EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PROPOSED
CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN TOWN OF TRINITY ALABAMA
AND
SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST, LLC

The purpose of this summary is to highlight some of the key provisions that are proposed for a new Cable Television Franchise Agreement with Spectrum Southeast, an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc. ("Charter").

- The proposed Agreement incorporates the minimum Federal Customer Service Standards, addresses insurance requirements and includes extensive construction standards.

- Franchise fees will be paid to the Town on a quarterly basis at 5% of Gross Revenues on revenue categories such as late fee payments, installation revenue, home wiring maintenance services, home shopping commissions, advertising revenue and franchise fee revenue.

- Charter is subject to the Town's ROW Permit Ordinance and will pay permit fees in addition to franchise fees.

- The proposed Agreement incorporates all rights and regulatory authority allowed under the Cable Act and applicable FCC regulations.

- If any audit reveals an underpayment by Grantee of more than 7% or more during any audit period, Grantee shall be responsible for Town's reasonable costs associated with the audit.

- The proposed franchise agreement includes a term of ten (10) years.

- Due to recent FCC 621 Order, Charter will not be required to provide free cable service to municipal and public-school buildings.

- An audit of Charter was performed and Charter was found to be in compliance. Some addresses from previous addresses have been updated in Charter's records which will have the effect of increasing the Town's franchise fee revenue.

CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

FOR

TRINITY, ALABAMA

AND

SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST, LLC

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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST, LLC, AN INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY OF CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A CABLE SYSTEM IN TRINITY, ALABAMA SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS ACCOMPANYING THE GRANT OF THE FRANCHISE; PROVIDING FOR REGULATION AND USE OF THE SYSTEM AND THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY;

The Town Council of Trinity Alabama ordains:

STATEMENT OF INTENT AND PURPOSE

Franchise Authority intends, by the adoption of this Franchise, to bring about the further development of a Cable System, and the continued operation of it. Such development can contribute significantly to the communication needs and desires of the residents and citizens of Franchise Authority and the public generally. Further, Franchise Authority may achieve better utilization and improvement of public services and enhanced economic development with the development and operation of a Cable System.

Adoption of this Franchise is, in the judgment of the Franchise Authority Council, in the best interests of Franchise Authority and its residents.

FINDINGS

In the review of the request for renewal by Grantee and negotiations related thereto, and as a result of a public hearing, the Franchise Authority Council makes the following findings:

1. Grantee has substantially complied with the material terms of the current Franchise under applicable laws;

2. Grantee's technical ability, financial condition, legal qualifications, and character were considered and approved in a full public proceeding after due notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard;

3. Grantee's plans for operating the Cable System were considered and found adequate and feasible in a full public proceeding after due notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard;

4. The Franchise granted to Grantee by Franchise Authority complies with the existing applicable state statutes, federal laws and regulations; and

5. The Franchise granted to Grantee is nonexclusive.

SECTION 1.
SHORT TITLE AND DEFINITIONS

1. Short Title. This Franchise Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Cable Television Franchise Ordinance.

2. Definitions. For the purposes of this Franchise, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, as amended from time to time (the "Cable Act"), unless otherwise defined herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words in the singular number include the plural number, and words in the plural number include the singular number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory. The word "may" is directory and discretionary and not mandatory. Words not defined shall be given their common and ordinary meaning.

   a. "Applicable Laws" means any law, statute, charter, ordinance, rule, regulation, code, license, certificate, franchise, permit, writ, ruling, award, executive order, directive, requirement, injunction (whether temporary, preliminary or permanent), judgment, decree or other order issued, executed, entered or deemed applicable by any governmental authority.

   b. "Basic Cable Service" means any Service tier which includes the lawful retransmission of local television broadcast signals and any public, educational, and governmental access programming required by the Franchise to be carried on the basic tier. Basic Cable Service as defined herein shall be the definition set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 543(b) (7).

   c. "Town Council" means the governing body of Trinity, Alabama.

   d. "Cable Act" shall mean the Cable Communications Act of 1984, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 521, et. seq.

   e. "Cable Service" or "Service" means (A) the one-way transmission to Subscribers of (i) Video Programming or (ii) Other Programming Service, and (B) Subscriber interaction, if any, which is required for the selection or use of such Video Programming or Other Programming Service. Cable Service as defined herein shall be the definition set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 522(6).

   f. "Cable System" or "System" means a facility, consisting of a set of closed transmission paths and associated signal generation, reception, and control equipment that is designed to provide Cable Service which includes Video Programming and which is provided to multiple Subscribers within a community, but such term does not include:

      i. a facility that serves only to retransmit the television signals of one (1) or more television broadcast stations;

      ii. a facility that serves Subscribers without using any public Right-of-Way;

iii. a facility of common carrier which is subject, in whole or in part, to the provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 201 et seq., except that such facility shall be considered a Cable System (other than for purposes of 47 U.S.C. § 541(c)) to the extent such facility is used in the transmission of Video Programming directly to Subscribers, unless the extent of such use is solely to provide interactive on-demand services;

iv. an open video system that complies with 47 U.S.C. § 573; or

v. any facilities of any electric utility used solely for operating its electric utility systems.

vi. Cable System as defined herein shall be the definition set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 522(7).

g. "Channel" or "Cable Channel" means a portion of the electromagnetic frequency spectrum which is used in a Cable System and which is capable of delivering a television Channel as defined by the FCC. Cable Channel as defined herein shall be the definition set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 522(4).

h. "Franchise Authority" or "Grantor" means Town of Trinity, a municipal corporation, in the State of Alabama, acting by and through its Town Council, or its lawfully appointed designee.

i. "Drop" means the cable that connects the ground block on the Subscriber's residence to the nearest distribution point of the System.

j. "FCC" means the Federal Communications Commission and any legally appointed, designated or elected agent or successor.

k. "Franchise" or "Cable Franchise" means this franchise ordinance and the regulatory and contractual relationship established hereby.

l. "Franchise Fee" includes any tax, fee, or assessment of any kind imposed by the Franchise Authority or other governmental entity on Grantee or Subscriber, or both, solely because of their status as such. It does not include any tax, fee, or assessment of general applicability (including any such tax, fee, or assessment imposed on both utilities and cable operators or their services but not including a tax, fee, or assessment which is unduly discriminatory against cable operators or cable Subscribers); capital costs which are required by the Franchise to be incurred by Grantee for public, educational, or governmental access facilities; requirements or charges incidental to the awarding or enforcing of the Franchise, including payments for bonds, security funds, letters of credit, insurance, indemnification, penalties, or liquidated damages; or any fee imposed under Title 17 of the United States Code. Franchise Fee defined herein shall be the definition set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 542(g).

m. "Grantee" is Spectrum Southeast, LLC ("Charter Communications"), its lawful successors, transferees or assignees.

n. "Gross Revenue" means any and all revenue derived by Grantee from the operation of its Cable System to provide Cable Service within the Franchise Authority including, but not limited to, 1) all Cable Service fees, 2) Franchise Fees, 3) late fees and, 4) Installation and reconnection fees, 5) upgrade and downgrade fees, 6) local, state and national advertising revenue, 7) home shopping commissions, 8) equipment rental fees, and 9) written or electronic Channel guide revenue. The term "Gross Revenue" shall not include launch fees, bad debts or any taxes or fees on Services furnished by Grantee imposed upon Subscribers by any municipality, state or other governmental unit, credits, refunds and any amounts collected from Subscribers for deposits. Franchise Authority and Grantee acknowledge and agree that Grantee will maintain its books and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

o. "Installation" means any connection of the System from distribution cable to the point of connection including Standard Installations and custom Installations with the Subscriber Converter or other terminal equipment.

p. "Normal Business Hours" means those hours during which most similar businesses in Franchise Authority are open to serve customers. In all cases, "Normal Business Hours" must include some evening hours, at least one (1) night per week and/or some weekend hours. Normal Business Hours as defined herein shall be the definition set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 76.309.

q. "Normal Operating Conditions" means those Service conditions which are within the control of Grantee. Those conditions which are not within the control of Grantee include, but are not limited to, natural disasters, civil disturbances, power outages, telephone network outages, and severe or unusual weather conditions. Those conditions which are ordinarily within the control of Grantee include, but are not limited to, special promotions, pay-per-view events, rate increases, regular peak or seasonal demand periods, and maintenance or upgrade of the Cable System. Normal Operating Conditions as defined herein shall be the definition set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 76.309.

r. "Other Programming Service" means information that a cable operator makes available to all Subscribers generally. Other Programming Services as defined herein shall be the definition set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 522 (14).

s. "Person" is any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, limited liability entity or other legal entity.

t. "Right-of-Way" or "Rights-of-Way" means the area on, below, or above any real property in which the Franchise Authority has an interest including, but not limited to any street, road, highway, alley, sidewalk, parkway, utility easements or

any other place, area, or real property owned by or under the control of Franchise Authority which are dedicated for compatible use.

u. "Right-of-Way Ordinance" means any ordinance or other applicable code requirements regarding regulation, management and use of Rights-of-Way in Franchise Authority, including permitting requirements.

v. "Service Area" or "Franchise Area" means the entire geographic area within the Franchise Authority as it is now constituted or may in the future be constituted.

w. "Service Interruption" means the loss of picture or sound on one (1) or more Cable Channels. Service Interruption as defined herein shall be the definition set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 76.309.

x. "Standard Installation" means any residential Installation which can be completed using an aerial Drop of one hundred twenty-five (125) feet or less.

y. "Subscriber" means any Person who receives broadcast programming distributed by a Cable System and does not further distribute it. Subscriber as defined herein shall be the definition set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 76.5(ee).

z. "Video Programming" means programming provided by, or generally considered comparable to programming provided by, a television broadcast station. Video Programming as defined herein shall be the definition set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 522(20).

SECTION 2.
GRANT OF AUTHORITY AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Grant of Franchise. This Franchise is granted pursuant to the terms and conditions contained herein.

2. Grant of Nonexclusive Authority.

   a. The Grantee shall have the right and privilege, subject to the permitting and other lawful requirements of Town ordinance, rule or procedure, to construct, erect, and maintain, in, upon, along, across, above, over and under the Rights-of-Way in the Town, a Cable System and shall have the right and privilege to provide Cable Service under the Franchise Agreement. The System constructed and maintained by Grantee or its agents shall not interfere with other uses of the Rights-of-Way. Grantee shall make use of existing poles and other above and below ground facilities available to Grantee to the extent it is technically and economically feasible to do so.

   b. This Franchise shall be nonexclusive, and Franchise Authority reserves the right to grant use of said Rights-of-Way to any Person at any time during the period of this Franchise for the provision of Cable Service.

c. If any other wireline provider of cable services or video services (without regard to the technology used to deliver such services) is lawfully authorized by the Grantor to provide such services using facilities located wholly or partly in the public rights-of-way of the Grantor, the Grantor shall within thirty (30) days of a written request from Grantee, modify this Franchise to insure that the obligations applicable to Grantee are no more burdensome than those imposed on the new competing provider. If the Grantor fails to make modifications consistent with this requirement, Grantee's Franchise shall be deemed so modified thirty (30) days after the Grantee's initial written notice. Nothing herein shall be deemed a waiver of any remedies available to Grantee under Applicable Laws, including the right to seek judicial review to mandate Grantor amend the franchise to ensure competitive equity between similarly situated competitive providers.

3. Franchise Term. This Franchise shall be in effect for a period of ten (10) years from the effective date as provided in Section 11.1 unless sooner renewed, revoked or terminated as herein provided.

4. Previous Franchises. Upon acceptance by Grantee as required by Section 11.2 herein, this Franchise shall supersede and replace any previous ordinance or other authorization granting a franchise to Grantee.

5. Compliance with Applicable Laws, Resolutions and Ordinances.

a. The terms of this Franchise shall define the contractual rights and obligations of Grantee with respect to the provision of Cable Service and operation of the System in the Town. However, Grantee shall at all times during the term of this Franchise be subject to all lawful exercise of the police power, of the Franchise Authority. This Franchise may also be modified or amended with the mutual written consent of Franchise Authority and Grantee as provided in Section 10.3 herein.

b. Grantor shall at all times be subject to and comply with all Applicable Laws with respect to this Franchise.

c. Grantee shall comply with the terms of any Franchise Authority ordinance or regulation of general applicability which addresses usage of the Rights-of-Way within Franchise Authority, provided that it does not discriminate between different users of the Rights-of-Way.

d. In the event of any conflict between this Franchise and any Franchise Authority ordinance or regulation which addresses usage of the Rights-of-Way, the terms of this Franchise shall govern, provided however Grantee shall at all times comply with Franchise Authority ordinances of general applicability promulgated by the Franchise Authority in accordance with its police powers.

6. Written Notice. All notices, reports, or demands required to be given in writing under this Franchise shall be sent via registered or certified mail or shall be deemed to be given

when delivered personally to any officer of Grantee or Franchise Authority or forty-eight (48) hours after it is deposited in the United States mail in a sealed envelope, postage prepaid thereon, addressed to the party to whom notice is being given, as follows:

If to Franchise Authority:
Town of Trinity
Attn: Mayor
35 Preston Drive
Trinity, Alabama 35673

If to Grantee:
Charter Communications
Attn: Government Affairs
151 London Parkway
Birmingham, AL 35211

With nonbinding courtesy copies to:

Charter Communications
Attn: Government Relations
601 Massachusetts Avenue - 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20001

Such addresses may be changed by either party upon notice to the other party given as provided in this section.

SECTION 3.
CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

1. Registration, Permits, Construction Codes, and Cooperation.

   a. Grantee shall comply with the construction requirements of local, state and federal laws.

   b. Grantee agrees to obtain a permit as required by Franchise Authority prior to removing, abandoning, relocating or reconstructing, if necessary, any portion of its facilities in the Right of Way, other than for the normal routine installation of Drops(s). The Franchise Authority shall make all reasonable efforts to issue permits, licenses, or other approvals within ten (10) business days. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Franchise Authority understands and acknowledges there may be instances when Grantee is required to make repairs, in compliance with federal or state laws, that are of an emergency nature. Grantee will notify Franchise Authority prior to such repairs, if practicable, and will obtain the necessary permits in a reasonable time after notification to Franchise Authority but in no event later than (5) business days after the emergency work has commenced.

   c. Town may issue reasonable policy guidelines applicable to all Rights-of-Ways users to establish procedures for determining how to control issuance of engineering permits to multiple grantees for the use of the same Rights-of-Way for their facilities.

Grantee shall cooperate with Town in establishing such policy and comply, to the extent technically feasible, with the procedures established by the Mayor or his or her designee to coordinate the issuance of multiple engineering permits in the same Right-of-Way segments.

d. Grantee shall have the opportunity to meet with developers and be present at pre-construction meetings to ensure that the newly constructed Cable System facilities are installed in new developments, within the Town where extension of service is economically feasible at Grantee's discretion, in a timely manner upon written notification of such meetings to the Grantee.

e. Subject to Applicable Laws and reasonable advance notice, which in no event shall be less than thirty (30) days, when Franchise Authority uses its prior superior right to the Rights-of-Way and public ways, Grantee shall move its property that is located in the Rights-of-Way and public ways, at its own cost, to such a location as Franchise Authority directs. The relocation shall be made at Grantee's expense unless funds are available to or from Grantor or any agency thereof to directly or indirectly reimburse any other user(s) of the Rights-of-Way for their cost of relocation, in which case Grantee shall be reimbursed on a comparable basis. Nothing in this Franchise shall be construed to prevent Franchise Authority from constructing, maintaining, repairing or relocating sewers; grading, paving, maintaining, repairing, relocating and/or altering any Right-of-Way; constructing, laying down, repairing, maintaining or relocating any water mains; or constructing, maintaining, relocating, or repairing any sidewalk or other public work.

2. Minimum Interference.

a. Grantee shall use commercially reasonable efforts to give reasonable prior notice to any adjacent private property owners who will be negatively affected or impacted by Grantee's work in the Rights-of-Way.

b. All transmission and distribution structures, lines and equipment erected by Grantee shall be located so as to cause minimum interference with the unencumbered use of Rights-of-Way and other public places and minimum interference with the rights and reasonable convenience of property owners who adjoin any of the Rights-of-Way and public places.

3. Disturbance or damage. Any and all Rights-of-Way, or public or private property, which are disturbed or damaged during the construction, repair, replacement, relocation, operation, maintenance, expansion, extension or reconstruction of the System shall be promptly and fully restored by Grantee, at its expense, to a condition reasonably comparable to that prevailing prior to Grantee's work, as reasonably determined by Franchise Authority. If Grantee shall fail to promptly perform the restoration required herein, after written request of Franchise Authority and a thirty (30) day opportunity to satisfy that request, Franchise Authority shall have the right to put the Rights-of-Way back into condition as good as that prevailing prior to Grantee's work. In the event Franchise Authority determines that Grantee is responsible for such disturbance or

damage, Grantee shall be obligated to fully reimburse Franchise Authority for such restoration within thirty (30) days after its receipt of Franchise Authority's invoice thereof.

4. Temporary Relocation.

   a. At any time during the period of the Franchise, Grantee shall, at its own expense, protect, support, temporarily disconnect, relocate or remove any of its property when, in the opinion of Franchise Authority, (i) the same is required by reason of traffic conditions, public safety, Rights-of-Way vacation, freeway or Rights-of-Way construction, alteration to or establishment of any Rights-of-Way or any facility within the Rights-of-Way, sidewalk, or other public place, including but not limited to, installation of sewers, drains, waterlines, power lines, traffic signal lines or transportation facilities; or (ii) a Franchise Authority project or activity makes disconnection, removal, or relocation necessary or less expensive for Franchise Authority.

   b. Grantee shall, on request of any Person holding a permit to move a building, temporarily raise or lower its wires to permit the movement of such buildings. The expense of such temporary removal or raising or lowering of wires shall be paid by the Person requesting the same, and Grantee shall have the authority to require such payment in advance. Grantee shall be given not less than ten (10) days advance notice to arrange such temporary wire alterations.

5. Emergency. Whenever, in case of fire or other emergency, it becomes necessary in the judgment of the Mayor, police chief, fire chief, or their delegates, to remove or damage any of Grantee's facilities, no charge shall be made by Grantee against Franchise Authority for restoration, repair or damages. Grantor is aware that the communication facilities of the Grantee can and does transport emergency required communications such as phone and internet life monitoring services if a representative of the Grantor disconnects or damages the facilities of the Grantee.

6. Tree Trimming. Grantee shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the Franchise Authority regarding the trimming of any trees on public property or in the Rights-of-Way.

7. Protection of facilities. Nothing contained in this section shall relieve any Person from liability arising out of the failure to exercise reasonable care to avoid damaging Grantee's facilities while performing any work connected with grading, regarding or changing the line of any Rights-of-Way or public place or the construction or reconstruction of any sewer or water system.

8. Installation records. Grantee shall keep accurate Installation records of the location of all facilities in the Rights-of-Way and public ways and, upon written request of Franchise Authority, will make them available for viewing to Franchise Authority at Grantee's office or in a mutually agreed upon location.

9. Locating facilities.

a. If during the design process for public improvements, Franchise Authority discovers a potential conflict between Grantee's facilities and proposed construction, Grantee shall either: (a) locate and, if necessary, expose its facilities in conflict or (b) use a location service to locate or expose its facilities. Grantee is obligated to furnish the location information in a timely manner, but in no case longer than thirty (30) days after written notice from Franchise Authority

b. Franchise Authority reserves the prior and superior right to lay, construct, erect, install, use, operate, repair, replace, remove, relocate, re-grade, widen, realign, or maintain any Public Way, aerial, surface, or subsurface improvement, including but not limited to water mains, traffic control conduits, cable and devices, sanitary or storm sewers, subways, tunnels, bridges, viaducts, or any other public construction within the Public way.

10. Interference with Franchise Authority Facilities.

The Installation, use and maintenance of the Grantee's facilities within the Rights-of-Way and public ways authorized herein shall be in such a manner as not to interfere with the placement, construction, use and maintenance of its Rights-of-Way and public ways, Rights-of-Way lighting, water pipes, drains, sewers, traffic signal systems or other systems that have been installed, maintained, used or authorized by Franchise Authority.

11. Safety Requirements.

a. Grantee shall at all times employ ordinary and reasonable care and shall install and maintain in use nothing less than commonly accepted methods and devices for preventing failures and accidents which are likely to cause damage or injuries.

b. Grantee shall install and maintain its System and other equipment in accordance with Franchise Authority's codes and the requirements of the National Electric Safety Code and all other applicable FCC, state and local regulations, and in such manner that they will not interfere with Franchise Authority communications technology related to health, safety and welfare of the residents.

c. Cable System structures, and lines, equipment and connections in, over, under and upon the Rights-of-Way of Franchise Authority, wherever situated or located, shall at all times be kept and maintained in good condition, order, and repair so that the same shall not menace or endanger the life or property of Franchise Authority or any Person.

SECTION 4.
DESIGN PROVISIONS

1. System Construction. All transmission lines, equipment and structures shall be so installed and located as to cause minimum interference with the rights and reasonable

convenience of property owners and at all times shall be kept and maintained in a safe, adequate and substantial condition, and in good order and repair. The Grantee shall, at all times, employ ordinary care and use commonly accepted methods and devices for preventing failures and accidents which are likely to cause damage, injuries, or nuisances to the public. Suitable barricades, flags, lights, flares or other devices shall be used at such times and places as are reasonably required for the safety of all members of the public. Any poles or other fixtures placed in any public way by the Grantee shall be placed in such a manner as not to interfere with the usual travel on such public way.

2. Interruption of Service. Grantee shall interrupt Service only for good cause and for the shortest time possible. Such interruption shall occur during periods of minimum use of the System.

3. Emergency Alert Capability. Grantee shall at all times comply with the Emergency Alert System standards pursuant to Title 47, Section 11, Subparts A-E of the Code of Federal Regulations, as may be amended or modified from time to time.

4. Technical Standards. The technical standards used in the operation of the System shall comply, at minimum, with the technical standards promulgated by the FCC relating to Cable Systems pursuant to Title 47, Section 76, Subpart K of the Code of Federal Regulations, as may be amended or modified from time to time, which regulations are expressly incorporated herein by reference.

5. FCC Reports. The results of any tests required to be filed by Grantee with the FCC shall upon request of Franchise Authority also be filed with Franchise Authority or its designee within ten (10) days of the date of request.

6. Annexation. Upon the annexation of any additional land area by the Franchise Authority, if the annexed area is not currently served by a cable operator it will be subject to the other provisions of this Section 4. If the annexed area is served by a cable operator, Grantee has the option to extend its Cable System to the newly annexed area if Grantee determines that it is economically feasible to do so. Upon the annexation of any additional land area by the Franchise Authority, the annexed area shall be subject to all the terms of this Franchise upon sixty (60) days of written notification by the Franchise Authority to Grantee. A cable operator other than Grantee whose Cable System already passes homes in an annexed area shall not extend its Cable System beyond those homes which it passes at the time the annexation occurs unless it otherwise obtains a franchise from the Franchise Authority. In the event the Grantor modifies the Service Area by annexation or any other means, the Franchise Authority shall provide at least sixty (60) days prior notice to the Grantee. The Franchise Authority shall also notify Grantee of all new street address assignments or changes within the Service Area. Said notice shall be in writing to the address set forth below by U.S. certified mail, return receipt requested. Franchise Authority shall provide detail and information, including address files and maps in sufficient detail and in an acceptable digital format, if feasible. Grantee shall begin to collect Franchise Fees from Subscribers in any annexed area within ninety (90) days of such notice and address information as described above. Grantee shall not be

obligated to collect and remit Franchise Fees until such notice and information has been received by Grantee.

All notices provided under this subsection shall be delivered to the Grantee at the following addresses:

Charter Communications
Attn: Government Relations Director
151 London Parkway
Birmingham, AL 35211

With a courtesy copy to:

Charter Communications
Attn: Government Relations
601 Massachusetts Avenue – 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20001

Grantee shall provide Grantor thirty (30) days written notice of address changes affecting this subsection pursuant to section 2, paragraph 7.

7. Service Area. The Grantee shall continue to provide Cable Service to all residences within the Service Area where Grantee currently provides Cable Service. Grantee shall have the right, but not the obligation, to extend the Cable System into any other portion of the Service Area, including annexed areas. Cable Service offered to Subscribers pursuant to this Franchise shall be conditioned upon Grantee having legal access to any such Subscriber's dwelling unit or other units wherein such Cable Service is provided.

SECTION 5.
SERVICE PROVISIONS

1. Sales Procedures. Grantee shall have the right to market door-to-door during reasonable hours consistent with local ordinances and regulation. Grantee's sales personnel will not be required to compensate Franchise Authority for any permit that may be required.

2. Consumer Protection and Service Standards. The Grantee shall comply with all applicable federal regulations relating to customer service obligations, including any amendments to 47 C.F.R. § 76.309 during the term of this Franchise, which for the parties' convenience are set forth in the attached Exhibit A.

3. Subscriber Contracts. Upon request, Grantee shall file with Franchise Authority any standard form residential Subscriber contract utilized by Grantee. If no such written contract exists, upon request, Grantee shall file with the Franchise Authority a document completely and concisely stating the length and terms of the Subscriber contract offered to customers. The length and terms of any Subscriber contract(s) shall be available for public inspection during Normal Business Hours. A list of Grantee's current Subscriber

rates and charges for Cable Service is maintained on Grantee's website and will be made available to Subscribers and Franchise Authority upon request.

4. Late Fees. Grantee shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws with respect to any assessment, charge, cost, fee or sum, however characterized, that the Grantee imposes upon a Subscriber for late payment of a bill. The Franchise Authority reserves the right to enforce Grantee's compliance with all Applicable Laws to the maximum extent legally permissible.

SECTION 6.
OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION PROVISIONS

1. Administration of Franchise. The Mayor or other designee shall have continuing regulatory jurisdiction and supervision over the System and the Grantee's operation under the Franchise; provided, however, that the Town Council shall retain the sole authority to take enforcement action pursuant to this Franchise.

2. Franchise Fee.

   a. During the term of the Franchise, Grantee shall pay quarterly to Franchise Authority a Franchise Fee in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of its quarterly Gross Revenues,

   b. Any payments due under this provision shall be payable quarterly. The payment shall be made within forty-five (45) days of the end of each of Grantee's fiscal quarters. If the Franchise Authority receives payment electronically, Grantee shall provide, together with the payment or via a separate e-mail sent at the time the payment is made, a report showing the basis for the computation in form and substance substantially the same as Exhibit B attached hereto. In the event payments are not made electronically, Grantee shall provide the report promptly upon the request of the Franchising Authority. In the event that a Franchise Fee payment or other sum due is not received by the Franchise Authority on or before the date due, or is underpaid, Grantee shall pay in addition to the payment, or sum due, interest from the due date at the state legal interest rate of 6% annually (Alabama Code § 8.8.1).

   c. All amounts paid shall be subject to audit and recomputation by Franchise Authority and acceptance of any payment shall not be construed as an accord that the amount paid is in fact the correct amount. In the event the Town should conduct a review of Grantee's books and records of this Franchise and such review indicates a Franchise Fee underpayment of seven percent (7%) or more during the entire period reviewed, the Grantee shall, subject to Applicable Law, assume all reasonable documented costs of such audit, and pay same upon demand by the Town.

3. Discounted Rates. For the purposes of this section, in the case of a Cable Service that may be bundled or integrated functionally with other services, capabilities, or

applications, the Franchise Fee shall be applied only to the gross revenue, as defined in Section 1.2.n., attributable to Cable Service. Where Grantee bundles, integrates, ties, or combines Cable Services with non-video services creating a bundled package, so that subscribers pay a single fee for more than one class of service or receive a discount on Cable Services, gross revenues shall be determined based on generally accepted accounting principles.

4. Access to Records. The Franchise Authority shall have the right to inspect, upon reasonable notice and during Normal Business Hours, or require Grantee to provide within a reasonable time copies of any records maintained by Grantee which relate to System operations including specifically Grantee's accounting and financial records. The Grantee shall not be required to maintain any books and records for Franchise compliance purposes longer than required by applicable state statute of limitations, as may be amended from time to time, except for service complaints which shall be kept for one (1) year. Franchise Authority acknowledges that some of the records which may be provided by Grantee may be classified as confidential and therefore may subject Grantee to competitive disadvantage if made public. Franchise Authority shall therefore maintain the confidentiality of any and all records provided to it by Grantee which are not required to be made public pursuant to Applicable Laws. Grantee shall produce such books and records for Franchise Authority's inspection at any mutually agreed upon location within the Town.

SECTION 7.
GENERAL FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE PROVISIONS

1. Liability Insurance.

   a. Grantee shall obtain with its acceptance of this Franchise, and at all times thereafter maintain in full force and effect at its sole expense, an occurrence-based comprehensive general liability insurance policy, including contractual liability coverage with standard insurance exclusions, in protection of Franchise Authority, its officers, elected officials, boards, commissions, agents and employees. The policy or policies shall name as additional insured the Franchise Authority, its officers, elected officials, boards, commissions, agents and employees. The Commercial General Liability shall be $2,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, death or property damage and $3,000,000 aggregate. The policy or policies of insurance shall be maintained by Grantee in full force and effect during the entire term of the Franchise and shall be issued by company licensed to do business in the State of Alabama with a rating by A.M. Best & Co. of not less than "A" upon the Effective Date of this Franchise or at the time a sale or transfer of ownership is approved by Franchise Authority. Grantee shall furnish Franchise Authority with current certificates of insurance evidencing such coverage upon request. Cancellation notice will be provided for any reason other than non-payment of premium and requires the Franchise Authority provide Grantee a valid contact name and e-mail address (with any changes to the contact name or e-mail address being the responsibility of the Franchise Authority).

2. Indemnification

a. Grantee shall indemnify, defend and hold Franchise Authority, its officers, boards, commissions, agents and employees (collectively the "Indemnified Parties") harmless from and against any and all lawsuits, claims, causes or action, actions, liabilities, demands, damages, judgments, settlements, disability, losses, expenses (including attorney's fees and disbursements of counsel) and costs of any nature that any of the Indemnified Parties may at any time suffer, sustain or incur arising out of, based upon or in any way connected with the Grantee's negligent operations, the exercise of the Franchise, the breach of Grantee of its obligations under this Franchise and/or the negligent activities of Grantee, it subcontractors, employees and agents hereunder. Grantee shall be solely responsible for and shall indemnify, defend and hold the Indemnified Parties harmless from and against any and all matters relative to payment of Grantee's employees, including compliance with Social Security and withholdings. Grantee shall not be required to indemnify Franchise Authority for negligence or misconduct on the part of Franchise Authority or its officials, boards, commissions, agents, or employees.

b. The indemnification obligations of Grantee set forth in this Franchise are not limited in any way by the amount or type of damages or compensation payable by or for Grantee under Workers' Compensation, disability or other employee benefit acts, acceptance of insurance certificates required under this Franchise or the terms, applicability or limitations of any insurance held by Grantee.

c. Franchise Authority does not, and shall not, waive any rights against Grantee which it may have by reason of the indemnification provided for in this Franchise, because of the acceptance by Franchise Authority, or the deposit with Franchise Authority by Grantee, of any of the certificates of insurance described in this Franchise.

d. The indemnification of Franchise Authority by Grantee provided for in this Franchise shall apply regardless of whether or not such insurance policies shall have been determined to be applicable to any such damages or claims for damages.

e. In order for Franchise Authority to assert its rights to be indemnified, defended, and held harmless, Franchise Authority must, with respect to each claim:

i. Promptly notify Grantee within ten (10) business days in writing of any claim or legal proceeding which gives rise to such right;

ii. Afford Grantee the opportunity to participate in and fully control any compromise, settlement or other resolution or disposition of any claim or proceeding; and

iii. Fully cooperate with reasonable requests of Grantee, at Grantee's expense, in its participation in, and control, compromise, settlement or resolution or

other disposition of such claim or proceeding subject to subparagraph (ii) above.

SECTION 8.
SALE, ABANDONMENT, TRANSFER AND REVOCATION OF FRANCHISE

1. Franchise Authority's Right to Revoke.

In addition to all other rights which Franchise Authority has pursuant to law or equity, Franchise Authority reserves the right to commence proceedings to revoke, terminate or cancel this Franchise, and all rights and privileges pertaining thereto, if it is determined by Franchise Authority that after notice and an opportunity to cure as reordered herein;

i. Grantee has repeatedly and substantially violated material provisions(s) of this Franchise and has not put forth a reasonable proposal to cure such violations; or

ii. Grantee has intentionally and materially evaded any of the provisions of the Franchise; or

iii. Grantee has practiced a material fraud or a material deceit upon Franchise Authority.

2. Procedures for Revocation.

a. Franchise Authority shall provide Grantee with written notice of a cause for revocation and the intent to revoke and shall allow Grantee thirty (30) days subsequent to receipt of the notice in which to correct the violation or to provide adequate assurance of performance in compliance with the Franchise. In the notice required therein, Franchise Authority shall provide Grantee with the basis of the revocation.

b. Should Franchise Authority determine to proceed with a revocation proceeding, Grantee shall be provided the right to a public hearing affording due process before the Franchise Authority Council prior to the effective date of revocation. The due process to be afforded Grantee shall include the Grantee's right to present any written or verbal testimony or other relevant evidence to the Franchise Authority Council for consideration. Such information presented by Grantee shall be considered part of the record of the proceeding. Franchise Authority shall provide Grantee with written notice of its decision together with written findings of fact supplementing said decision.

c. Only after the public hearing and upon written notice of the determination by Franchise Authority to revoke the Franchise may Grantee appeal said decision with an appropriate state or federal court or agency. Nothing in this Franchise, including the enforcement provisions set forth in this Section 8, shall prevent Grantee from filing at any time a legal action in any permissible court or tribunal

seeking a declaration or enforcement of Grantee's rights or obligations under the Franchise.

d. During the appeal period or pendency of any legal action, the Franchise shall remain in full force and effect unless the term thereof sooner expires and Grantee is not pursuing renewal under Applicable Law or unless continuation of the Franchise would endanger the health, safety and welfare of any Person or the public.

3. Removal After Abandonment, Termination or Forfeiture. In the event of termination or forfeiture of the Franchise or abandonment of the System, Franchise Authority shall have the right to require Grantee to remove all or any portion of the System from all Rights-of-Way and public property within Town.

4. Franchise Transfer. The Franchise granted hereunder shall not be assigned, other than to an entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Grantee, without the prior written consent of the Grantor, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. No such consent shall be required, however, for a transfer in trust, by mortgage, by other hypothecation, or by assignment of any rights, title, or interest of the Grantee in the Franchise or Cable System to secure indebtedness. Within thirty (30) days of receiving a request for transfer, the Grantor shall notify the Grantee in writing of any additional information it reasonably requires to determine the legal, financial and technical qualifications of the transferee. If the Grantor has not taken action on the Grantee's request for transfer within one hundred twenty (120) days after receiving such request, consent by the Grantor shall be deemed given.

SECTION 9.
PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

1. Discriminatory Practices Prohibited. Grantee shall not deny Service, deny access, or otherwise discriminate against Subscribers or general citizens on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, status as to public assistance, affectional preference, or disability. Grantee shall comply at all times with all other Applicable Laws, and all executive and administrative orders relating to nondiscrimination.

2. Subscriber Privacy. Grantee shall at all times comply with all applicable provisions of 47 U.S.C. 551 governing subscriber privacy. Grantor reserves any and all rights it may have now or in the future to enforce compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing subscriber privacy.

SECTION 10.
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1. Franchise Renewal. Any renewal of this Franchise shall be performed in accordance with Applicable Laws.

2. Work Performed by Others. All applicable obligations of this Franchise shall apply to any subcontractor or others performing any work or services pursuant to the provisions of

this Franchise. Grantee or its contractor or subcontractor shall provide notice, which notice may be provided by filing lawfully required permit applications, to Franchise Authority of the name(s) and address(es) of any entity, other than Grantee, which performs substantial services pursuant to this Franchise.

3. Amendment of Franchise Ordinance. Grantee and Franchise Authority may agree, from time to time, to amend this Franchise. Such written amendments may be made at any time if Franchise Authority and Grantee agree that such an amendment will be in the public interest or if such an amendment is required due to changes in federal, state or local laws.

4. Compliance with Federal, State and Local Laws.

   a. If any federal or state law or regulation shall require or permit Franchise Authority or Grantee to perform any service or act or shall prohibit Franchise Authority or Grantee from performing any service or act which may be in conflict with the terms of this Franchise, then as soon as possible following knowledge thereof, either party shall notify the other of the point in conflict believed to exist between such law or regulation.

   b. If any term, condition or provision of this Franchise or the application thereof to any Person or circumstance shall, to any extent, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder hereof and the application of such term, condition or provision to Persons or circumstances other than those as to whom it shall be held invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby, and this Franchise and all the terms, provisions and conditions hereof shall, in all other respects, continue to be effective and complied with provided the loss of the invalid or unenforceable clause does not substantially alter the agreement between the parties. In the event such law, rule or regulation is subsequently repealed, rescinded, amended or otherwise changed so that the provision which had been held invalid or modified is no longer in conflict with the law, rules and regulations then in effect, said provision shall thereupon return to full force and effect and shall thereafter be binding on Grantee and Franchise Authority.

5. Non-enforcement by Franchise Authority. Grantee shall not be relieved of its obligations to comply with any of the provisions of this Franchise by reason of any failure or delay of Franchise Authority to enforce prompt compliance. Franchise Authority may only waive its rights hereunder by expressly so stating in writing. Any such written waiver by Franchise Authority of a breach or violation of any provision of this Franchise shall not operate as or be construed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach or violation.

6. Rights Cumulative. The rights and remedies reserved to the Franchise Authority and Grantee by this Franchise are cumulative and shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any other legal or equitable rights or remedies which the Franchise Authority and Grantee may have with respect to the subject matter of this Franchise, and a waiver thereof at any time shall have no effect on the enforcement of such rights or remedies at a future time.

7. Force Majeure. Neither party shall be in default under this Agreement if any failure or delay in performance is caused by acts of God; fire; flood; earthquake; lightning; unusually severe weather; material or facility shortages or unavailability not resulting from such party's failure to timely place orders therefore; war or civil disorder; or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of either party hereto. The excused party shall use reasonable efforts under the circumstances to avoid or remove such causes of non-performance and shall proceed to perform with reasonable dispatch whenever such causes are removed or ceased. Notification shall be given by the excused party to the other party, of the cause and of the estimated duration, when possible.

SECTION 11.
PUBLICATION EFFECTIVE DATE; ACCEPTANCE AND EXHIBITS

1. Publication, Effective Date. This Franchise shall be published in accordance with applicable local and state law and Grantee, shall pay the reasonable cost of any required publication of this Franchise. The effective date of this Franchise shall be the date of acceptance by Grantee in accordance with the provisions of Section 11.2.

2. Acceptance.

   a. Grantee shall accept this Franchise within thirty (30) days of its enactment by the Town Council, unless the time for acceptance is extended by Franchise Authority. Such acceptance by the Grantee shall be deemed the grant of this Franchise for all purposes.

   b. Upon acceptance of this Franchise, Grantee and Franchise Authority shall be bound by all the terms and conditions contained herein.

   c. Grantee shall accept this Franchise in the following manner:

      i. This Franchise will be properly executed and acknowledged by Grantee and delivered to Franchise Authority.

      ii. With its acceptance, Grantee shall also deliver any insurance certificates as required herein that have not previously been delivered.

SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW

Passed and adopted by the Town Council this 23rd day of June, 2025.

Ashley C. Patterson
Notary Public, Alabama State at Large
My Commission Expires September 20, 2028

ATTEST:

By: Ashley C Patterson

Its: Town Clerk

TRINITY, ALABAMA

By: Vaughn Marsh

Its: Mayor

ACCEPTED: This Franchise is accepted, and we agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST, LLC

Date: _____, _____ 2025

By: Charter Communications, Inc., Its Manager

By: _____

Print Name:

Its: Vice President, Government Affairs

EXHIBIT A
CUSTOMER SERVICE STANDARDS

TITLE 47—TELECOMMUNICATION
CHAPTER I—FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
PART 76—CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE
Subpart H—General Operating Requirements

§ 76.309 Customer service obligations.

(a) A cable franchise authority may enforce the customer service standards set forth in paragraph (c) of this section against cable operators. The franchise authority must provide affected cable operators ninety (90) days written notice of its intent to enforce the standards.

(b) Nothing in this rule should be construed to prevent or prohibit:

(1) A franchising authority and a cable operator from agreeing to customer service requirements that exceed the standards set forth in paragraph (c) of this section;

(2) A franchising authority from enforcing, through the end of the franchise term, pre-existing customer service requirements that exceed the standards set forth in paragraph (c) of this section and are contained in current franchise agreements;

(3) Any State or any franchising authority from enacting or enforcing any consumer protection law, to the extent not specifically preempted herein; or

(4) The establishment or enforcement of any State or municipal law or regulation concerning customer service that imposes customer service requirements that exceed, or address matters not addressed by the standards set forth in paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) Effective July 1, 1993, a cable operator shall be subject to the following customer service standards:

(1) Cable system office hours and telephone availability—

(i) The cable operator will maintain a local, toll-free or collect call telephone access line which will be available to its subscribers 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

(A) Trained company representatives will be available to respond to customer telephone inquiries during normal business hours.

(B) After normal business hours, the access line may be answered by a service or an automated response system, including an answering machine. Inquiries received after normal business hours must be responded to by a trained company representative on the next business day.

(ii) Under normal operating conditions, telephone answer time by a customer representative, including wait time, shall not exceed thirty (30) seconds when the connection is made. If the call needs to be transferred, transfer time shall not exceed thirty (30) seconds. These standards shall be met no less than ninety (90)

percent of the time under normal operating conditions, measured on a quarterly basis.

(iii) The operator will not be required to acquire equipment or perform surveys to measure compliance with the telephone answering standards above unless an historical record of complaints indicates a clear failure to comply.

(iv) Under normal operating conditions, the customer will receive a busy signal less than three (3) percent of the time.

(v) Customer service center and bill payment locations will be open at least during normal business hours and will be conveniently located.

(2) Installations, outages and service calls. Under normal operating conditions, each of the following four standards will be met no less than ninety-five (95) percent of the time measured on a quarterly basis:

(i) Standard installations will be performed within seven (7) business days after an order has been placed. "Standard" installations are those that are located up to 125 feet from the existing distribution system.

(ii) Excluding conditions beyond the control of the operator, the cable operator will begin working on "service interruptions" promptly and in no event later than 24 hours after the interruption becomes known. The cable operator must begin actions to correct other service problems the next business day after notification of the service problem.

(iii) The "appointment window" alternatives for installations, service calls, and other installation activities will be either a specific time or, at maximum, a four-hour time block during normal business hours. (The operator may schedule service calls and other installation activities outside of normal business hours for the express convenience of the customer.)

(iv) An operator may not cancel an appointment with a customer after the close of business on the business day prior to the scheduled appointment.

(v) If a cable operator representative is running late for an appointment with a customer and will not be able to keep the appointment as scheduled, the customer will be contacted. The appointment will be rescheduled, as necessary, at a time which is convenient for the customer.

(3) Communications between cable operators and cable subscribers—

(i) Notifications to subscribers—

(A) The cable operator shall provide written information on each of the following areas at the time of installation of service, at least annually to all subscribers, and at any time upon request:

(1) Products and services offered;

(2) Prices and options for programming services and conditions of subscription to programming and other services;

(3) Installation and service maintenance policies;

(4) Instructions on how to use the cable service;

(5) Channel positions programming carried on the system; and,

(6) Billing and complaint procedures, including the address and telephone number of the local franchise authority's cable office.

(B) Customers will be notified of any changes in rates, programming services or channel positions as soon as possible in writing. Notice must be given to subscribers a minimum of thirty (30) days in advance of such changes if the change is within the control of the cable operator. In addition, the cable operator shall notify subscribers thirty (30) days in advance of any significant changes in the other information required by paragraph (c)(3)(i)(A) of this section. Notwithstanding any other provision of Part 76, a cable operator shall not be required to provide prior notice of any rate change that is the result of a regulatory fee, franchise fee, or any other fee, tax, assessment, or charge of any kind imposed by any Federal agency, State, or franchising authority on the transaction between the operator and the subscriber.

(ii) Billing—

(A) Bills will be clear, concise and understandable. Bills must be fully itemized, with itemizations including, but not limited to, basic and premium service charges and equipment charges. Bills will also clearly delineate all activity during the billing period, including optional charges, rebates and credits.

(B) In case of a billing dispute, the cable operator must respond to a written complaint from a subscriber within 30 days.

(iii) Refunds—Refund checks will be issued promptly, but no later than either—

(A) The customer's next billing cycle following resolution of the request or thirty (30) days, whichever is earlier, or

(B) The return of the equipment supplied by the cable operator if service is terminated.

(iv) Credits—Credits for service will be issued no later than the customer's next billing cycle following the determination that a credit is warranted.

(4) Definitions—

(i) Normal business hours—The term "normal business hours" means those hours during which most similar businesses in the community are open to serve customers. In all cases, "normal business hours" must include some evening hours at least one night per week and/or some weekend hours.

(ii) Normal operating conditions—The term "normal operating conditions" means those service conditions which are within the control of the cable operator. Those conditions which are not within the control of the cable operator include, but are not limited to, natural disasters, civil disturbances, power outages, telephone network outages, and severe or unusual weather conditions. Those

conditions which are ordinarily within the control of the cable operator include, but are not limited to, special promotions, pay-per-view events, rate increases, regular peak or seasonal demand periods, and maintenance or upgrade of the cable system.

(iii) Service interruption—The term "service interruption" means the loss of picture or sound on one or more cable channels.

[58 FR 21109, Apr. 19, 1993, as amended at 61 FR 18977, Apr. 30, 1996]

EXHIBIT B
FRANCHISE FEE PAYMENT WORKSHEET

TRADE SECRET – CONFIDENTIAL

ATTACHMENT B. FRANCHISE FEE PAYMENT WORKSHEET

TRADE SECRET – CONFIDENTIAL

	Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year	Total
Cable Service Revenue				
Installation Charge				
Franchise Fee Revenue				
Advertising Revenue				
Home Shopping Revenue				
Other Revenue				
Equipment rental				
REVENUE				
Fee Calculated				

Fee Factor: 5%