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Via Electronic Mail

**Re: Charter Communications, Inc. Response to SED Kern County West District Audit:
CA2026-1344**

Dear Mr. Ibrahim:

This letter is in response to your April 21, 2026 Audit Report of Charter Communications, Inc.'s ("Charter") Kern County West District.

Enclosed are (i) a CONFIDENTIAL Field Inspection Response spreadsheet; (ii) a redacted PUBLIC Field Inspection Response spreadsheet; and (iii) a declaration supporting Charter's request for confidential treatment of the CONFIDENTIAL Field Inspection Response spreadsheet

I. RECORDS REVIEW

Audit Finding:

Charter's records indicated that from September 2024 to January 2026, Charter had 1 pending overhead patrol inspection of its nodes past Charter's scheduled due date.

Charter Response to Audit Finding:

The completion date on the pre-audit data spreadsheet was omitted in error. The completion date is 5/2/25.

Audit Finding:

Charter's records indicated that from September 2024 to January 2026, Charter had 1 pending underground patrol inspection of its nodes past Charter's scheduled due date.

Charter Response to Audit Finding:

The completion date on the pre-audit data spreadsheet was omitted in error. The completion date is 5/14/25.

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II. FIELD INSPECTION RESPONSE

Charter's responses to the Field Inspection section are attached in the document titled "CONFIDENTIAL Charter Response to Field Inspection Kern County West Audit."

If you have questions regarding this response, please feel free to reach out to either Torry Somers (torry.somers@charter.com) or to myself (ryan.lindsay@charter.com).

Sincerely,

/s/ Ryan Lindsay

Ryan Lindsay
Senior Manager, Construction

Enclosures: CONFIDENTIAL Field Inspection Response spreadsheet
PUBLIC Field Inspection Response spreadsheet
Declaration Seeking Confidential Treatment

cc: Lee Palmer, Director, Safety and Enforcement Division, CPUC
Eric Wu, Program Manager, ESRB, SED, CPUC
Jose Lastra, Utilities Engineer, electric Safety and Reliability Branch, CPUC
Torry R. Somers, Vice President Regulatory Affairs, Charter
Lisa Ludovici, Director Government Affairs, Charter

**DECLARATION OF TORRY R. SOMERS
SEEKING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT**

I, Torry R. Somers, declare as follows:

1. I am Vice President, State Regulatory Affairs, of Charter Communications, Inc. (“Charter”) and am authorized to make this declaration.
2. Charter is submitting its spreadsheet response (“Response”) to the February 23rd – 27th 2026 Safety and Enforcement Division Audit Report of Kern County West District, with this request for confidential treatment made pursuant to Sections 3.2 of General Order (“GO”) 66-D.
3. *Audit Information:* I am informed and believe that the Public Records Act, including but not limited to California Government Code §§ 7923.600, 7929.215, and 7930.100 protects against disclosure of investigatory information, which includes the type of audit information set forth in the attached.
4. *Critical Infrastructure Information:* The Response contains sensitive information regarding Charter’s network infrastructure. I am informed and believe that the California Public Records Act protects against disclosure of confidential “utility systems development” data, like the data contained herein. California Government Code § 7927.300. Moreover, I am informed and believe that state law protects against disclosure that is prohibited under federal law—federal law protects against the disclosure of information regarding critical infrastructure (6 U.S.C. § 673), which has been found to include communications network information like the information being submitted here. The information is not customarily in the public domain and is not solely related to the location of a particular physical structure that is visible with the naked eye. The enclosed infrastructure information is critical to our nation’s communications networks, and disclosure of these records could harm public safety and network reliability by exposing to attack specific locations, operations, and functionalities of communications and utility infrastructure.
5. *Trade Secret:* The Response contains confidential network and operational information that is not disclosed to the public. This Response contains information that reveals unique planning, design and implementation efforts used to provide safe, reliable and competitive service to consumers in these areas. I am informed and believe that this information has significant value to Charter. This information would, if disclosed, provide access to information that would harm the private economic interests of Charter and could jeopardize the security of its network. I am informed and on this basis declare that the information provided constitutes a trade secret as defined by

California Civil Code § 3426.1 and California Evidence Code Section 1061 — California Government Code §§ 7927.605 and 7930.105 exempts from public disclosure competitively sensitive information that constitutes a trade secret.

6. *Public Interest Not to Disclose*: The Response contains competitively sensitive material, and critical information not available to the public, that would be harmful to Charter if publicly disclosed, which weighs in favor of non-disclosure under California Government Code § 7922.000. In contrast to the direct harm that Charter would suffer from disclosure — by losing its competitive advantage with respect to operations and network design and management and jeopardizing the safety of its network — there would be no apparent benefit to the public from disclosure of the responses. Further, a failure to preserve the confidentiality of the records would discourage compliance with disclosure requirements and undermine the Commission’s ability to perform its duties.
7. To the extent that there is a need to make contact regarding potential release of information, such contact should be made to Torry Somers, torry.somers@charter.com or Charter’s counsel, zzankel@jenner.com.

I affirm and declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, including Rule 1.1 of the CPUC’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, that, to the best of my knowledge, all of the statements and representations made in this declaration are true and correct.

Executed on this 21st day of May, 2026 at El Segundo, CA.



Torry R. Somers