



## CPUC Fact Sheet

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARING

## Charter and Cox Joint Application (A.25-07-016)

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In July 2025, Charter Communications Inc. and Cox Communications Inc. filed Application (A.) 25-07-016 with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to request approval of Charter to acquire 100 percent of Cox and its California subsidiaries. Once the acquisition is complete, Charter will rename itself Cox Communications. Charter's consumer-facing brand, Spectrum, will continue offering products to customers and expand its geographic reach.<sup>1</sup>

### How might this transaction affect you?

The proposed transaction could affect customers who use Cox and Charter for their various communications services. According to Charter, the proposed transaction will generate significant economic benefits for California consumers. Charter claims it will be able to extend additional communications service and pricing options to many of Cox's current customers. Charter notes that California consumers could benefit from additional service offerings from better services, options, and more competitive pricing for broadband, mobile, and video services.<sup>2</sup> Finally, Charter states that they'll be able to provide better wages and benefits for the current Cox workforce.

Consumer advocates argue that the proposed transaction poses potential anticompetitive risks that could have negative impacts on services. Additionally, Charter's proposed benefits may not reach low-income and disadvantaged customers.

### How will the CPUC review the Application?

The review of this transaction by the CPUC is guided by California Public Utilities Code Section 854. This law includes important factors to consider, such as whether the deal makes financial sense, maintains good service quality, treats employees fairly, is environmentally friendly, and ensures that benefits are shared fairly. The CPUC may also consider how the transaction impacts competition and consumer choice in wireline voice, mobile, internet and video offerings and whether it offers long-term benefits to consumers. Additionally, any application before the CPUC must consider how the outcome impacts the public interest.

The CPUC is currently in the process of creating a record from which to determine whether to approve the proposed transaction. It is possible that the CPUC may require that certain conditions be met to ensure that the proposed merger is in the public interest.

### Recent Activity in This Proceeding

On December 9, 2025, the Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding issued a ruling scheduling and directing notice of Public Participation Hearings. For more information, see the ruling <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/pph>.

Parties to this proceeding submitted Initial Protests and Motions on September 5, 2025.

Initial Protests, Motions, and Responses may be found in the Docket Card for A.25-07-016 [apps.cpuc.ca.gov/p/A2507016](https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/p/A2507016).

The CPUC is expected to reach a final decision in time to meet the statutory deadline in this case, January 2027.

<sup>1</sup> Joint Application of Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, And Cox Enterprises, Inc. for Approval Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 854 of the Indirect Transfer of Control of Cox California Telcom, LLC (U-5684-C) (Public Version), (Joint Applicant Applications), July 30, 2025, p. 11.

<sup>2</sup> Joint Applicant Application, July 30, 2025, p. 22.

## Public Participation Hearings

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2/4/2026 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	Virtual	Toll-Free: 800-857-1917 Participant passcode: 1673482# For public viewing through the Internet: <a href="https://www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc">https://www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc</a>
2/12/2026 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	In-Person	East Los Angeles Library 4837 E 3rd Street Los Angeles, CA 90022
2/19/2026 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	In-Person	National City Council Chambers 1243 National City Blvd. National City, CA 91950
2/25/2026 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	Virtual	Toll-Free: 800-857-1917 Participant passcode: 1673482# For public viewing through the Internet: <a href="https://www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc">https://www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc</a>

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[https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/communications-division/documents/california-teleconnect-fund/ctf\\_statsheet\\_041725](https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/communications-division/documents/california-teleconnect-fund/ctf_statsheet_041725)

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