BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CASF APPLICATION

Silver Wheel Ranch Mobile Home Park 4100 Maulhardt Road Oxnard, CA 93033 (Ventura County)

Applicant's Name:	Charter Communications Operating, LLC (on behalf of its affiliated entities Spectrum Pacific West, LLC; Charter Fiberlink CA-CCO, LLC ("Charter Fiberlink") (U-6878-C); and Time Warner Cable Information Services (California), LLC ("TWCIS") (U-6874-C)). (hereafter referred to as "Charter")
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Location:	Silver Wheel Ranch Mobile Home Park, Oxnard, Ventura County, California
Project Type:	Last Mile
Funding Requested:	\$ 912,047.00 (Funding requested for 100% of project cost).

Project Area Map

Below is a depiction of the four census blocks to be served by the proposed project, located at 4100 Maulhardt Rd, Oxnard CA. See also the map at <u>Attachment H</u> and <u>Attachment I</u>, the corresponding .kmz mapping file included in the electronic submission of this application.



Description of the Project

Charter Communications Operating, LLC (on behalf of its affiliated entities Spectrum Pacific West, LLC; Charter Fiberlink CA-CCO, LLC (U-6878-C); Time Warner Cable Information Services (CA) LLC (U-6874-C) (hereinafter "Charter" or "Applicant") is applying for a grant of \$912,047.00 from the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account. With this funding, Charter will deploy 3.0 total miles of fiber and coax plant that will enable High Speed Internet services as well as Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) to a total of 65 CASF-eligible households (representing a population of 278 as of 2018) in Oxnard, Ventura County, California. The \$912,047.00 represents 100% of the projected cost of delivering service to these CASF-eligible households.

Currently, residents of the Silver Wheel Ranch Mobile Home Park (Silver Wheel) may only obtain very slow DSL service. The maximum Mbps downstream and upstream speeds currently offered to these households is 0.128 Mbps and 1.0 Mbps, respectively. The Median Household Income for the Census Block Group in which the project area is located was \$56,442 in 2018.

With Charter's proposed project, the 65 CASF-eligible households will be able to choose between Spectrum products with speeds up to 940 Mbps download and 35 Mbps upload. Consumers will also be able to elect services at 400/20 or 100/10 speeds, and qualifying customers will be eligible for Spectrum Internet Assist with speeds of 30/4. The proposed project will serve only residential units. There are no anchor institutions or other public facilities that will be served as part of the project.

Charter's proposed project would involve installing new fiberoptic line from the tie point at the intersection of Edding Road and Wood Road, to Silver Wheel, a mobile home park on private property just east of California Highway 1. The distance from Charter's tie point to the property to be served is 2.36 miles. All of this new plant is proposed to be undergrounded, except where unforeseen issues may require aerial facilities.

Charter will install a fiberoptic node which will deliver coaxial services to the Silver Wheel residents just outside the mobile home park property boundary and within the existing right of way. The node is a small above-ground structure roughly 36" high. A secondary aboveground structure will include a metered facility which will power the facilities.

From the new fiber node, Charter will deploy coaxial services to the households of Silver Wheel. This will involve both above-ground and underground mainline facilities that will run along each street within the property. The above-ground facilities consist of several small enclosures for amplifiers and pass devices such as subscriber taps. All coaxial cable will be undergrounded in new conduit. Charter will also run lateral underground conduit from the mainline to each of the 65 households. Charter understands that there may be current direct-buried Frontier infrastructure within the mobile home park, but, to the best of Charter's knowledge, such infrastructure is not available to Charter to share for fiber purposes.

The most conservative estimate of the project timeline is 275 total days. This does not account for overlapping of the design and private property approval stages, or several construction phases. Accounting for these overlapping phases, the project timeline could be 200 days or fewer.

The public interest factors that justify the 100% funding request include:

- The proposed build resides within an area that is currently not served by any form of wireline or wireless facilities-based broadband with speeds above 6/1. The only service available is slow DSL service.
- The project will provide a cost-effective expansion of broadband access to 65 CASFeligible households.
- The project will connect to existing Charter nearby infrastructure thus avoiding additional costs for infrastructure outside of the project area.
- No other provider has submitted a CASF application for the project area.
- Grant of funds for this project would facilitate expansion of service to other
 unserved/underserved census blocks to the north of the project area in the 2020 CASF
 application cycle. Charter is not seeking funds for these blocks currently due to seeming
 errors in the eligibility status of the blocks.

Census Blocks Covered

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Zip Codes Intersected

93033

Other Issues

Charter has requested waiver of the CASF Program requirements that a provider set fixed rates for a 24-month period and waive installation fees during that pricing commitment. Charter instead proposes that rates for services in the project area be the same as those offered to all other Charter customers in California and justifies its request for waiver by demonstrating that a separate billing operation would need to be established just for the project areas. Charter has

indicated that this waiver is a precondition of its participation in the program and that consumers will be protected from rate increases and benefit from promotions by having the same rates as those available to all of Charter's California customers. Charter proposes that the installation fee waiver be applied during the first three months following completion of construction during which most customers are expected to sign up for services. Following that 3-month period, customers in the project area would be charged the same installation fee as charged to all other Charter California customers.