## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)		
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Application of Time Warner Cable	)		
Information Services (Kentucky), LLC for	)	Docket No. 2021-00005	
Designation as an Eligible	)		
Telecommunications Carrier to Receive Rural	)		
Digital Opportunity Fund Auction (Auction	)		
904) Support for Voice and Broadband	)		
Services	)		

# TIME WARNER CABLE INFORMATION SERVICES (KENTUCKY), LLC's NOTICE OF FILING AND WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Time Warner Cable Information Services (Kentucky), LLC ("TWCIS"), by counsel and pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, provides notice that it is publicly filing Exhibit E of its Application. TWCIS requested confidential treatment for this information because it was confidential and proprietary at that time, as well as being prohibited from disclosure pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.2105(c). The time period during which disclosure was prohibited has expired, and TWCIS has publicly released financial information related to its investment. (A copy of the release is attached as an Appendix.) Accordingly, TWCIS is filing Exhibit E with this Notice and withdraws its previously filed Motion for Confidential Treatment.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **RURAL BROADBAND - REGIONAL EXPANSION**

### A \$158 Million Initiative to Expand Broadband Availability to Unserved Kentucky Homes and Small Businesses

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Charter has announced plans to deliver gigabit high-speed broadband to approximately 31,700 unserved Kentucky homes and small businesses, as estimated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). As part of this effort, more than \$158 million will be invested in Kentucky, which includes an expected private investment of at least \$100 million by Charter and more than \$58 million in support won by Charter in the FCC's Rural Digital Opportunity (RDOF) auction. You can view a map of the Kentucky expansion here. The effort is part of the company's recently announced expected investment of approximately \$5 billion — offset by \$1.2 billion in RDOF support — to expand Charter's network to what the FCC estimates to be more than 1 million homes and small businesses in lower-density, mostly rural communities across 24 states that do not have access to broadband service of at least 25/3 Mbps.

The new initiative is in addition to Charter's existing network expansion plans and builds upon the company's long track record of expanding broadband access to unserved and underserved locations.

The FCC estimates that through this project alone, Charter will connect nearly 40% of the total RDOF locations won in Kentucky with quality, high-speed broadband. The project will be one of the largest rural broadband expansion projects in the Commonwealth's history.

Charter was awarded RDOF funding in nearly one-third of the counties in the Commonwealth, which includes nine counties previously unserved by Charter. In addition, <u>23</u> of the 37 counties where Charter received support are designated rural by the federal government, meaning the entire area of the county

is considered rural. Significant portions of rural Ohio, Powell and Washington counties will be reached through this network extension.

### Gigabit Broadband with No Data Caps or Modem Fees

The network Charter will build in these mostly rural areas will offer 1 Gbps highspeed broadband access to all newly served customer locations, with starting speeds of 200 Mbps, enabling consumers to engage in remote learning, work, telemedicine and other applications that require high-bandwidth, low-latency connectivity. These newly served customer locations also will benefit from Charter's high-value Spectrum pricing and packaging structure, including its Spectrum Mobile™, Spectrum TV® and Voice offerings. Charter will continue to apply its customer-friendly policies in newly served regions, including no data caps, modem fees or annual contracts, combined with high-quality service provided by U.S.-based, insourced employees.

"The pandemic has highlighted the need for broadband availability and adoption and Charter is committed to furthering its efforts as part of the comprehensive solution needed to address these challenges and positively impact the local communities we serve.

As Americans across the country increasingly rely on broadband to work, learn, access healthcare and stay in touch with family and loved ones, bringing broadband access to more unserved areas should be a priority for all stakeholders."

TOM RUTLEDGE CHAIRMAN & CEO

Preparation for the RDOF Phase I broadband buildout has already begun and will include Charter expanding its existing construction organization in order to focus on deployment of this new fiber-optic network. Charter expects to hire more than 2,000 employees and contractors nationwide to support the RDOF and future rural buildout initiatives, including local crews in state for network construction. Charter currently employs more than 3,000 people in Kentucky, with employees already earning at least two times the federal minimum wage with a commitment to raising it to \$20 an hour next year.

The FCC estimates Charter's major infrastructure investment will ultimately reach more than 1 million households and small businesses and will be completed on a rolling basis, with all customer locations expected to be connected within the six-year compliance window. Charter has established an online resource at <a href="SpectrumRuralExpansion.com">SpectrumRuralExpansion.com</a>, where consumers can learn more about the RDOF buildout. In the months ahead, the site will include the ability to determine whether specific residential or business locations will be part of the RDOF buildout. And in the future, the site also will allow prospective customers to request email or text message updates from Spectrum as the buildout progresses and more specific information becomes available. As buildouts near completion, Charter will contact customers to provide details about the Spectrum services available and activation time frames.

### Timely Execution Depends on Prompt Permitting and Access to Utility Poles

The timely execution and potential reach of the buildout are dependent on several external factors, including the utility pole permitting and "make-ready" processes. With fewer homes and businesses in these areas, broadband providers need to access multiple poles for every new home served, as opposed to multiple homes per pole in higher-density settings. As a result, pole applications, pole replacement rules and their affiliated issue resolution processes are all factors that can have a significant impact on the length of time it takes to complete projects in these rural areas.

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