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Secretary Kathleen H. Burgess
New York State Public Service Commission
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via Secretary@dps.ny.gov

Re: 15-M-0388

Proposed Merger of Charter Communications, Inc. and Time Warner Cable Inc.

Dear Hon. Burgess:

I am an attorney and my firm represents the Town of Conklin, which is located in Broome County, New York. The Town of Conklin Town Board asked me to relay their current situation and express their frustration concerning their expired cable franchise agreement with Time Warner Cable Inc. ("TWC").

The Town has an expired cable franchise agreement with TWC which expired some time ago. Over several years, the Town has attempted to negotiate a renewal of the agreement, but it still has not been finalized.

The Town is concerned that the focus of TWC is on its attempts at a merger, rather than focusing on its franchises. It was explained that part of the delay in the negotiations was due to a lack of manpower at TWC. Also, it is unknown if the delay is related to those agreements being viewed as assets in the merger negotiations rather than how they have historically been handled by TWC. It is the Town's experience, that historically, TWC and its local representatives have handled these agreements timely and fairly.

The Town would respectfully ask the Commission to consider the status of local municipalities' cable franchise agreements; and how long they have remained expired. If those delays are due, in whole or part, to the attempted mergers of TWC, then the Town asks the Commission to remind TWC that it must negotiate fairly and timely with local governments.

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The Town would not oppose the proposed merger if TWC was required to renew all of its outstanding franchise agreements, which have been expired for two (2) years or more.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

COUGHLIN & GERHART, LLP

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cheryl I. Sacco", followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

By: Cheryl I. Sacco
Partner

cc: Town Board, Town of Conklin