the Company distributed \$429 million to CCO Holdings of which \$60 million was subsequently distributed to Charter Holdco. As of June 30, 2005, Charter Holdco was owed \$62 million in intercompany loans from its subsidiaries, which amount was available to pay interest and principal on Charter's convertible senior notes. In addition, Charter has \$122 million of governmental securities pledged as security for the next five semi-annual interest payments on Charter's 5.875% convertible senior notes.

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As of June 30, 2005, Charter Holdings, CCH II and CCO Holdings had approximately \$11.2 billion principal amount of high-yield notes outstanding with approximately \$105 million, \$3.4 billion and \$7.7 billion maturing in 2007, 2009 and thereafter, respectively. Charter, Charter Holdings, CCH II and CCO Holdings will need to raise additional capital or receive distributions or payments from the Company in order to satisfy their debt obligations. However, because of their significant indebtedness, the ability of the parent companies to raise additional capital at reasonable rates is uncertain. Distributions by Charter's subsidiaries to a parent company (including Charter, Charter Holdco, Charter Holdings, CCH II and CCO Holdings) for payment of principal on the parent companies' debt obligations, however, are restricted by the indentures governing the CCH II notes, CCO Holdings notes, and Charter Operating notes, unless under their respective indentures there is no default and a specified leverage ratio test is met at the time of such event.

In accordance with the registration rights agreement entered into with their initial sale, Charter was required to register for resale by April 21, 2005 its 5.875% convertible senior notes due 2009, issued in November 2004. Since these convertible notes were not registered by that date, Charter paid or will pay liquidated damages totaling \$0.5 million through July 14, 2005, the day prior to the effective date of the registration statement. In addition, in accordance with the share lending agreement entered into in connection with the initial sale of its 5.875% convertible senior notes due 2009, Charter was required to register by April 1, 2005 150 million shares of its Class A common stock that Charter was obligated to lend to Citigroup Global Markets Limited ("CGML") at CGML's request. Because this registration statement was not declared effective by such date, Charter paid or will pay liquidated damages totaling \$11 million from April 2, 2005 through July 17, 2005, the day before the effective date of the registration statement.

***Specific Limitations at Charter Holdings***

The indentures governing the Charter Holdings notes permit Charter Holdings to make distributions to Charter Holdco for payment of interest or principal on the convertible senior notes, only if, after giving effect to the distribution, Charter Holdings can incur additional debt under the leverage ratio of 8.75 to 1.0, there is no default under Charter Holdings' indentures and other specified tests are met. For the quarter ended June 30, 2005, there was no default under Charter Holdings' indentures and other specified tests were met. However, Charter Holdings did not meet the leverage ratio of 8.75 to 1.0 based on June 30, 2005 financial results. As a result, distributions from Charter Holdings to Charter or Charter Holdco are currently restricted and will continue to be restricted until that test is met. During this restriction period, the indentures governing the Charter Holdings notes permit Charter Holdings and its subsidiaries to make specified investments in Charter Holdco or Charter, up to an amount determined by a formula, as long as there is no default under the indentures.

**3. Sale of Assets**

As of June 30, 2005, the Company has concluded it is probable that three pending cable asset sales, representing approximately 33,000 customers, will close within the next twelve months thus meeting the criteria for assets held for sale under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets*. As such the assets were written down to fair value less estimated costs to sell resulting in asset impairment charges during the three and six months ended June 30, 2005 of approximately \$8 million and \$39 million, respectively. At June 30, 2005 assets held for sale, included in investment in cable properties, are approximately \$40 million.

In March 2004, the Company closed the sale of certain cable systems in Florida, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and West Virginia to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC. The Company closed the sale of an additional cable system in New York to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC in April 2004. These transactions resulted in a \$106 million pretax gain recorded as a gain on sale of assets in the Company's consolidated statements of operations. The total net proceeds from the sale of all of these systems were approximately \$735 million. The proceeds were used to repay a portion of amounts outstanding under the Company's revolving credit facility.

Gain on investments for the three and six months ended June 30, 2005 primarily represents a gain realized on an exchange of the Company's interest in an equity investee for an investment in a larger enterprise.

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**4. Franchises and Goodwill**

Franchise rights represent the value attributed to agreements with local authorities that allow access to homes in cable service areas acquired through the purchase of cable systems. Management estimates the fair value of franchise rights at the date of acquisition and determines if the franchise has a finite life or an indefinite-life as defined by SFAS No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*. Franchises that qualify for indefinite-life treatment under SFAS No. 142 are tested for impairment annually based on valuations, or more frequently as warranted by events or changes in circumstances. Such test resulted in a total franchise impairment of approximately \$3.3 billion during the third quarter of 2004. Franchises are aggregated into essentially inseparable asset groups to conduct the valuations. The asset groups generally represent geographic clustering of the Company's cable systems into groups by which such systems are managed. Management believes such grouping represents the highest and best use of those assets.

The Company's valuations, which are based on the present value of projected after tax cash flows, result in a value of property, plant and equipment, franchises, customer relationships and its total entity value. The value of goodwill is the difference between the total entity value and amounts assigned to the other assets.

Franchises, for valuation purposes, are defined as the future economic benefits of the right to solicit and service potential customers (customer marketing rights), and the right to deploy and market new services such as interactivity and telephone to the potential customers (service marketing rights). Fair value is determined based on estimated discounted future cash flows using assumptions consistent with internal forecasts. The franchise after-tax cash flow is calculated as the after-tax cash flow generated by the potential customers obtained and the new services added to those customers in future periods. The sum of the present value of the franchises' after-tax cash flow in years 1 through 10 and the continuing value of the after-tax cash flow beyond year 10 yields the fair value of the franchise.

The Company follows the guidance of EITF Issue 02-17, *Recognition of Customer Relationship Intangible Assets Acquired in a Business Combination*, in valuing customer relationships. Customer relationships, for valuation purposes, represent the value of the business relationship with existing customers and are calculated by projecting future after-tax cash flows from these customers including the right to deploy and market additional services such as interactivity and telephone to these customers. The present value of these after-tax cash flows yields the fair value of the customer relationships. Substantially all acquisitions occurred prior to January 1, 2002. The Company did not record any value associated with the customer relationship intangibles related to those acquisitions. For acquisitions subsequent to January 1, 2002 the Company did assign a value to the customer relationship intangible, which is amortized over its estimated useful life.

As of June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, indefinite-lived and finite-lived intangible assets are presented in the following table:

|  | June 30, 2005               |                             |                           | December 31, 2004           |                             |                           |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
|  | Gross<br>Carrying<br>Amount | Accumulated<br>Amortization | Net<br>Carrying<br>Amount | Gross<br>Carrying<br>Amount | Accumulated<br>Amortization | Net<br>Carrying<br>Amount |
| <b>Indefinite-lived intangible assets:</b> |                             |                             |                           |                             |                             |                           |
| Franchises with indefinite lives           | \$ 9,806                    | \$ --                       | \$ 9,806                  | \$ 9,845                    | \$ --                       | \$ 9,845                  |
| Goodwill                                   | 52                          | --                          | 52                        | 52                          | --                          | 52                        |
|  | \$ 9,858                    | \$ --                       | \$ 9,858                  | \$ 9,897                    | \$ --                       | \$ 9,897                  |
| <b>Finite-lived intangible assets:</b>     |                             |                             |                           |                             |                             |                           |
| Franchises with finite lives               | \$ 39                       | \$ 6                        | \$ 33                     | \$ 37                       | \$ 4                        | \$ 33                     |

Franchises with indefinite lives decreased \$39 million as a result of the asset impairment charges recorded related to three pending cable asset sales (see Note 3). Franchise amortization expense for the three and six months ended June

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30, 2005 and 2004 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 \$3 million annually for each of the next five years. Actual amortization expense in future periods could differ from these estimates as a result of new intangible asset acquisitions or divestitures, changes in useful lives and other relevant factors.

**5. Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses**

Accounts payable and accrued expenses consist of the following as of June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004:

|                              | <u>June 30,<br/>2005</u> | <u>December 31,<br/>2004</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Accounts payable - trade     | \$ 82                    | \$ 138                       |
| Accrued capital expenditures | 108                      | 60                           |
| Accrued expenses:            |                          |                              |
| Interest                     | 100                      | 93                           |
| Programming costs            | 285                      | 278                          |
| Franchise-related fees       | 54                       | 67                           |
| Compensation                 | 65                       | 47                           |
| Other                        | 196                      | 207                          |
|                              | <u>\$ 890</u>            | <u>\$ 890</u>                |

**6. Long-Term Debt**

Long-term debt consists of the following as of June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004:

|  | <u>June 30, 2005</u> |                       | <u>December 31, 2004</u> |                       |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
|  | <u>Face Value</u>    | <u>Accreted Value</u> | <u>Face Value</u>        | <u>Accreted Value</u> |
| <b>Long-Term Debt</b>                    |                      |                       |                          |                       |
| Charter Operating:                       |                      |                       |                          |                       |
| 8% senior second lien notes due 2012     | \$ 1,100             | \$ 1,100              | \$ 1,100                 | \$ 1,100              |
| 8 3/8% senior second lien notes due 2014 | 733                  | 733                   | 400                      | 400                   |
| Renaissance Media Group LLC:             |                      |                       |                          |                       |
| 10.000% senior discount notes due 2008   | 114                  | 116                   | 114                      | 116                   |
| CC V Holdings:                           |                      |                       |                          |                       |
| 11.875% senior discount notes due 2008   | --                   | --                    | 113                      | 113                   |
| <b>Credit Facilities</b>                 |                      |                       |                          |                       |
| Charter Operating                        | 5,445                | 5,445                 | 5,515                    | 5,515                 |
|  | <u>\$ 7,392</u>      | <u>\$ 7,394</u>       | <u>\$ 7,242</u>          | <u>\$ 7,244</u>       |

The accreted values presented above represent the face value of the notes less the original issue discount at the time of sale plus the accretion to the balance sheet date.

In March and June 2005, Charter Operating consummated exchange transactions with a small number of institutional holders of Charter Holdings 8.25% senior notes due 2007 pursuant to which Charter Operating issued, in private placements, approximately \$333 million principal amount of new notes with terms identical to Charter Operating's 8.375% senior second lien notes due 2014 in exchange for approximately \$346 million of the Charter Holdings 8.25%

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senior notes due 2007. The Charter Holdings notes received in the exchange were thereafter distributed to Charter Holdings and cancelled.

In March 2005, the Company's subsidiary, CC V Holdings, LLC, redeemed all of its 11.875% notes due 2008, at 103.958% of principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. The total cost of redemption was approximately \$122 million and was funded through borrowings under the Charter Operating credit facilities. The redemption resulted in a loss on extinguishment of debt for the six months ended June 30, 2005 of approximately \$5 million. Following such redemption, CC V Holdings, LLC and its subsidiaries (other than non-guarantor subsidiaries) guaranteed the Charter Operating credit facilities and granted a lien on all of their assets as to which a lien can be perfected under the Uniform Commercial Code by the filing of a financing statement.

**7. Minority Interest**

Minority interest on the Company's consolidated balance sheets represents preferred membership interests in CC VIII, LLC ("CC VIII"), an indirect subsidiary of Charter Operating. As more fully described in Note 17, this preferred interest arises from the approximately \$630 million of preferred membership units issued by CC VIII in connection with an acquisition in February 2000 and continues to be the subject of a dispute between Charter and Mr. Paul G. Allen, Charter's Chairman and controlling shareholder. Generally, operating earnings or losses are allocated to the minority owner based on its ownership percentage, thereby increasing or decreasing the Company's net loss, respectively. To the extent they relate to CC VIII, the allocations of earnings or losses are subject to adjustment based on the ultimate resolution of this disputed ownership. Due to the uncertainties related to the ultimate resolution, effective January 1, 2005, the Company ceased recognizing minority interest in earnings or losses of CC VIII for financial reporting purposes until such time as the resolution of the matter is determinable or other events occur. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2005, the Company's results include income of \$8 million and \$17 million, respectively, attributable to CC VIII.

**8. Comprehensive Loss**

Certain marketable equity securities are classified as available-for-sale and reported at market value with unrealized gains and losses recorded as accumulated other comprehensive loss on the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets. Additionally, the Company reports changes in the fair value of interest rate agreements designated as hedging the variability of cash flows associated with floating-rate debt obligations, that meet the effectiveness criteria of SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, in accumulated other comprehensive loss. Comprehensive loss for the three months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004 was \$21 million and \$53 million, respectively, and \$86 million and \$1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

**9. Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities**

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

The Company does not hold or issue derivative instruments for trading purposes. The Company does, however, have certain interest rate derivative instruments that have been designated as cash flow hedging instruments. Such instruments effectively convert variable interest payments on certain debt instruments into fixed payments. For qualifying hedges, SFAS No. 133 allows derivative gains and losses to offset related results on hedged items in the consolidated statement of operations. The Company has formally documented, designated and assessed the effectiveness of transactions that receive hedge accounting. For the three months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, net gain (loss) on derivative instruments and hedging activities includes gains of \$0 and \$3 million, respectively, and for

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the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, net gain (loss) on derivative instruments and hedging activities includes gains of \$1 million and \$2 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 June 30, 2005 and 2004, a gain of \$0 and \$27 million, respectively, and for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, a gain of \$9 million and \$29 million, respectively, related to derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges, was recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss. 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 Company's condensed consolidated statements of operations. For the three months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, net gain (loss) on derivative instruments and hedging activities includes losses of \$1 million and gains of \$60 million, respectively, and for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, net gain (loss) on derivative instruments and hedging activities includes gains of \$25 million and \$54 million, respectively, for interest rate derivative instruments not designated as hedges.

As of June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, the Company had outstanding \$2.2 billion and \$2.7 billion and \$20 million and \$20 million, respectively, in notional amounts of interest rate swaps and collars, respectively. The notional amounts of interest rate instruments do not represent amounts exchanged by the parties and, thus, are not a measure of exposure to credit loss. The amounts exchanged are determined by reference to the notional amount and the other terms of the contracts.

**10. Revenues**

Revenues consist of the following for the three and six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004:

|                     | <b>Three Months</b>   |                 | <b>Six Months</b>     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
|                     | <b>Ended June 30,</b> |                 | <b>Ended June 30,</b> |                 |
|                     | <b>2005</b>           | <b>2004</b>     | <b>2005</b>           | <b>2004</b>     |
| Video               | \$ 861                | \$ 846          | \$ 1,703              | \$ 1,695        |
| High-speed Internet | 226                   | 181             | 441                   | 349             |
| Advertising sales   | 76                    | 73              | 140                   | 132             |
| Commercial          | 69                    | 58              | 134                   | 114             |
| Other               | 91                    | 81              | 176                   | 163             |
|                     | <u>\$ 1,323</u>       | <u>\$ 1,239</u> | <u>\$ 2,594</u>       | <u>\$ 2,453</u> |

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**11. Operating Expenses**

Operating expenses consist of the following for the three and six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004:

|                   | <b>Three Months<br/>Ended June 30,</b> |               | <b>Six Months<br/>Ended June 30,</b> |                 |
|-------------------|--|---------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
|                   | <b>2005</b>                            | <b>2004</b>   | <b>2005</b>                          | <b>2004</b>     |
| Programming       | \$ 351                                 | \$ 329        | \$ 709                               | \$ 663          |
| Advertising sales | 25                                     | 25            | 50                                   | 48              |
| Service           | 193                                    | 161           | 369                                  | 316             |
|                   | <u>\$ 569</u>                          | <u>\$ 515</u> | <u>\$ 1,128</u>                      | <u>\$ 1,027</u> |

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

Selling, general and administrative expenses consist of the following for the three and six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004:

|                            | <b>Three Months<br/>Ended June 30,</b> |               | <b>Six Months<br/>Ended June 30,</b> |               |
|----------------------------|--|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
|                            | <b>2005</b>                            | <b>2004</b>   | <b>2005</b>                          | <b>2004</b>   |
| General and administrative | \$ 225                                 | \$ 208        | \$ 427                               | \$ 416        |
| Marketing                  | 31                                     | 36            | 66                                   | 67            |
|                            | <u>\$ 256</u>                          | <u>\$ 244</u> | <u>\$ 493</u>                        | <u>\$ 483</u> |

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

**13. Special Charges**

The Company has recorded special charges as a result of reducing its workforce, consolidating administrative offices and management realignment in 2004 and 2005. The activity associated with this initiative is summarized in the table below.

|                     | <b>Three Months<br/>Ended June 30,</b> |             | <b>Six Months<br/>Ended June 30,</b> |             |
|---------------------|--|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
|                     | <b>2005</b>                            | <b>2004</b> | <b>2005</b>                          | <b>2004</b> |
| Beginning Balance   | \$ 6                                   | \$ 7        | \$ 6                                 | \$ 14       |
| Special Charges     | --                                     | 2           | 4                                    | 3           |
| Payments            | (2)                                    | (3)         | (6)                                  | (11)        |
| Balance at June 30, | <u>\$ 4</u>                            | <u>\$ 6</u> | <u>\$ 4</u>                          | <u>\$ 6</u> |

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2005, special charges were offset by approximately \$2 million related to an agreed upon discount in respect of the portion of the settlement consideration payable under the Stipulations of Settlement of the consolidated Federal Class Action and the Federal Derivative Action allocable to plaintiff's attorney fees and Charter's insurance carrier as a result of the election to pay such fees in cash (see Note 15).

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For the three and six months ended June 30, 2004, special charges also includes approximately \$85 million, which represents the aggregate value of the Charter Class A common stock and warrants to purchase Charter Class A common stock contemplated to be issued as part of the terms set forth in memoranda of understanding regarding settlement of the consolidated Federal Class Action and Federal Derivative Action. For the six months ended June 30, 2004, special charges includes 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 (see Note 15).

**14. Income Taxes**

The Company is a single member limited liability company not subject to income tax. The Company holds all operations through indirect subsidiaries. The majority of these indirect subsidiaries are limited liability companies that are not subject to income tax. However, certain of the Company's indirect subsidiaries are corporations that are subject to income tax.

As of June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, the Company had net deferred income tax liabilities of approximately \$214 million and \$208 million, respectively. The net deferred income tax liabilities relate to certain of the Company's indirect subsidiaries, which file separate income tax returns.

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2005, the Company recorded \$2 million and \$8 million of income tax expense, respectively, and during the three and six months ended June 30, 2004 the Company recorded \$3 million and \$4 million of income tax expense, respectively. The income tax expense is recognized through current federal and state income tax expense as well as increases to the deferred tax liabilities of certain of the Company's indirect corporate subsidiaries.

Charter Holdco is currently under examination by the Internal Revenue Service for the tax years ending December 31, 2000, 2002 and 2003. The results of the Company (excluding the indirect corporate subsidiaries) for these years are subject to this examination. Management does not expect the results of this examination to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

**15. Contingencies**

***Securities Class Actions and Derivative Suits***

Fourteen putative federal class action lawsuits (the "Federal Class Actions") were 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 were sought by the plaintiffs. In general, the lawsuits alleged 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. 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 Court subsequently consolidated the Federal Class Actions into a single action (the "Consolidated Federal Class Action") for pretrial purposes. On August 5, 2004, the plaintiff's representatives, Charter and the individual defendants who were the subject of the suit entered into a Memorandum of Understanding setting forth agreements in principle to settle the Consolidated Federal Class Action. These parties subsequently entered into Stipulations of Settlement dated as of January 24, 2005 (described more fully below) which incorporate the terms of the August 5, 2004 Memorandum of Understanding.

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. The plaintiffs alleged that the individual defendants breached their fiduciary duties by failing to establish and maintain adequate internal controls and procedures. On March 12, 2004, an action

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substantively identical to the State Derivative Action was filed in Missouri State Court against Charter and certain of its current and former directors, as well as its former auditors. On July 14, 2004, the Court consolidated this case with the State Derivative Action.

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 in that suit alleged that the individual defendants breached their fiduciary duties and grossly mismanaged Charter by failing to establish and maintain adequate internal controls and procedures.

As noted above, Charter and the individual defendants entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on August 5, 2004 setting forth agreements in principle regarding settlement of the Consolidated Federal Class Action, the State Derivative Action(s) and the Federal Derivative Action (the "Actions"). Charter and various other defendants in those actions subsequently entered into Stipulations of Settlement dated as of January 24, 2005, setting forth a settlement of the Actions in a manner consistent with the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding. The Stipulations of Settlement, along with various supporting documentation, were filed with the Court on February 2, 2005. On May 23, 2005 the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri conducted the final fairness hearing for the Actions, and on June 30, 2005, the Court issued its final approval of the settlements. Members of the class had 30 days from the issuance of the June 30 order approving the settlement to file an appeal challenging the approval. Two notices of appeal were filed relating to the settlement, but Charter does not yet know the specific issues presented by such appeals, nor have briefing schedules been set.

As amended, the Stipulations of Settlement provide that, in exchange for a release of all claims by plaintiffs against Charter and its former and present officers and directors named in the Actions, Charter would pay to the plaintiffs a combination of cash and equity collectively valued at \$144 million, which will include the fees and expenses of plaintiffs' counsel. Of this amount, \$64 million would be paid in cash (by Charter's insurance carriers) and the \$80 million balance was to be paid (subject to Charter's right to substitute cash therefor described below) in shares of Charter Class A common stock having an aggregate value of \$40 million and ten-year warrants to purchase shares of Charter Class A common stock having an aggregate warrant value of \$40 million, with such values in each case being determined pursuant to formulas set forth in the Stipulations of Settlement. However, Charter had the right, in its sole discretion, to substitute cash for some or all of the aforementioned securities on a dollar for dollar basis. Pursuant to that right, Charter elected to fund the \$80 million obligation with 13.4 million shares of Charter Class A common stock (having an aggregate value of approximately \$15 million pursuant to the formula set forth in the Stipulations of Settlement) with the remaining balance (less an agreed upon \$2 million discount in respect of that portion allocable to plaintiffs' attorneys' fees) to be paid in cash. In addition, Charter had agreed to issue additional shares of its Class A common stock to its insurance carrier having an aggregate value of \$5 million; however, by agreement with its carrier Charter has paid \$4.5 million in cash in lieu of issuing such shares. Charter delivered the settlement consideration to the claims administrator on July 8, 2005, and it will be held in escrow pending any appeals of the approval. On July 14, 2005, the Circuit Court for the City of St. Louis dismissed with prejudice the State Derivative Actions.

As part of the settlements, Charter has committed to a variety of corporate governance changes, internal practices and public disclosures, some of which have already been undertaken and none of which are inconsistent with measures Charter is taking in connection with the recent conclusion of the SEC investigation.

### ***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 publicly stated that Charter was not a target of the investigation. Charter was also advised by the U.S. Attorney's Office that no current officer or member of its board of directors was 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

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terminal suppliers and inflated customer account numbers. Each of the indicted former officers pled guilty to single conspiracy counts related to the original mail and wire fraud charges and were sentenced April 22, 2005. Charter has advised the Company that it has fully cooperated with the investigation, and following the sentencings, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri announced that its investigation was concluded and that no further indictments would issue.

***Indemnification***

Charter was generally required to indemnify, under certain conditions, 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 grand jury investigation, a now-settled SEC investigation and the above-described lawsuits, some of Charter's current and former directors and current and former officers have been advanced certain costs and expenses incurred in connection with their defense. On February 22, 2005, Charter filed suit against four of its former officers who were indicted in the course of the grand jury investigation. These suits seek to recover the legal fees and other related expenses advanced to these individuals. One of these former officers has counterclaimed against Charter alleging, among other things, that Charter owes him additional indemnification for legal fees that Charter did not pay and another of these former officers has counterclaimed against Charter for accrued sick leave.

***Other Litigation***

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 consolidated financial condition, results of operations or its liquidity.

**16. Stock Compensation Plans**

Prior to January 1, 2003, the Company 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. The ongoing effect on consolidated results of operations or financial condition will depend on future stock-based compensation awards granted by Charter.

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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 income (loss) 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</b> |                | <b>Six Months Ended</b> |              |
|--|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------|
|  | <b>June 30,</b>           |                | <b>June 30,</b>         |              |
|  | <b>2005</b>               | <b>2004</b>    | <b>2005</b>             | <b>2004</b>  |
| Net loss   | \$ (22)                   | \$ (80)        | \$ (96)                 | \$ (30)      |
| Add back stock-based compensation expense related to stock options included in reported net loss                             | 4                         | 12             | 8                       | 26           |
| Less employee stock-based compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all employee stock option awards | (4)                       | (10)           | (8)                     | (31)         |
| Effects of unvested options in stock option exchange   | --                        | --             | --                      | 48           |
| Pro forma  | <u>\$ (22)</u>            | <u>\$ (78)</u> | <u>\$ (96)</u>          | <u>\$ 13</u> |

In January 2004, Charter began an option exchange program in which the Company offered its employees the right to exchange all stock options (vested and unvested) 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 employee's outstanding options, if an employee would have received more than 400 shares of 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 Charter's 47,882,365 total options (vested and unvested) issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2003. Participation by employees was voluntary. Those members of Charter'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, Charter accepted for cancellation eligible options to purchase approximately 18,137,664 shares of Charter Class A common stock. In exchange, Charter 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 restricted stock was granted on 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 \$10 million, with a 2004 cash compensation expense of approximately \$4 million and a non-cash compensation expense of approximately \$6 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. Under the LTIP, 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. The stock options vest 25% on each of the first four anniversaries of the date of grant. The performance units vest on the third anniversary of the grant date and shares of Charter Class A common stock are issued, conditional upon Charter's performance against financial performance targets established by Charter's management and approved by its board of directors. Charter granted 6.9 million performance shares in January 2004 under this program and the Company recognized expense of \$3 million and \$6 million during the three and six months ended June 30, 2004, respectively. However, in the fourth quarter of 2004, the Company reversed the \$8 million of expense recorded in the first three

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quarters of 2004 based on the Company's assessment of the probability of achieving the financial performance measures established by Charter and required to be met for the performance shares to vest. In March and April 2005, Charter granted 2.8 million performance shares under the LTIP. The impact of such grants were de minimis to the Company's results of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2005.

**17. Related Party Transactions**

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

***CC VIII***

As part of the acquisition of the cable systems owned by Bresnan Communications Company Limited Partnership in February 2000, CC VIII, Charter Operating's indirect limited liability company subsidiary, issued, after adjustments, 24,273,943 Class A preferred membership units (collectively, the "CC VIII interest") with a value and an initial capital account of approximately \$630 million to certain sellers affiliated with AT&T Broadband, subsequently owned by Comcast Corporation (the "Comcast sellers"). 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 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. Merritt, Tory and Wangberg) 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

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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") operated a cable television network that offered 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 Charter's cable systems. The affiliation agreement provides, among other things, that TechTV must offer Charter certain terms and conditions that are no 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). For each of the three and six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, the Company recognized approximately \$0.3 million and \$0.6 million, respectively, of the Vulcan Programming payment as an offset to programming expense. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2005, the Company paid approximately \$0.5 million and \$1 million, respectively, and for the three and six months ended June 30, 2004, the Company paid approximately \$0.4 million and \$0.6 million, respectively, under the affiliation agreement.

The Company believes that Vulcan Programming, which is 100% owned by Mr. Allen, owned an approximate 98% equity interest in TechTV at the time Vulcan Programming sold TechTV to an unrelated third party in May 2004.

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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. Mr. Wangberg resigned as the chief executive officer of TechTV in July 2002. He remained a director of TechTV along with Mr. Allen until Vulcan Programming sold TechTV.

***Digeo, Inc.***

In March 2001, a subsidiary of Charter Operating, Charter Communications Ventures, LLC ("Charter Ventures"), and Vulcan Ventures Incorporated formed DBroadband Holdings, LLC for the sole purpose of purchasing equity interests in Digeo, Inc. ("Digeo"), an entity controlled by Paul Allen. In connection with the execution of the broadband carriage agreement, DBroadband Holdings, LLC purchased an equity interest in Digeo funded by contributions from Vulcan Ventures Incorporated. The equity interest is subject to a priority return of capital to Vulcan Ventures up to the amount contributed by Vulcan Ventures on Charter Ventures' behalf. After Vulcan Ventures recovers its amount contributed and any cumulative loss allocations, Charter Ventures has a 100% profit interest in DBroadband Holdings, LLC. Charter Ventures is not required to make any capital contributions, including capital calls, to Digeo. DBroadband Holdings, LLC is therefore not included in the Company's consolidated financial statements. Pursuant to an amended version of this arrangement, in 2003, Vulcan Ventures contributed a total of \$29 million to Digeo, \$7 million of which was contributed on Charter Ventures' behalf, subject to Vulcan Ventures' aforementioned priority return. Since the formation of DBroadband Holdings, LLC, Vulcan Ventures has contributed approximately \$56 million on Charter Ventures' behalf.

On March 2, 2001, Charter Ventures entered into a broadband carriage agreement with Digeo Interactive, LLC ("Digeo Interactive"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Digeo. The carriage agreement provided that Digeo Interactive would provide to Charter a "portal" product, which would function as the television-based Internet portal (the initial point of entry to the Internet) for Charter's customers who received Internet access from Charter. The agreement term was for 25 years and Charter agreed to use the Digeo portal exclusively for six years. Before the portal product was delivered to Charter, Digeo terminated development of the portal product.

On September 27, 2001, Charter and Digeo Interactive amended the broadband carriage agreement. According to the amendment, Digeo Interactive would provide to Charter the content for enhanced "Wink" interactive television services, known as Charter Interactive Channels ("i-channels"). In order to provide the i-channels, Digeo Interactive sublicensed certain Wink technologies to Charter. Charter is entitled to share in the revenues generated by the i-channels. Currently, the Company's digital video customers who receive i-channels receive the service at no additional charge.

On September 28, 2002, Charter entered into a second amendment to its broadband carriage agreement with Digeo Interactive. This amendment superseded the amendment of September 27, 2001. It provided for the development by Digeo Interactive of future features to be included in the Basic i-TV service to be provided by Digeo and for Digeo's development of an interactive "toolkit" to enable Charter to develop interactive local content. Furthermore, Charter could request that Digeo Interactive manage local content for a fee. The amendment provided for Charter to pay for development of the Basic i-TV service as well as license fees for customers who would receive the service, and for Charter and Digeo to split certain revenues earned from the service. The Company paid Digeo Interactive approximately \$1 million and \$1 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2005, respectively, and \$1 million and \$1 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2004, respectively, for customized development of the i-channels and the local content tool kit. This amendment expired pursuant to its terms on December 31, 2003. Digeo Interactive is continuing to provide the Basic i-TV service on a month-to-month basis.

On June 30, 2003, Charter Holdco entered into an agreement with Motorola, Inc. for the purchase of 100,000 digital video recorder ("DVR") units. The software for these DVR units is being supplied by Digeo Interactive, LLC 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 deployed from a maximum of 10 headends through year-end 2004. This maximum number of headends was increased from 10 to 15

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pursuant to a letter agreement executed on June 11, 2004 and the date for entering into license agreements for units deployed was extended to June 30, 2005. The number of headends was increased from 15 to 20 pursuant to a letter agreement dated August 4, 2004, from 20 to 30 pursuant to a letter agreement dated September 28, 2004 and from 30 to 50 headends by a letter agreement in February 2005. 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. Maximum license and maintenance fees during the term of the agreement are expected to be approximately \$7 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. Charter paid approximately \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million in license and maintenance fees for the three and six months ended June 30, 2005, respectively.

In April 2004, the Company launched DVR service using units containing the Digeo software in Charter's Rochester, Minnesota market using a broadband media center that is an integrated set-top terminal with a cable converter, DVR hard drive and connectivity to other consumer electronics devices (such as stereos, MP3 players, and digital cameras).

In May 2004, Charter Holdco entered into a binding term sheet with Digeo Interactive for the development, testing and purchase of 70,000 Digeo PowerKey DVR units. The term sheet provided that the parties would proceed in good faith to negotiate, prior to year-end 2004, definitive agreements for the development, testing and purchase of the DVR units and that the parties would enter into a license agreement for Digeo's proprietary software on terms substantially similar to the terms of the license agreement described above. In November 2004, Charter Holdco and Digeo Interactive executed the license agreement and in December 2004, the parties executed the purchase agreement, each on terms substantially similar to the binding term sheet. Product development and testing has been completed. Total purchase price and license and maintenance fees during the term of the definitive agreements are expected to be approximately \$41 million. The definitive agreements are terminable at no penalty to Charter in certain circumstances. Charter paid approximately \$1 million and \$2 million in capital purchases under this agreement for the three and six months ended June 30, 2005, respectively.

In late 2003, Microsoft filed suit against Digeo for \$9 million in a breach of contract action, involving an agreement that Digeo and Microsoft had entered into in 2001. Digeo informed us that it believed it had an indemnification claim against us for half that amount. Digeo settled with Microsoft agreeing to make a cash payment and to purchase certain amounts of Microsoft software products and consulting services through 2008. In consideration of Digeo agreeing to release us from its potential claim against us, after consultation with outside counsel we agreed, in June 2005, to purchase a total of \$2.3 million in Microsoft consulting services through 2008, a portion of which amounts Digeo has informed us will count against Digeo's purchase obligations with Microsoft.

The Company believes that Vulcan Ventures, an entity controlled by Mr. Allen, owns an approximate 60% equity interest in Digeo, Inc., on a fully-converted non-diluted basis. Mr. Allen, Lance Conn and Jo Allen Patton, directors of Charter, are directors of Digeo, and Mr. Vogel was a director of Digeo in 2004. During 2004 and 2005, Mr. Vogel held options to purchase 10,000 shares of Digeo common stock.

***Oxygen Media LLC***

Oxygen Media LLC ("Oxygen") provides programming content aimed at the female audience for distribution over cable systems and satellite. On July 22, 2002, Charter Holdco entered into a carriage agreement with Oxygen, whereby the Company agreed to carry programming content from Oxygen. Under the carriage agreement, the Company currently makes Oxygen programming available to approximately 5 million of its video customers. The term of the carriage agreement was retroactive to February 1, 2000, the date of launch of Oxygen programming by the Company, and runs for a period of five years from that date. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2005, the Company paid Oxygen approximately \$2 million and \$5 million, respectively, and for the three and six months ended June 30, 2004, the Company paid Oxygen approximately \$3 million and \$7 million, respectively, for programming content. In addition, Oxygen pays the Company marketing support fees for customers launched after the first year of the term of the carriage agreement up to a total of \$4 million. The Company recorded approximately \$0.1 million

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related to these launch incentives as a reduction of programming expense for the six months ended June 30, 2005, and \$0.4 million and \$0.7 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2004, respectively.

Concurrently with the execution of the carriage agreement, Charter Holdco entered into an equity issuance agreement pursuant to which Oxygen's parent company, Oxygen Media Corporation ("Oxygen Media"), granted a subsidiary of Charter Holdco a warrant to purchase 2.4 million shares of Oxygen Media common stock for an exercise price of \$22.00 per share. In February 2005, this warrant expired unexercised. Charter Holdco was also to receive unregistered shares of Oxygen Media common stock with a guaranteed fair market value on the date of issuance of \$34 million, on or prior to February 2, 2005, with the exact date to be determined by Oxygen Media, but this commitment was later revised as discussed below.

The Company recognized the guaranteed value of the investment over the life of the carriage agreement as a reduction of programming expense. For the six months ended June 30, 2005, the Company recorded approximately \$2 million, as a reduction of programming expense and for the three and six months ended June 30, 2004, the Company recorded approximately \$3 million and \$7 million, respectively. The carrying value of the Company's investment in Oxygen was approximately \$33 million and \$32 million as of June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively.

In August 2004, Charter Holdco and Oxygen entered into agreements that amended and renewed the carriage agreement. The amendment to the carriage agreement (a) revises the number of the Company's customers to which Oxygen programming must be carried and for which the Company must pay, (b) releases Charter Holdco from any claims related to the failure to achieve distribution benchmarks under the carriage agreement, (c) requires Oxygen to make payment on outstanding receivables for marketing support fees due to the Company under the carriage agreement; and (d) requires that Oxygen provide its programming content to the Company on economic terms no less favorable than Oxygen provides to any other cable or satellite operator having fewer subscribers than the Company. The renewal of the carriage agreement (a) extends the period that the Company will carry Oxygen programming to the Company's customers through January 31, 2008, and (b) requires license fees to be paid based on customers receiving Oxygen programming, rather than for specific customer benchmarks.

In August 2004, Charter Holdco and Oxygen also amended the equity issuance agreement to provide for the issuance of 1 million shares of Oxygen Preferred Stock with a liquidation preference of \$33.10 per share plus accrued dividends to Charter Holdco on February 1, 2005 in place of the \$34 million of unregistered shares of Oxygen Media common stock. Oxygen Media delivered these shares in March 2005. The preferred stock is convertible into common stock after December 31, 2007 at a conversion ratio per share of preferred stock, the numerator of which is the liquidation preference and the denominator of which is the fair market value per share of Oxygen Media common stock on the conversion date.

As of June 30, 2005, through Vulcan Programming, Mr. Allen owned an approximate 31% interest in Oxygen assuming no exercises of outstanding warrants or conversion or exchange of convertible or exchangeable securities. Ms. Jo Allen Patton is a director and the President of Vulcan Programming. Mr. Lance Conn is a Vice President of Vulcan Programming. Marc Nathanson has an indirect beneficial interest of less than 1% in Oxygen.

**18. Recently Issued Accounting Standards**

In November 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued SFAS No. 153, *Exchanges of Non-monetary Assets – An Amendment of APB No. 29*. This statement eliminates the exception to fair value for exchanges of similar productive assets and replaces it with a general exception for exchange transactions that do not have commercial substance – that is, transactions that are not expected to result in significant changes in the cash flows of the reporting entity. The Company adopted this pronouncement effective April 1, 2005. The exchange transaction discussed in Note 3 was accounted for under this standard.

In December 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued the revised SFAS No. 123, *Share-Based Payment*, which addresses the accounting for share-based payment transactions in which a company receives employee services in exchange for (a) equity instruments of that company or (b) liabilities that are based on the fair

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value of the company's equity instruments or that may be settled by the issuance of such equity instruments. This statement will be effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2006. Because the Company adopted the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123 on January 1, 2003, the Company does not expect this revised standard to have a material impact on its financial statements.

The Company does not believe that any other recently issued, but not yet effective accounting pronouncements, if adopted, would have a material effect on the Company's accompanying financial statements.

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

### General

Charter Communications Operating, LLC ("Charter Operating") is a holding company whose principal assets as of June 30, 2005 are equity interests in its operating subsidiaries. Charter Operating is a subsidiary of CCO Holdings, LLC ("CCO Holdings"), which is a subsidiary of CCH II, LLC ("CCH II"). CCH II is an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC ("Charter Holdings"). Charter Holdings is a subsidiary of Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC ("Charter Holdco"), which is a subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc. ("Charter"). "We," "us" and "our" refer to Charter Operating and its subsidiaries. Our "parent companies" are CCH II, Charter Holdings, Charter Holdco and Charter. We are a broadband communications company operating in the United States. We offer our customers traditional cable video programming (analog and digital video) as well as high-speed Internet services and in some areas advanced broadband services such as high definition television, video on demand, telephone and interactive television. We sell our cable video programming, high-speed Internet and advanced broadband services on a subscription basis.

The following table summarizes our customer statistics for analog and digital video, residential high-speed Internet and residential telephone as of June 30, 2005 and 2004:

|   | <b>Approximate as of</b>     |                              |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|   | <b>June 30,<br/>2005 (a)</b> | <b>June 30,<br/>2004 (a)</b> |
| <b>Cable Video Services:</b>                            |                              |                              |
| <b>Analog Video:</b>                                    |                              |                              |
| Residential (non-bulk) analog video customers (b)       | 5,683,400                    | 5,892,600                    |
| Multi-dwelling (bulk) and commercial unit customers (c) | 259,700                      | 240,600                      |
| Total analog video customers (b)(c)                     | <u>5,943,100</u>             | <u>6,133,200</u>             |
| <b>Digital Video:</b>                                   |                              |                              |
| Digital video customers (d)                             | 2,685,600                    | 2,650,200                    |
| <b>Non-Video Cable Services:</b>                        |                              |                              |
| Residential high-speed Internet customers (e)           | 2,022,200                    | 1,711,400                    |
| Telephone customers (f)                                 | 67,800                       | 31,200                       |

- (a) "Customers" include all persons our corporate billing records show as receiving service (regardless of their payment status), except for complimentary accounts (such as our employees). At June 30, 2005 and 2004, "customers" include approximately 45,100 and 58,700 persons whose accounts were over 60 days past due in payment, approximately 8,200 and 6,300 persons whose accounts were over 90 days past due in payment, and approximately 4,500 and 2,000 of which were over 120 days past due in payment, respectively.
- (b) "Residential (non-bulk) analog video customers" include all customers who receive video 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 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 June 30, 2005 and 2004 are approximately 9,700 and 11,400 customers, respectively, that receive digital video service directly through satellite transmission.

- (e) "High-speed Internet customers" represent those customers who subscribe to our high-speed Internet service. At June 30, 2005 and 2004, approximately 1,787,600 and 1,543,000 of these high-speed Internet customers, respectively, receive video services from us and are included within our video statistics above.
- (f) "Telephone customers" include all households who subscribe to our 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, depreciation expenses that we incur resulting from the capital investments we have made and continue to make in our business, 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. Effective January 1, 2005, we ceased recognizing minority interest in earnings or losses of CC VIII, LLC for financial reporting purposes until the resolution of the dispute between Charter and Mr. Allen regarding the preferred membership units in CC VIII, LLC is determinable or other events occur.

For the three months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, our income from operations, which includes depreciation and amortization expense and asset impairment charges but excludes interest expense, was \$110 million and \$15 million, respectively, and for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, our income from operations was \$161 million and \$190 million, respectively. We had operating margins of 8% and 1% for the three months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively, and 6% and 8% for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The increase in income from operations and operating margins from the three months ended June 30, 2004 compared to 2005 was principally due to approximately \$85 million recorded in special charges for the three months ended June 30, 2004 as part of the terms set forth in memoranda of understanding regarding settlement of the consolidated Federal Class Action and Federal Derivative Action which did not recur in 2005. See "— Legal Proceedings." The decrease in income from operations and operating margins from the six months ended June 30, 2004 compared to 2005 was principally due to the one-time gain as a result of the sale of certain cable systems in Florida, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and West Virginia to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC of approximately \$106 million, recognized in the six months ended June 30, 2004, offset by \$85 million recorded in special charges discussed above.

Historically, our ability to fund operations and investing activities has depended on our continued access to credit under our credit facilities. We expect we will continue to borrow under our credit facilities from time to time to fund cash needs. The occurrence of an event of default under our credit facilities could result in borrowings from these credit facilities being unavailable to us and could, in the event of a payment default or acceleration, also trigger events of default under the indentures governing our outstanding notes and would have a material adverse effect on us. Approximately \$15 million of our debt matures during the remainder of 2005, which we expect to fund through borrowings under our revolving credit facility. See "— Liquidity and Capital Resources."

### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

For a discussion of our critical accounting policies and the means by which we develop estimates therefor, see "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our 2004 Annual Report.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

### *Six Months Ended June 30, 2005 Compared to Six Months Ended June 30, 2004*

The following table sets forth the percentages of revenues that items in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations constituted for the periods presented (dollars in millions):

|  | <b>Six Months Ended June 30,</b> |            |                |            |
|--|----------------------------------|------------|----------------|------------|
|  | <b>2005</b>                      |            | <b>2004</b>    |            |
| Revenues   | \$ 2,594                         | 100%       | \$ 2,453       | 100%       |
| Costs and expenses:  |                                  |            |                |            |
| Operating (excluding depreciation and amortization)        | 1,128                            | 44%        | 1,027          | 42%        |
| Selling, general and administrative                        | 493                              | 19%        | 483            | 19%        |
| Depreciation and amortization                              | 759                              | 29%        | 734            | 30%        |
| Asset impairment charges                                   | 39                               | 2%         | --             | --         |
| (Gain) loss on sale of assets, net                         | 4                                | --         | (104)          | (4)%       |
| Option compensation expense, net                           | 8                                | --         | 26             | 1%         |
| Special charges, net                                       | 2                                | --         | 97             | 4%         |
|  | <u>2,433</u>                     | <u>94%</u> | <u>2,263</u>   | <u>92%</u> |
| Income from operations                                     | <u>161</u>                       | <u>6%</u>  | <u>190</u>     | <u>8%</u>  |
| Interest expense, net                                      | (285)                            |            | (242)          |            |
| Gain on derivative instruments and hedging activities, net | 26                               |            | 56             |            |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt                             | (5)                              |            | (21)           |            |
| Gain on investments  | 21                               |            | --             |            |
|  | <u>(243)</u>                     |            | <u>(207)</u>   |            |
| Loss before minority interest and income taxes             | <u>(82)</u>                      |            | <u>(17)</u>    |            |
| Minority interest  | <u>(6)</u>                       |            | <u>(9)</u>     |            |
| Loss before income taxes                                   | <u>(88)</u>                      |            | <u>(26)</u>    |            |
| Income tax expense   | <u>(8)</u>                       |            | <u>(4)</u>     |            |
| Net loss   | <u>\$ (96)</u>                   |            | <u>\$ (30)</u> |            |

**Revenues.** Revenues increased by \$141 million, or 6%, from \$2.5 billion for the six months ended June 30, 2004 to \$2.6 billion for the six months ended June 30, 2005. This increase is principally the result of an increase of 310,800 and 35,400 high-speed Internet and digital video customers, respectively, as well as price increases for video and high-speed Internet services, and is offset partially by a decrease of 190,100 analog video customers. The cable system sales to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC, which closed in March and April 2004 (referred to herein as the "System Sales") reduced the increase in revenues by \$29 million. Our goal is to increase revenues by improving customer service which we believe will stabilize our analog video customer base, implementing price increases on certain services and packages and increasing the number of customers who purchase high-speed Internet services, digital video and advanced products and services such as telephone, VOD, high definition television and digital video recorder service.

Average monthly revenue per analog video customer increased to \$72.38 for the six months ended June 30, 2005 from \$65.39 for the six months ended June 30, 2004 primarily as a result of incremental revenues from advanced services and price increases. Average monthly revenue per analog video customer represents total revenue for the six months ended during the respective period, divided by six, divided by the average number of analog video customers during the respective period.

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

|                     | <b>Six Months Ended June 30,</b> |                      |                 |                      |                       |                 |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
|                     | <b>2005</b>                      |                      | <b>2004</b>     |                      | <b>2005 over 2004</b> |                 |
|                     | <b>Revenues</b>                  | <b>% of Revenues</b> | <b>Revenues</b> | <b>% of Revenues</b> | <b>Change</b>         | <b>% Change</b> |
| Video               | \$ 1,703                         | 66%                  | \$ 1,695        | 69%                  | \$ 8                  | --              |
| High-speed Internet | 441                              | 17%                  | 349             | 14%                  | 92                    | 26%             |
| Advertising sales   | 140                              | 5%                   | 132             | 5%                   | 8                     | 6%              |
| Commercial          | 134                              | 5%                   | 114             | 5%                   | 20                    | 18%             |
| Other               | 176                              | 7%                   | 163             | 7%                   | 13                    | 8%              |
|                     | <u>\$ 2,594</u>                  | <u>100%</u>          | <u>\$ 2,453</u> | <u>100%</u>          | <u>\$ 141</u>         | <u>6%</u>       |

Video revenues consist primarily of revenues from analog and digital video services provided to our non-commercial customers. Video revenues increased by \$8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2004. Approximately \$68 million of the increase was the result of price increases and incremental video revenues from existing customers and approximately \$8 million resulted from an increase in digital video customers. The increases were offset by decreases of approximately \$21 million resulting from the System Sales and approximately an additional \$47 million related to a decrease in analog video customers.

Revenues from high-speed Internet services provided to our non-commercial customers increased \$92 million, or 26%, from \$349 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004 to \$441 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005. Approximately \$68 million of the increase related to the increase in the average number of customers receiving high-speed Internet services, whereas approximately \$27 million related to the increase in average price of the service. The increase in high-speed Internet revenues was reduced by approximately \$3 million as a result of the System Sales.

Advertising sales revenues consist primarily of revenues from commercial advertising customers, programmers and other vendors. Advertising sales increased \$8 million, or 6%, from \$132 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004 to \$140 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005, primarily as a result of an increase in new advertising sales customers and in advertising rates. The increase was offset by a decrease of \$1 million as a result of the System Sales. For the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, we received \$7 million and \$6 million in advertising sales revenues from vendors.

Commercial revenues consist primarily of revenues from cable video and high-speed Internet services to our commercial customers. Commercial revenues increased \$20 million, or 18%, from \$114 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004 to \$134 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005, primarily as a result of an increase in commercial high-speed Internet revenues. The increase was reduced by approximately \$2 million as a result of the System Sales.

Other revenues consist of revenues from franchise fees, telephone revenue, equipment rental, customer installations, home shopping, dial-up Internet service, late payment fees, wire maintenance fees and other miscellaneous revenues. Other revenues increased \$13 million, or 8%, from \$163 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004 to \$176 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005. The increase was primarily the result of an increase in telephone revenue of \$6 million, installation revenue of \$5 million and franchise fees of \$4 million and was partially offset by approximately \$2 million as a result of the System Sales.

**Operating Expenses.** Operating expenses increased \$101 million, or 10%, from \$1.0 billion for the six months ended June 30, 2004 to \$1.1 billion for the six months ended June 30, 2005. The increase in operating expenses was reduced by \$12 million as a result of the System Sales. Programming costs included in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations were \$709 million and \$663 million, representing 29% of total costs and expenses for each of the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Key expense components as a percentage of revenues were as follows (dollars in millions):

|                   | <b>Six Months Ended June 30,</b> |                      |                 |                      |                       |                 |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
|                   | <b>2005</b>                      |                      | <b>2004</b>     |                      | <b>2005 over 2004</b> |                 |
|                   | <b>Expenses</b>                  | <b>% of Revenues</b> | <b>Expenses</b> | <b>% of Revenues</b> | <b>Change</b>         | <b>% Change</b> |
| Programming       | \$ 709                           | 28%                  | \$ 663          | 27%                  | \$ 46                 | 7%              |
| Advertising sales | 50                               | 2%                   | 48              | 2%                   | 2                     | 4%              |
| Service           | 369                              | 14%                  | 316             | 13%                  | 53                    | 17%             |
|                   | <u>\$ 1,128</u>                  | <u>44%</u>           | <u>\$ 1,027</u> | <u>42%</u>           | <u>\$ 101</u>         | <u>10%</u>      |

Programming costs consist primarily of costs paid to programmers for analog, premium, digital channels, VOD and pay-per-view programming. The increase in programming costs of \$46 million, or 7%, for the six months ended June 30, 2005 over the six months ended June 30, 2004 was a result of price increases, particularly in sports programming, partially offset by decreases in analog video customers. Additionally, the increase in programming costs was reduced by \$9 million as a result of the System Sales. Programming costs were offset by the amortization of payments received from programmers in support of launches of new channels of \$18 million and \$28 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Programming costs for the six months ended June 30, 2004 also include a \$4 million reduction related to the settlement of a dispute with TechTV, Inc. See Note 17 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

Our cable programming costs have increased in every year we have operated in excess of U.S. inflation and cost-of-living increases, and we expect them to continue to increase because of a variety of factors, including inflationary or negotiated annual increases, additional programming being provided to customers and increased costs to purchase programming. In 2005, programming costs have and we expect they will continue to increase at a higher rate than in 2004. These costs will be determined in part on the outcome of programming negotiations in 2005 and will likely be subject to offsetting events or otherwise affected by factors similar to the ones mentioned in the preceding paragraph. Our increasing programming costs will result in declining operating margins for our video services 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 high-speed Internet revenues, advertising revenues and commercial service revenues.

Advertising sales expenses consist of costs related to traditional advertising services provided to advertising customers, including salaries, benefits and commissions. Advertising sales expenses increased \$2 million, or 4%, primarily as a result of increased salary, benefit and commission 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 \$53 million, or 17%, resulted primarily from increased labor and maintenance costs to support our infrastructure, increased equipment maintenance, an increase in franchise fees as a result of increased revenues and higher fuel prices. The increase in service costs was reduced by \$3 million as a result of the System Sales.

**Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.** Selling, general and administrative expenses increased by \$10 million, or 2%, from \$483 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004 to \$493 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005. The increase in selling, general and administrative expenses was reduced by \$4 million as a result of the System Sales. Key components of expense as a percentage of revenues were as follows (dollars in millions):

|                            | Six Months Ended June 30, |               |               |               |                |           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|
|                            | 2005                      |               | 2004          |               | 2005 over 2004 |           |
|                            | Expenses                  | % of Revenues | Expenses      | % of Revenues | Change         | % Change  |
| General and administrative | \$ 427                    | 16%           | \$ 416        | 17%           | \$ 11          | 3%        |
| Marketing                  | 66                        | 3%            | 67            | 2%            | (1)            | (1)%      |
|                            | <u>\$ 493</u>             | <u>19%</u>    | <u>\$ 483</u> | <u>19%</u>    | <u>\$ 10</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 increase in general and administrative expenses of \$11 million, or 3%, resulted primarily from increases in professional fees of \$15 million and salaries and benefits of \$13 million, offset by the System Sales of \$4 million and decreases in bad debt expense of \$10 million.

Marketing expenses decreased \$1 million, or 1%, as a result of a decrease in expenditures as a result of disciplined spending and more targeted marketing tactics. We expect marketing expenditures to increase for the remainder of 2005.

**Depreciation and Amortization.** Depreciation and amortization expense increased by \$25 million, or 3%, from \$734 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004 to \$759 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005. The increase in depreciation was related to an increase in capital expenditures.

**Asset Impairment Charges.** Asset impairment charges for the six months ended June 30, 2005 represent the write-down of assets related to three pending cable asset sales to fair value less costs to sell. See Note 3 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

**(Gain) Loss on Sale of Assets, Net.** Loss on sale of assets of \$4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005 primarily represents the loss recognized on the disposition of plant and equipment. Gain on sale of assets of \$104 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004 primarily represents the pretax gain realized on the sale of systems to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC which closed on March 1 and April 30, 2004.

**Option Compensation Expense, Net.** Option compensation expense of \$8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005 primarily represents options expensed in accordance with SFAS No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*. Option compensation expense of \$26 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004 primarily represents the expense of approximately \$8 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 six months ended June 30, 2004, we recognized approximately \$6 million related to the performance shares granted under the Charter Long-Term Incentive Program and approximately \$12 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 \$2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005 represents \$4 million of severance and related costs of our management realignment offset by approximately \$2 million related to an agreed upon cash discount on settlement of the consolidated Federal Class Action and Federal Derivative Action. See "— Legal Proceedings." Special charges of \$97 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004 represents approximately \$85 million as part of the terms set forth in memoranda of understanding regarding settlement of the consolidated Federal Class Action and Federal Derivative Action and approximately \$9 million of litigation costs related to the tentative settlement of the South Carolina national class action suit, which settlements are subject to

final documentation and court approval and approximately \$3 million of severance and related costs of our workforce reduction.

**Interest Expense, Net.** Net interest expense increased by \$43 million, or 18%, from \$242 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004 to \$285 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005. The increase in net interest expense was a result of an increase in our average borrowing rate from 6.23% in the six months ended June 30, 2004 to 7.32% in the six months ended June 30, 2005 and an increase of \$198 million in average debt outstanding from \$7.1 billion for the six months ended June 30, 2004 compared to \$7.3 billion for the six months ended June 30, 2005.

**Gain on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, Net.** Net gain on derivative instruments and hedging activities decreased \$30 million from \$56 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004 to \$26 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005. The decrease is primarily a result of a decrease in gains on interest rate agreements, which do not qualify for hedge accounting under SFAS No. 133, which decreased from \$54 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004 to \$25 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005.

**Loss on extinguishment of debt.** Loss on extinguishment of debt of \$5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005 primarily represents approximately \$5 million of losses related to the redemption of our subsidiary's, CC V Holdings, LLC, 11.875% notes due 2008. See Note 6 to the condensed consolidated financial statements. Loss on extinguishment of debt of \$21 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004 represents the write-off of deferred financing fees and third party costs related to the Charter Operating refinancing in April 2004.

**Gain on investments.** Gain on investments of \$21 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005 primarily represents a gain realized on an exchange of our interest in an equity investee for an investment in a larger enterprise.

**Minority Interest.** Minority interest represents the 2% accretion of the preferred membership interests in our indirect subsidiary, CC VIII, LLC, and in 2004, the pro rata share of the profits and losses of CC VIII, LLC. Effective January 1, 2005, we ceased recognizing minority interest in earnings or losses of CC VIII for financial reporting purposes until the dispute between Charter and Mr. Allen regarding the preferred membership interests in CC VIII is resolved. See Note 7 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

**Income Tax Expense.** Income tax expense of \$8 million and \$4 million was recognized for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Income tax expense represents increases in the deferred tax liabilities and current federal and state income tax expenses of certain of our indirect corporate subsidiaries.

**Net Loss.** Net loss increased by \$66 million, from \$30 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004 to \$96 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005 as a result of the factors described above.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

### **Introduction**

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

### **Overview**

Our business requires significant cash to fund debt service costs, capital expenditures and ongoing operations. We have historically funded our debt service costs, operating activities and capital requirements through cash flows from operating activities, borrowings under our credit facilities, equity contributions from our parent companies, borrowings from our parent companies, sales of assets, issuances of debt securities and cash on hand. However, the mix of funding sources changes from period to period. For the six months ended June 30, 2005, we generated \$590 million of net cash flows from operating activities after paying cash interest of \$269 million. In addition, we used approximately \$542 million for purchases of property, plant and equipment. Finally, we had net cash flows used in financing activities of \$105 million, which included, among other things, approximately \$705 million in repayment of borrowings under the Charter Operating revolving credit facility. The repayment was offset in part by \$479 million of contributions from CCO Holdings of proceeds from the sale of the CCO Holdings senior floating rate notes in December 2004. 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 markets, the timing of possible asset sales and our ability to generate cash flows from operating activities. We continue to explore asset dispositions as one of several possible actions that we could take in the future to improve our liquidity, but we do not presently consider future asset sales as a significant source of liquidity.

We expect that cash on hand, cash flows from operating activities and the amounts available under our credit facilities will be adequate to meet our and our parent companies' cash needs for the remainder of 2005. Cash flows from operating activities and amounts available under our credit facilities may not be sufficient to fund our operations and satisfy our and our parent companies' interest and principal repayment obligations that come due in 2006 and, we believe, such amounts will not be sufficient to fund our operations and satisfy such interest and repayment obligations thereafter.

It is likely that we and our parent companies' will require additional funding to repay debt maturing after 2006. We have been advised that Charter is working with its financial advisors to address such funding requirements. However, there can be no assurance that such funding will be available to us. Although Mr. Allen and his affiliates have purchased equity from Charter and Charter Holdco in the past, Mr. Allen and his affiliates are not obligated to purchase equity from, contribute to or loan funds to us or our parent companies in the future.

### ***Credit Facilities and Covenants***

Our ability to operate depends upon, among other things, our continued access to capital, including credit under the Charter Operating credit facilities. These credit facilities, along with our indentures, contain certain restrictive covenants, some of which require us to maintain specified financial ratios and meet financial tests and to provide audited financial statements with an unqualified opinion from our independent auditors. As of June 30, 2005, we were in compliance with the covenants under our indentures and credit facilities and we expect to remain in compliance with those covenants for the next twelve months. As of June 30, 2005, we had borrowing availability under our credit facilities of \$870 million, none of which was restricted due to covenants. Continued access to our credit facilities is subject to our remaining in compliance with the covenants of these credit facilities, including covenants tied to our operating performance. If our operating performance results in non-compliance with these covenants, or if any of certain other events of non-compliance under these credit facilities or indentures governing our debt occurs, funding under the credit facilities may not be available and defaults on some or potentially all of our debt obligations could occur. An event of default under 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 could have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial condition and results of operations.

The Charter Operating credit facilities required us to redeem the CC V Holdings, LLC notes as a result of the Charter Holdings leverage ratio becoming less than 8.75 to 1.0. In satisfaction of this requirement, in March 2005, CC V Holdings, LLC redeemed all of its outstanding notes, at 103.958% of principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. The total cost of the redemption including accrued and unpaid interest was approximately \$122 million. We funded the redemption with borrowings under the Charter Operating credit facilities.

### ***Parent Companies' Debt Obligations***

Any financial or liquidity problems of our parent companies could cause serious disruption to our business and have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations. A failure by Charter Holdings to satisfy its debt payment obligations or a bankruptcy filing with respect to Charter Holdings would give the lenders under the Charter Operating credit facilities the right to accelerate the payment obligations under these facilities. Any such acceleration would be a default under the indenture governing our notes. As of June 30, 2005, Charter had approximately \$888 million principal amount of senior convertible notes outstanding with approximately \$25 million and \$863 million maturing in 2006 and 2009, respectively. During the six months ended June 30, 2005, we distributed \$429 million to CCO Holdings of which \$60 million was subsequently distributed to Charter Holdco. As of June 30, 2005, Charter Holdco was owed \$62 million in intercompany loans from its subsidiaries, which amount was available to pay interest and principal on Charter's convertible senior notes. In addition, Charter has \$122 million of governmental securities pledged as security for the next five semi-annual interest payments on Charter's 5.875% convertible senior notes.

As of June 30, 2005, Charter Holdings, CCH II and CCO Holdings had approximately \$11.2 billion principal amount of high-yield notes outstanding with approximately \$105 million, \$3.4 billion and \$7.7 billion maturing in 2007, 2009 and thereafter, respectively. Charter, Charter Holdings, CCH II and CCO Holdings will need to raise additional capital or receive distributions or payments from us in order to satisfy their debt obligations. However, because of their significant indebtedness, the ability of the parent companies to raise additional capital at reasonable rates is uncertain. Distributions by Charter's subsidiaries to a parent company (including Charter, Charter Holdco, Charter Holdings, CCH II and CCO Holdings) for payment of principal on the parent companies' debt obligations, however, are restricted by the indentures governing the CCH II notes, CCO Holdings notes, and Charter Operating notes, unless under their respective indentures there is no default and a specified leverage ratio test is met at the time of such event.

In accordance with the registration rights agreement entered into with their initial sale, Charter was required to register for resale by April 21, 2005 its 5.875% convertible senior notes due 2009, issued in November 2004. Since these convertible notes were not registered by that date, Charter paid or will pay liquidated damages totaling \$0.5 million through July 14, 2005, the day prior to the effective date of the registration statement. In addition, in accordance with the share lending agreement entered into in connection with the initial sale of Charter's 5.875% convertible senior notes due 2009, Charter was required to register by April 1, 2005 150 million shares of its Class A common stock that Charter was obligated to lend to Citigroup Global Markets Limited ("CGML") at CGML's request. Because this registration statement was not declared effective by such date, Charter paid or will pay liquidated damages totaling \$11 million from April 2, 2005 through July 17, 2005, the day before the effective date of the registration statement.

### ***Specific Limitations at Charter Holdings***

The indentures governing the Charter Holdings notes permit Charter Holdings to make distributions to Charter Holdco for payment of interest or principal on the convertible senior notes, only if, after giving effect to the distribution, Charter Holdings can incur additional debt under the leverage ratio of 8.75 to 1.0, there is no default under Charter Holdings' indentures and other specified tests are met. For the quarter ended June 30, 2005, there was no default under Charter Holdings' indentures and other specified tests were met. However, Charter Holdings did not meet the leverage ratio of 8.75 to 1.0 based on June 30, 2005 financial results. As a result, distributions from Charter Holdings to Charter or Charter Holdco are currently restricted and will continue to be restricted until that test is met. During this restriction period, the indentures governing the Charter Holdings notes permit Charter Holdings and its subsidiaries to make specified investments in Charter Holdco or Charter, up to an amount determined by a formula, as long as there is no default under the indentures.

In the past, our parent companies have accessed the equity and high-yield debt markets as a source of capital to fund their subsidiaries' operations. We believe that our parent companies' continued access to the debt markets will depend on market conditions in light of, among other things, their significant levels of debt, their debt ratings, general economic conditions, and the business condition of the cable, telecommunications and technology industry. If they are unable to raise the required capital on reasonable terms, our parent companies could elect to cause us to distribute or otherwise pay to them (to the extent available and permitted by the indentures governing our notes) the necessary funds to pay principal and interest amounts due on Charter's, Charter Holdings', CCH II's or CCO Holdings' debt, which could negatively impact our liquidity. If, at any time, additional capital or borrowing capacity is required beyond amounts internally generated or available under our credit facilities or through additional debt financings, we would consider:

- issuing debt or equity at the parent companies, the proceeds of which could be loaned or contributed to us;
- issuing debt securities that may have structural or other priority over our existing notes;
- further reducing our expenses and capital expenditures, which may impair our ability to increase revenue;
- selling assets; or
- requesting waivers or amendments with respect to our credit facilities, the availability and terms of which would be subject to market conditions.

If the above strategies are not successful, we could be forced to restructure our obligations or seek protection under the bankruptcy laws. In addition, if we find it necessary to engage in a recapitalization or other similar transaction, our noteholders might not receive principal and interest payments to which they are contractually entitled.

### ***Sale of Assets***

In March 2004, we closed the sale of certain cable systems in Florida, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and West Virginia to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC. We closed the sale of an additional cable system in New York to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC in April 2004. The total net proceeds from the sale of all of these systems were approximately \$735 million. The proceeds were used to repay a portion of amounts outstanding under our revolving credit facility.

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

As of June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, long-term debt totaled approximately \$7.4 billion and \$7.2 billion, respectively. This debt was comprised of approximately \$5.4 billion and \$5.5 billion of credit facility debt and \$1.9 billion and \$1.7 billion accreted value of high-yield notes, respectively. As of June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, the weighted average interest rate on the credit facility debt was approximately 7.2% and 6.8%, respectively, and the weighted average interest rate on the high-yield notes was approximately 8.3% and 8.5%, respectively, resulting in a blended weighted average interest rate of 7.5% and 7.2%, respectively. The interest rate on approximately 57% and 56% of the total principal amount of our debt was effectively fixed, including the effects of our interest rate hedge agreements as of June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively.

***Issuance of Charter Operating Notes in Exchange for Charter Holdings Notes.*** In March and June 2005, Charter Operating, consummated exchange transactions with a small number of institutional holders of Charter Holdings 8.25% Senior Notes due 2007 pursuant to which Charter Operating issued, in private placement, approximately \$333 million principal amount of its 8.375% senior second lien Notes due 2014 in exchange for approximately \$346 million of the Charter Holdings 8.25% senior notes due 2007. The Charter Holdings notes received in the exchange were thereafter distributed to Charter Holdings and cancelled.

***CC V Holdings, LLC Notes.*** The Charter Operating credit facilities required us to redeem the CC V Holdings, LLC notes as a result of the Charter Holdings leverage ratio becoming less than 8.75 to 1.0. In satisfaction of this requirement, in March 2005, CC V Holdings, LLC redeemed all of its 11.875% notes due 2008, at 103.958% of principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. The total cost of redemption was approximately \$122 million and was funded through borrowings under our credit facilities. Following such redemption, CC V Holdings, LLC and its subsidiaries (other than non-guarantor subsidiaries) guaranteed the Charter Operating credit facilities and granted a lien on all of their assets as to which a lien can be perfected under the Uniform Commercial Code by the filing of a financing statement.

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

We held \$18 million in cash and cash equivalents as of June 30, 2005 compared to \$5 million as of December 31, 2004.

***Operating Activities.*** Net cash provided by operating activities increased \$89 million, or 18%, from \$501 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004 to \$590 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005. For the six months ended June 30, 2005, net cash provided by operating activities increased primarily as a result of changes in operating assets and liabilities that used \$86 million less cash during the six months ended June 30, 2005 than the corresponding period in 2004 combined with an increase in revenue over cash costs year over year partially offset by an increase in cash interest expense of \$40 million over the corresponding prior period.

***Investing Activities.*** Net cash used by investing activities for the six months ended June 30, 2005 was \$472 million and net cash provided by investing activities for the six months ended June 30, 2004 was \$307 million. Investing activities used \$779 million more cash during the six months ended June 30, 2005 than the corresponding period in 2004 primarily as a result of proceeds from the sale of certain cable systems to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC in 2004 and increased cash used for capital expenditures in 2005.

***Financing Activities.*** Net cash used in financing activities decreased \$699 million from \$804 million for the six

months ended June 30, 2004 to \$105 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005. The decrease in cash used during the six months ended June 30, 2005 as compared to the corresponding period in 2004, was primarily the result of an increase in contributions and a decrease in net repayments of long-term debt.

### **Capital Expenditures**

We have significant ongoing capital expenditure requirements. Capital expenditures were \$542 million and \$380 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively. In addition, Charter Holdco transferred \$139 million of property, plant and equipment to us. Capital expenditures increased as a result of increased spending on support capital related to our investment in service improvements; scalable infrastructure related to telephone services, VOD and digital simulcast; and customer premise equipment primarily related to the continued demand for advanced digital set-tops. See the table below for more details.

Upgrading our cable systems has enabled us to offer digital television, high-speed Internet 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 six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, our liabilities related to capital expenditures increased \$48 million and decreased \$38 million, respectively.

During 2005, we expect capital expenditures to be approximately \$1 billion. The increase in capital expenditures for 2005 compared to 2004 is the result of expected increases in telephone services and deployment of advanced digital boxes. We expect that the nature of these expenditures will continue to be composed primarily of purchases of customer premise equipment, support capital and for scalable infrastructure costs. We expect to fund capital expenditures for 2005 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 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.

The following table presents our major capital expenditures categories in accordance with NCTA disclosure guidelines for the three and six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004 (dollars in millions):

|                                       | <b>Three Months Ended June 30,</b> |               | <b>Six Months Ended June 30,</b> |               |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
|                                       | <b>2005</b>                        | <b>2004</b>   | <b>2005</b>                      | <b>2004</b>   |
| Customer premise equipment (a)        | \$ 142                             | \$ 105        | \$ 228                           | \$ 217        |
| Scalable infrastructure (b)           | 47                                 | 14            | 89                               | 33            |
| Line extensions (c)                   | 48                                 | 35            | 77                               | 60            |
| Upgrade/Rebuild (d)                   | 12                                 | 6             | 22                               | 18            |
| Support capital (e)                   | 82                                 | 33            | 126                              | 52            |
| <b>Total capital expenditures (f)</b> | <b>\$ 331</b>                      | <b>\$ 193</b> | <b>\$ 542</b>                    | <b>\$ 380</b> |

- (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 and six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, 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 2004 Annual Report on Form 10-K, that could materially impact our business, results of operations and financial condition.

**Restrictive Covenants.** Our credit facilities and the indentures governing our and our subsidiaries' other debt contain a number of significant covenants that could adversely impact our ability to operate our business, and therefore could adversely affect our results of operations. These covenants restrict our and our subsidiaries' ability to:

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

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

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

**Parent Companies' Liquidity Concerns.** Our parent companies have a significant amount of debt and may incur additional debt in the future. At June 30, 2005, Charter had approximately \$25 million and \$863 million aggregate principal amount of convertible senior notes outstanding, which mature in 2006 and 2009, respectively, and Charter Holdings, CCH II and CCO Holdings had approximately \$11.2 billion aggregate principal amount of senior notes and senior discount notes, some of which mature in 2007 and the remainder of which mature in 2009 through 2013. Charter, Charter Holdings, CCH II and CCO Holdings will need to raise additional capital or receive distributions or payments from us in order to satisfy its debt obligations.

Charter's ability to make interest payments on its convertible senior notes, and, in 2006 and 2009, to repay the outstanding principal of its convertible senior notes, will depend on its ability to raise additional capital and/or on receipt of payments or distributions from Charter Holdco or its subsidiaries, including Charter Operating. Distributions by Charter's subsidiaries to a parent company (including Charter, Charter Holdco, Charter Holdings, CCH II and CCO Holdings) for payment of principal on Charter's convertible senior notes, however, are restricted by the indentures governing the CCH II notes, CCO Holdings notes and Charter Operating notes, unless under their respective indentures there is no default and a specified leverage ratio test is met at the time of such event. During the six months ended June 30, 2005, we distributed \$429 million to CCO Holdings of which \$60 million was subsequently distributed to Charter Holdco. As of June 30, 2005, Charter Holdco was owed \$62 million in intercompany loans from its subsidiaries, which amount was available to pay interest and principal on Charter's

convertible senior notes. In addition, Charter has \$122 million of governmental securities pledged as security for the next five semi-annual interest payments on Charter's 5.875% convertible senior notes.

The indentures governing the Charter Holdings notes permit Charter Holdings to make distributions to Charter Holdco for payment of interest or principal on the convertible senior notes, only if, after giving effect to the distribution, Charter Holdings can incur additional debt under the leverage ratio of 8.75 to 1.0, there is no default under Charter Holdings' indentures and other specified tests are met. For the quarter ended June 30, 2005, there was no default under Charter Holdings' indentures and other specified tests were met. However, Charter Holdings did not meet the leverage ratio of 8.75 to 1.0 based on June 30, 2005 financial results. As a result, distributions from Charter Holdings to Charter or Charter Holdco are currently restricted and will continue to be restricted until that test is met. During this restriction period, the indentures governing the Charter Holdings notes permit Charter Holdings and its subsidiaries to make specified investments in Charter Holdco or Charter, up to an amount determined by a formula, as long as there is no default under the indentures.

Because Charter is our manager, any financial or liquidity problems of Charter could cause serious disruption to our business and have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations. Any such event could adversely impact our own credit rating, and our relations with customers and suppliers, which could in turn further impair our ability to obtain financing and operate our business. Further, to the extent that any such event results in a change of control of Charter (whether through a bankruptcy, receivership or other reorganization of Charter and/or Charter Holdco, or otherwise), it could result in an event of default under our credit facilities and would require a change of control repurchase offer under our outstanding notes.

***Securities Litigation.*** A number of putative federal class action lawsuits were filed against Charter and certain of its former and present officers and directors alleging violations of securities laws, which have been consolidated for pretrial purposes. In addition, a number of shareholder derivative lawsuits were filed against Charter in the same and other jurisdictions. A shareholders derivative suit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri against Charter and its then current directors. Also, three shareholders derivative suits were filed in Missouri state court against Charter, its then current directors and its former independent auditor. These state court actions have been consolidated. The federal shareholders derivative suit and the consolidated derivative suit each alleged that the defendants breached their fiduciary duties.

Charter entered into Stipulations of Settlement setting forth proposed terms of settlement for the above-described class actions and derivative suits. On May 23, 2005 the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri conducted the final fairness hearing for the Actions, and on June 30, 2005, the Court issued its final approval of the settlements. Members of the class had 30 days from the issuance of the June 30 order approving the settlement to file an appeal challenging the approval. Two notices of appeal were filed relating to the settlement, but Charter does not yet know the specific issues presented by such appeals, nor have briefing schedules been set. See "Part II, Item 1. Legal Proceedings."

Moreover, due to (i) the inherent uncertainties of litigation and investigations, (ii) the remaining conditions to the finalization of our anticipated settlements, (iii) the possibility of appeals and objections to the settlements and (iv) the need for us to comply with, and/or otherwise implement certain covenants, conditions, undertakings, procedures and other obligations that would be or have been imposed under the terms of the settlements, Charter cannot predict with certainty the ultimate outcome of these proceedings. An unfavorable outcome in the lawsuits described above could result in substantial potential liabilities and have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial condition and results of operations or our liquidity. Further, these proceedings, and our actions in response to these proceedings, could result in substantial additional defense costs 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, and has become more so in recent years. In some instances, we compete against companies with fewer regulatory burdens, easier access to financing, greater personnel resources, greater brand name recognition and long-established relationships with regulatory authorities and customers. Increasing consolidation in the cable industry and the repeal of certain ownership rules may provide additional benefits to certain of our competitors, either through access to financing, resources or efficiencies of scale.

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

Local telephone companies and electric utilities can offer video and other services in competition with us, and they increasingly may do so in the future. Certain telephone companies have begun more extensive deployment of fiber in their networks that will enable them to begin providing video services, as well as telephone and high-bandwidth Internet access services, to residential and business customers. Some of these telephone companies have obtained, and are now seeking, franchises or alternative authorizations that are less burdensome than existing Charter franchises. The subscription television industry also faces competition from free broadcast television and from other communications and entertainment media. Further loss of customers to DBS or other alternative video and data services could have a material negative impact on the value of our business and its performance.

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

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

Mergers, joint ventures and alliances among franchised, wireless or private cable operators, satellite television providers, telephone companies 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.

***Long-Term Indebtedness — Change of Control Payments.*** We and our parent companies may not have the ability to raise the funds necessary to fulfill our obligations under our and our parent companies’ senior and senior discount notes and our credit facilities following a change of control. Under the indentures governing our parent companies’ notes, upon the occurrence of specified change of control events, each such issuer is required to offer to repurchase all of its outstanding notes. However, our parent companies may not have sufficient funds at the time of the change of control event to make the required repurchase of the applicable notes and all of the notes issuers are limited in their ability to make distributions or other payments to their respective parent companies to fund any required repurchase. In addition, a change of control under our credit facilities and indentures governing their and our notes could require the repayment of borrowings under those credit facilities and indentures. The credit facilities and the notes would have to be repaid by us and our subsidiaries before our assets could be available to our parent companies to repurchase our parent companies’ notes. Any failure to make or complete a change of control offer would place the applicable issuer or borrower in default under its notes. Our failure to make a change of control offer or repay the amounts outstanding under our credit facilities would place us in default under these agreements and could result in a default under the indentures governing our parent companies’ notes. See “— Certain Trends and Uncertainties — Liquidity.”

***Variable Interest Rates.*** At June 30, 2005, excluding the effects of hedging, approximately 74% 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 June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, the weighted average interest rate on the credit facility debt was approximately 7.2% and 6.8%, respectively, and the weighted

average interest rate on the high-yield notes was approximately 8.3% and 8.5%, respectively, resulting in a blended weighted average interest rate of 7.5% and 7.2%, respectively. The interest rate on approximately 57% and 56% of the total principal amount of our debt was effectively fixed, including the effects of our interest rate hedge agreements as of June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively.

**Services.** We expect that a substantial portion of our near-term growth will be achieved through revenues from high-speed Internet services, digital video, bundled service packages, and to a lesser extent various commercial services that take advantage of cable's broadband capacity. 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, 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. If it is determined that the product or service 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. We expect programming costs to continue to increase because of a variety of factors, including inflationary or negotiated annual increases, additional programming being provided to customers and increased costs to purchase programming. The inability to fully pass these programming cost increases on to our customers would have an adverse impact on our cash flow and operating margins. As measured by programming costs, and excluding premium services (substantially all of which were renegotiated and renewed in 2003), as of July 7, 2005 approximately 9% of our current programming contracts were expired, and approximately another 21% are scheduled to expire at or before the end of 2005. There can be no assurance that these agreements will be renewed on favorable or comparable terms. To the extent that we are unable to reach agreement with certain programmers on terms that we believe are reasonable we may be forced to remove such programming channels from our line-up, which could result in a further loss of customers.

**Notes Price Volatility.** The market price of our publicly traded notes 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 in 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 change in our debt ratings; the development of improved or competitive technologies; the use of new products or promotions by us or our competitors; changes in accounting rules or interpretations; and new regulatory legislation adopted in the United States.

In addition, the securities market in general, 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 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 Charter in 2001 and 2002, following a decline in its 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. Reductions in operating revenues would likely 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.

**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.

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

Over the past several years, proposals have been advanced that would require cable operators offering Internet service to provide non-discriminatory access to cable's broadband infrastructure to competing Internet service providers. In a June 2005 ruling, commonly referred to as *Brand X*, the Supreme Court upheld an FCC decision making it less likely that any non-discriminatory "open access" requirements (which are generally associated with common carrier regulation of "telecommunications services") will be imposed on the cable industry by local, state or federal authorities. The Supreme Court held that the FCC was correct in classifying cable-provided Internet service as an "information service," rather than a "telecommunications service." This favorable regulatory classification limits the ability of various governmental authorities to impose open access requirements on cable-provided Internet service. Given the recency of the *Brand X* decision, however, the nature of any legislative or regulatory response remains uncertain. The imposition of open access requirements could materially affect our business.

#### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures.**

As of the end of the period covered by this report, management, including our Interim Chief Executive Officer and Interim 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 Interim Chief Executive Officer and Interim 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 June 30, 2005 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

In designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, our management recognized that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance of achieving the desired control objectives and management necessarily was required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. Based upon the above evaluation, our 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") were 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 were sought by the plaintiffs. In general, the lawsuits alleged 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. 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 Court subsequently consolidated the Federal Class Actions into a single action (the "Consolidated Federal Class Action") for pretrial purposes. On August 5, 2004, the plaintiff's representatives, Charter and the individual defendants who were the subject of the suit entered into a Memorandum of Understanding setting forth agreements in principle to settle the Consolidated Federal Class Action. These parties subsequently entered into Stipulations of Settlement dated as of January 24, 2005 (described more fully below) which incorporate the terms of the August 5, 2004 Memorandum of Understanding.

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. The plaintiffs alleged that the individual defendants breached their fiduciary duties by failing to establish and maintain adequate internal controls and procedures.

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, and Charter Communications, Inc.

On March 12, 2004, an action substantively identical to the State Derivative Action was filed in Missouri State Court against Charter and certain of its current and former directors, as well as its former auditors. On July 14, 2004, the Court consolidated this case with the State Derivative Action.

This action is entitled:

- Thomas Schimmel, Derivatively on behalf on 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 in that suit alleged that the individual defendants breached their fiduciary duties and grossly mismanaged Charter by failing to establish and maintain adequate internal controls and procedures.

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.

As noted above, Charter and the individual defendants entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on August 5, 2004 setting forth agreements in principle regarding settlement of the Consolidated Federal Class Action, the State Derivative Action(s) and the Federal Derivative Action (the "Actions"). Charter and various other defendants in those actions subsequently entered into Stipulations of Settlement dated as of January 24, 2005, setting forth a settlement of the Actions in a manner consistent with the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding. The Stipulations of Settlement, along with various supporting documentation, were filed with the Court on February 2, 2005. On May 23, 2005 the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri conducted the final fairness hearing for the Actions, and on June 30, 2005, the Court issued its final approval of the settlements. Members of the class had 30 days from the issuance of the June 30 order approving the settlement to file an appeal challenging the approval. Two notices of appeal were filed relating to the settlement, but Charter does not yet know the specific issues presented by such appeals, nor have briefing schedules been set.

As amended, the Stipulations of Settlement provide that, in exchange for a release of all claims by plaintiffs against Charter and its former and present officers and directors named in the Actions, Charter would pay to the plaintiffs a combination of cash and equity collectively valued at \$144 million, which will include the fees and expenses of plaintiffs' counsel. Of this amount, \$64 million would be paid in cash (by Charter's insurance carriers) and the \$80 million balance was to be paid (subject to Charter's right to substitute cash therefor described below) in shares of Charter Class A common stock having an aggregate value of \$40 million and ten-year warrants to purchase shares of Charter Class A common stock having an aggregate warrant value of \$40 million, with such values in each case being determined pursuant to formulas set forth in the Stipulations of Settlement. However, Charter had the right, in its sole discretion, to substitute cash for some or all of the aforementioned securities on a dollar for dollar basis. Pursuant to that right, Charter elected to fund the \$80 million obligation with 13.4 million shares of Charter Class A common stock (having an aggregate value of approximately \$15 million pursuant to the formula set forth in the Stipulations of Settlement) with the remaining balance (less an agreed upon \$2 million discount in respect of that portion allocable to plaintiffs' attorneys' fees) to be paid in cash. In addition, Charter had agreed to issue additional shares of its Class A common stock to its insurance carrier having an aggregate value of \$5 million; however, by agreement with its carrier Charter has paid \$4.5 million in cash in lieu of issuing such shares. Charter delivered the settlement consideration to the claims administrator on July 8, 2005, and it will be held in escrow pending any appeals of the approval. On July 14, 2005, the Circuit Court for the City of St. Louis dismissed with prejudice the State Derivative Actions.

As part of the settlements, Charter has committed to a variety of corporate governance changes, internal practices and public disclosures, some of which have already been undertaken and none of which are inconsistent with measures Charter is taking in connection with the recent conclusion of the SEC investigation.

### **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 publicly stated that Charter was not a target of the investigation. Charter was also advised by the U.S. Attorney's Office that no current officer or member of its board of directors was 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. Each of the indicted former officers pled guilty to single conspiracy counts related to the original mail and wire fraud charges and were sentenced April 22, 2005. Charter has advised us that it has fully cooperated with the investigation, and following the sentencings, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri announced that its investigation was concluded and that no further indictments would issue.

**Indemnification**

Charter was generally required to indemnify, under certain conditions, 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 grand jury investigation, a now-settled SEC investigation and the above-described lawsuits, some of Charter's current and former directors and current and former officers have been advanced certain costs and expenses incurred in connection with their defense. On February 22, 2005, Charter filed suit against four of its former officers who were indicted in the course of the grand jury investigation. These suits seek to recover the legal fees and other related expenses advanced to these individuals. One of these former officers has counterclaimed against Charter alleging, among other things, that Charter owes him additional indemnification for legal fees that Charter did not pay and another of these former officers has counterclaimed against Charter for accrued sick leave.

**Other Litigation**

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.