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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of August 2016

Commission File Number: 1-14942

MANULIFE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

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(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive office)

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The registrant's Management's Discussion and Analysis and Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for the quarter ended June 30, 2016 included on pages 7 to 33 and 34 to 70, respectively, of the registrant's 2016 Second Quarter Report to Shareholders filed with this Form 6-K as Exhibit 99.1, are incorporated by reference in the registration statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by the registrant on Form S-8 (Registration Nos. 333-12610, 333-13072, 333-114951, 333-129430, 333-157326, and 333-211366), on Form F-3 (Registration No. 333-159176) and on Form F-10 (Registration No. 333-208442) and by the registrant and John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) on Form F-3 (Registration Nos. 333-183233-01 and 333-183233,

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333-208663-01 and 333-208663, 333-205595-01 and 333-205595, 333-196805-01 and 333-196805, respectively). Except for the foregoing, no other document or portion of a document filed with this Form 6-K is incorporated by reference in the above registration statements.

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DOCUMENTS FILED AS PART OF THIS FORM 6-K

The following documents, filed as exhibits to this Form 6-K, are incorporated by reference as part of this Form 6-K:

Exhibit	Description of Exhibit
99.1	Second Quarter Report to Shareholders
99.2	Certification Chief Executive Officer
99.3	Certification Chief Financial Officer

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

MANULIFE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Stephen P.  
Sigurdson  
Name: Stephen P. Sigurdson  
Title: Executive Vice President and General  
Counsel

Date: August 4, 2016

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Univest Convertible Arbitrage Fund II Ltd. (Norshield)				
\$100,000	\$100,000	41,322	41,322	
Wachovia Securities International Ltd.				
\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	1,239,669	1,239,669	
World Income Fund, Inc.				
\$800,000	\$800,000	330,578	330,578	
Xavex Convertible Arbitrage 7 Fund c/o TQA Investors, LLC				
\$764,000	\$764,000	315,702	315,702	
Yield Strategies Fund I, L.P.				
\$500,000	\$500,000	206,611	206,611	
Yield Strategies Fund II, L.P.				
\$500,000	\$500,000	206,611	206,611	
Zurich Institutional Benchmarks Master Fund Ltd. c/o TQA Investors, LLC				
\$1,881,000	\$1,881,000	777,272	777,272	

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**PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

We are registering the convertible senior notes and the shares of our Class A common stock issuable upon conversion of the convertible senior notes to permit public secondary trading of these securities by the holders from time to time after the date of this prospectus. We have agreed, among other things, to bear all expenses, other than underwriting discounts and selling commissions, in connection with the registration and sale of the convertible senior notes and the shares of our Class A common stock covered by this prospectus.

We will not receive any of the proceeds from the offering or sale by the selling securityholders of the convertible senior notes or the shares of our Class A common stock covered by this prospectus. The convertible senior notes and shares of Class A common stock may be sold from time to time directly by any selling securityholder or, alternatively, through underwriters, broker-dealers or agents. If convertible senior notes or shares of Class A common stock are sold through underwriters or broker-dealers, the selling securityholder will be responsible for underwriting discounts or commissions or agents' commissions.

The convertible senior notes or shares of Class A common stock may be sold:

in one or more transactions at fixed prices,

at prevailing market prices at the time of sale,

at varying prices determined at the time of sale, or

at negotiated prices.

These sales may be effected in transactions, which may involve block trades or transactions in which the broker acts as agent for the seller and the buyer:

on any national securities exchange or quotation service on which the convertible senior notes or shares of Class A common stock may be listed or quoted at the time of sale,

in the over-the-counter market,

in transactions otherwise than on a national securities exchange or quotation service or in the over-the-counter market or

through the writing of options.

In connection with sales of the convertible senior notes or shares of Class A common stock, any selling securityholder may loan or pledge convertible senior notes or shares of our Class A common stock to broker-dealers that in turn may sell the securities.

The outstanding Class A common stock is publicly traded on the Nasdaq National Market. The initial purchasers of the convertible senior notes have advised us that certain of the initial purchasers are making and currently intend to continue making a market in the convertible senior notes. However, they are not obligated to do so and any market-making of this type may be discontinued at any time without notice, in the sole discretion of the initial purchasers. We do not intend to apply for listing of the convertible senior notes on the Nasdaq National Market or any securities exchange. Accordingly, we cannot assure that any trading market will develop or have any liquidity.

The selling securityholders and any broker-dealers, agents or underwriters that participate with the selling securityholders in the distribution of the convertible senior notes or the shares of Class A common stock to be offered by selling securityholders may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act, in which event any commissions received by these broker-dealers, agents or underwriters and any profits realized by the selling securityholders on the resales of the convertible senior notes or the shares may be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts under the Securities Act.

In addition, any securities covered by this prospectus which qualify for sale pursuant to Rule 144, Rule 144A or any other available exemption from registration under the Securities Act may be sold under Rule 144, Rule 144A or

any of the other available exemptions rather than pursuant to this prospectus.



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There is no assurance that any selling securityholder will sell any or all of the convertible senior notes or shares of Class A common stock to be offered by selling securityholders as described in this prospectus, and any selling securityholders may transfer, devise or gift the securities by other means not described in this prospectus.

We originally sold the convertible senior notes to the initial purchasers in November 2004 in a private placement. We agreed to indemnify and hold the initial purchasers of the convertible senior notes harmless against certain liabilities under the Securities Act that could arise in connection with the sale of the convertible senior notes by the initial purchasers. The registration rights agreement we entered into in connection with the sale of the convertible senior notes provides for us and those selling securityholders listed on the Selling Securityholders Table as holders of convertible senior notes to indemnify each other against certain liabilities arising under the Securities Act.

Pursuant to the registration rights agreement we entered into in connection with the sale of the convertible senior notes, we agreed to use reasonable efforts to cause the registration statement to which this prospectus relates to become effective within 150 days after the date the convertible senior notes were originally issued and to keep the registration statement effective until the earlier of (1) the date as of which all the notes or the Class A common stock issuable upon conversion of the notes have been sold either under Rule 144 under the Securities Act (or any similar provision then in force) or pursuant to the shelf registration statement; (2) the date as of which all the notes or the Class A common stock issuable upon conversion of the notes held by non-affiliates are eligible to be sold to the public pursuant to Rule 144(k) under the Securities Act or any successor provision; and (3) the date on which there are no outstanding registrable securities.

The registration rights agreement we entered into in connection with the sale of the convertible senior notes provides that, under certain circumstances, we may suspend the use of this prospectus in connection with sales of convertible senior notes and shares of Class A common stock for a period not to exceed an aggregate of 45 days in any 90-day period or 90 days in any 12-month period. We will bear the expenses of preparing and filing the registration statement and all post-effective amendments.

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**LEGAL MATTERS**

The validity of the securities offered by this prospectus has been passed upon for Charter Communications, Inc. by Irell & Manella, LLP.

**EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of Charter Communications, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 and for the three year periods ended December 31, 2003, which are included in Charter Communications, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, have been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report included in this prospectus, which includes explanatory paragraphs regarding the adoption, effective January 1, 2002, of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets and, effective January 1, 2003, of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, as amended by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 148, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation Transition and Disclosure an amendment to FASB Statement No. 123. The consolidated financial statements referred to above have been included in this prospectus in reliance upon the authority of KPMG LLP as experts in giving said report.

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Board of Directors

Charter Communications, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Charter Communications, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in shareholders' equity (deficit), and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2003. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Charter Communications, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2003, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements, effective January 1, 2002, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*.

As discussed in Note 19 to the consolidated financial statements, effective January 1, 2003, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*, as amended by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 148, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation - Transition and Disclosure - an amendment of FASB Statement No. 123*.

/s/ KPMG LLP

St. Louis, Missouri

March 1, 2004

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**CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(Dollars in millions, except share data)

	December 31,	
	2003	2002
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 127	\$ 321
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$17 and \$19, respectively	189	259
Receivables from related party		8
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	34	45
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>633</b>
<b>INVESTMENT IN CABLE PROPERTIES:</b>		
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$3,950 and \$2,634, respectively	7,014	7,679
Franchises, net of accumulated amortization of \$3,445 and \$3,452, respectively	13,680	13,727
<b>Total investment in cable properties, net</b>	<b>20,694</b>	<b>21,406</b>
<b>OTHER NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>345</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$21,364</b>	<b>\$22,384</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY (DEFICIT)</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,235	\$ 1,345
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>1,345</b>
<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>	<b>18,647</b>	<b>18,671</b>
DEFERRED MANAGEMENT FEES RELATED PARTY	14	14
<b>OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>1,212</b>
<b>MINORITY INTEREST</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>1,050</b>
PREFERRED STOCK REDEEMABLE; \$.001 par value; 1 million shares authorized; 545,259 and 505,664 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	55	51
<b>SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY (DEFICIT):</b>		

Class A Common stock; \$.001 par value; 1.75 billion shares authorized;  
295,038,606, and 294,536,830 shares issued and outstanding, respectively

Class B Common stock; \$.001 par value; 750 million shares authorized;  
50,000 shares issued and outstanding

Preferred stock; \$.001 par value; 250 million shares authorized; no  
non-redeemable shares issued and outstanding

Additional paid-in capital	4,700	4,697
Accumulated deficit	(4,851)	(4,609)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(24)	(47)
<b>Total shareholders equity (deficit)</b>	<b>(175)</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders equity (deficit)</b>	<b>\$21,364</b>	<b>\$22,384</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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**CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
(Dollars in millions, except per share and share data)

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>	\$ 4,819	\$ 4,566	\$ 3,807
<b>COSTS AND EXPENSES:</b>			
Operating (excluding depreciation and amortization)	1,952	1,807	1,486
Selling, general and administrative	940	963	826
Depreciation and amortization	1,479	1,439	2,693
Impairment of franchises		4,638	
Gain on sale of system	(21)		
Option compensation expense (income), net	4	5	(5)
Special charges, net	21	36	18
Unfavorable contracts and other settlements	(72)		
	4,303	8,888	5,018
Income (loss) from operations	516	(4,322)	(1,211)
<b>OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSES:</b>			
Interest expense, net	(1,557)	(1,503)	(1,310)
Gain (loss) on derivative instruments and hedging activities, net	65	(115)	(50)
Gain on debt exchange, net	267		
Loss on equity investments	(3)	(3)	(54)
Other, net	(13)	(1)	(5)
	(1,241)	(1,622)	(1,419)
Loss before minority interest, income taxes and cumulative effect of accounting change	(725)	(5,944)	(2,630)
<b>MINORITY INTEREST</b>	377	3,176	1,461
Loss before income taxes and cumulative effect of accounting change	(348)	(2,768)	(1,169)
<b>INCOME TAX BENEFIT</b>	110	460	12
Loss before cumulative effect of accounting change	(238)	(2,308)	(1,157)
		(206)	(10)

**CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF  
ACCOUNTING CHANGE, NET OF TAX**

Net loss	(238)	(2,514)	(1,167)
Dividends on preferred stock redeemable	(4)	(3)	(1)
Net loss applicable to common stock	\$ (242)	\$ (2,517)	\$ (1,168)
<b>LOSS PER COMMON SHARE, basic and diluted</b>	<b>\$ (0.82)</b>	<b>\$ (8.55)</b>	<b>\$ (4.33)</b>
Weighted average common shares outstanding, basic and diluted	294,597,519	294,440,261	269,594,386

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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**CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY (DEFICIT)**  
(Dollars in millions)

	Class A Common Stock	Class B Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total Shareholders Equity (Deficit)
BALANCE, December 31, 2000	\$	\$	\$3,691	\$ (924)	\$	\$ 2,767
Issuance of common stock related to acquisitions			2			2
Net proceeds from issuance of common stock			1,218			1,218
Redeemable securities reclassified as equity			9			9
Contributions from Charter Investment, Inc.			25			25
Changes in fair value of interest rate agreements					(17)	(17)
Option compensation expense, net			(3)			(3)
Loss on issuance of equity by subsidiary			(253)			(253)
Stock options exercised			5			5
Dividends on preferred stock redeemable				(1)		(1)
Net loss				(1,167)		(1,167)
BALANCE, December 31, 2001			4,694	(2,092)	(17)	2,585
Issuance of common stock related to acquisitions			2			2
Changes in fair value of interest rate agreements					(30)	(30)
Option compensation expense, net			2			2
Loss on issuance of equity by subsidiary			(1)			(1)
Dividends on preferred stock redeemable				(3)		(3)
Net loss				(2,514)		(2,514)
BALANCE, December 31, 2002			4,697	(4,609)	(47)	41
Changes in fair value of interest rate agreements					23	23

Option compensation expense, net			2			2
Issuance of common stock related to acquisitions			2			2
Loss on issuance of equity by subsidiary			(1)			(1)
Dividends on preferred stock redeemable				(4)		(4)
Net loss				(238)		(238)
 BALANCE, December 31, 2003	\$	\$	\$4,700	\$ (4,851)	\$ (24)	\$ (175)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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**CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(Dollars in millions)

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Net loss	\$ (238)	\$(2,514)	\$(1,167)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash flows from operating activities:			
Minority interest	(377)	(3,176)	(1,461)
Depreciation and amortization	1,479	1,439	2,693
Impairment of franchises		4,638	
Option compensation expense (income), net	4	5	(5)
Noncash interest expense	414	395	295
Loss on equity investments	3	3	54
Loss (gain) on derivative instruments and hedging activities, net	(65)	115	50
Gain on debt exchange, net	(267)		
Gain on sale of system	(21)		
Deferred income taxes	(110)	(460)	(12)
Cumulative effect of accounting change, net		206	10
Unfavorable contracts and other settlements	(72)		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisitions:			
Accounts receivable	70	27	(73)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	5	26	(11)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses and other	(69)	47	111
Receivables from and payables to related party, including deferred management fees	9	(3)	
Other operating activities			5
Net cash flows from operating activities	765	748	489
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(854)	(2,167)	(2,913)
Change in accounts payable and accrued expenses related to capital expenditures	(33)	(55)	(88)
Proceeds from sale of system	91		
Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired		(139)	(1,755)
Purchases of investments	(11)	(12)	(3)
Other investing activities	(10)	10	(15)
Net cash flows from investing activities	(817)	(2,363)	(4,774)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Proceeds from issuance of common stock		2	1,223

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Borrowings of long-term debt	738	4,106	7,310
Repayments of long-term debt	(1,368)	(2,134)	(4,290)
Proceeds from issuance of debt	529		
Payments for debt issuance costs	(41)	(40)	(87)
Net cash flows from financing activities	(142)	1,934	4,156
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(194)	319	(129)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	321	2	131
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	\$ 127	\$ 321	\$ 2
CASH PAID FOR INTEREST	\$ 1,111	\$ 1,103	\$ 994
NONCASH TRANSACTIONS:			
Issuance of debt by CCH II, LLC	\$ 1,572	\$	\$
Retirement of debt	1,866		
Reclassification of redeemable securities to equity and minority interest			1,105
Exchange of cable system for acquisition			25
Issuances of preferred stock redeemable, as payment for acquisitions	4		51
Issuances of equity as partial payments for acquisitions	2		2

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****December 31, 2003, 2002 AND 2001****(Dollars in millions, except where indicated)****1. Organization and Basis of Presentation**

Charter Communications, Inc. ( Charter ) is a holding company whose principal assets at December 31, 2003 are the 46% controlling common equity interest in Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC ( Charter Holdco ) and mirror notes that are payable by Charter Holdco to Charter which have the same principal amount and terms as those of Charter's convertible senior notes. Charter Holdco is the sole owner of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC ( Charter Holdings ). The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Charter, Charter Holdco, Charter Holdings and all of their wholly owned subsidiaries where the underlying operations reside, collectively referred to herein as the Company. The Company consolidates Charter Holdco on the basis of voting control. Charter Holdco's limited liability agreement provides that so long as Charter's Class B common stock retains its special voting rights, Charter will maintain 100% voting interest in Charter Holdco. Voting control gives Charter full authority and control over the operations of Charter Holdco. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions among consolidated entities have been eliminated. The Company is a broadband communications company operating in the United States. The Company offers its customers traditional video programming (analog and digital video) as well as high-speed data services and in some areas advanced broadband services such as high definition television, video on demand, telephony and interactive television. The Company sells its video programming, high-speed data and advanced broadband services on a subscription basis.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Areas involving significant judgments and estimates include capitalization of labor and overhead costs; depreciation and amortization costs; impairments of property, plant and equipment, franchises and goodwill; income taxes; and contingencies. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Restatement of 2001 Results.* In 2002, the Company restated its consolidated financial statements for 2001 and prior. The restatements were primarily related to the following categories: (i) launch incentives from programmers; (ii) customer incentives and inducements; (iii) capitalized labor and overhead costs; (iv) customer acquisition costs; (v) rebuild and upgrade of cable systems; (vi) deferred tax liabilities/franchise assets; and (vii) other adjustments. These adjustments reduced revenue by \$146 million and decreased consolidated net loss by \$11 million for the year ended December 31, 2001 and decreased shareholders' equity by \$356 million as of January 1, 2001. In addition, as a result of certain of these adjustments, the Company's statement of cash flow was also restated at the time. Net cash flows from operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2001 was reduced by \$30 million.

*Reclassifications.* Certain 2002 and 2001 amounts have been reclassified to conform with the 2003 presentation.

**2. Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The Company recognized income from operations of \$516 million in 2003 and incurred losses from operations of \$4.3 billion and \$1.2 billion in 2002 and 2001, respectively. The Company's net cash flows from operating activities were \$765 million, \$748 million and \$489 million for the years ending December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. The Company has historically required significant cash to fund capital expenditures and debt service costs. Historically, the Company has funded these requirements through cash flows from operating activities, borrowing under the credit facilities of the Company's subsidiaries, by issuances of debt and equity securities and by cash on hand. The mix of funding sources

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**CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**  
**December 31, 2003, 2002 AND 2001**

**(Dollars in millions, except where indicated)**

changes from period to period, but for the year ended December 31, 2003, approximately 80% of the Company's funding requirements were satisfied from cash flows from operating activities and 20% was from cash on hand. For the year ended December 31, 2003, the Company received \$91 million from the sale of the Port Orchard, Washington cable system. Additionally, the Company had net cash flows used in financing activities of \$142 million, reflecting a net repayment of debt, and reduced cash on hand by \$194 million.

The Company expects that cash on hand, cash flows from operating activities and the funds available under its subsidiaries' credit facilities will be adequate to meet its 2004 cash needs. However, these credit facilities are subject to certain restrictive covenants, portions of which are subject to the operating results of the Company's subsidiaries. The Company expects to maintain compliance with these covenants in 2004. If the Company's actual operating results do not result in compliance with these covenants, or if other events of noncompliance occur, funding under the credit facilities may not be available and defaults on some or potentially all debt obligations could occur. Additionally, no assurances can be given that the Company will not experience liquidity problems because of adverse market conditions or other unfavorable events. Further, cash flows from operating activities and amounts available under credit facilities may not be sufficient to permit the Company to satisfy its principal repayment obligations that come due in 2005 and thereafter.

The indentures governing the Charter Holdings notes permit Charter Holdings to make distributions up to its formulaic capacity to Charter Holdco for payment of interest on the convertible senior notes, only if, after giving effect to the distribution, Charter Holdings can incur additional debt under the leverage ratio of 8.75 to 1.0, there is no default under the indentures and other specified tests are met. However, in the event that Charter Holdings could not incur any additional debt under the 8.75 to 1.0 leverage ratio, the indentures governing the Charter Holdings notes permit Charter Holdings and its subsidiaries to make specified investments in Charter Holdco or Charter, up to its formulaic capacity, if there is no default under the indentures. There were no defaults under the Charter Holdings indentures and other specified tests were met for the quarter ended December 31, 2003. However, Charter Holdings did not meet the leverage ratio test at December 31, 2003, and as a result, distributions from Charter Holdings to Charter will be restricted until that test is met. Charter's ability to make payments on its convertible senior notes is dependent on Charter Holdco's liquidity or on the ability for it to obtain distributions from Charter Holdings and the Company's other subsidiaries making distributions, loans, or payments to Charter Holdco, and on Charter Holdco paying or distributing such funds to Charter. As of December 31, 2003, Charter Holdco had \$41 million in cash on hand and is owed \$37 million in intercompany loans, which are available to Charter Holdco to service interest on Charter's convertible senior notes, which is scheduled to be approximately \$43 million in 2004. Accordingly, Charter's ability to make interest payments, or principal payments at maturity in 2005 and 2006, with respect to its currently outstanding convertible senior notes is contingent upon it obtaining additional financing or receiving distributions or other payments from its subsidiaries.

On October 1, 2003 the Company closed on the sale of its Port Orchard, Washington system for approximately \$91 million, resulting in a \$21 million gain recorded as gain on sale of system in the Company's consolidated statement of operations. On March 1, 2004, the Company closed the sale of cable systems in Florida, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and West Virginia with Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC. The Company anticipates that an additional closing for a cable system in New York will occur during the first quarter of 2004. After giving effect to the sale of the New York system, net proceeds will be approximately \$735 million, subject to post-closing adjustments. The Company will use these proceeds to repay bank debt.

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The Company's long-term financing structure as of December 31, 2003 includes \$7.2 billion of credit facility debt, \$10.6 billion of high-yield notes and \$774 million of convertible senior debentures. Approximately \$188 million of this financing matures during 2004, and the Company expects to fund this through availability under its credit facilities. Note 9 summarizes the Company's current availability under its credit facilities and its long-term debt.

**3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*****Cash Equivalents***

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. These investments are carried at cost, which approximates market value.

***Property, Plant and Equipment***

Property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost, including all material, labor and certain indirect costs associated with the construction of cable transmission and distribution facilities. Costs associated with initial customer installations and the additions of network equipment necessary to enable advanced services are capitalized. Costs capitalized as part of initial customer installations include materials, labor, and certain indirect costs. These indirect costs are associated with the activities of the Company's personnel who assist in connecting and activating the new service and consist of compensation and overhead costs associated with these support functions. Overhead costs primarily include employee benefits and payroll taxes, direct variable costs associated with capitalizable activities, consisting primarily of installation and construction vehicle costs, the cost of dispatch personnel and indirect costs directly attributable to capitalizable activities. The costs of disconnecting service at a customer's dwelling or reconnecting service to a previously installed dwelling are charged to operating expense in the period incurred. Costs for repairs and maintenance are charged to operating expense as incurred, while equipment replacement and betterments, including replacement of cable drops from the pole to the dwelling, are capitalized.

Depreciation is recorded using the straight-line method over management's estimate of the useful lives of the related assets as follows:

Cable distribution systems	7-15 years
Customer equipment and installations	3-5 years
Vehicles and equipment	1-5 years
Buildings and leasehold improvements	5-15 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 years

***Franchises***

Franchise rights represent the value attributed to agreements with local authorities that allow access to homes in cable service areas acquired through the purchase of cable systems. Management estimates the fair value of franchise rights at the date of acquisition and determines if the franchise has a finite life or an indefinite life as defined by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*. On January 1, 2002, the Company adopted SFAS No. 142, which eliminates the amortization of goodwill and indefinite lived intangible assets. Accordingly, beginning January 1, 2002, all franchises that qualify for indefinite life treatment under SFAS No. 142 are no longer amortized against earnings but instead are tested for impairment annually as of October 1, or more frequently as warranted by events or changes in circumstances (See Note 7). The Company concluded

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that 99% of its franchises qualify for indefinite-life treatment; however, certain franchises did not qualify for indefinite-life treatment due to technological or operational factors that limit their lives. These franchise costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over 10 years. Costs incurred in renewing cable franchises are deferred and amortized over 10 years.

Prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 142, costs incurred in obtaining and renewing cable franchises were deferred and amortized using the straight-line method over a period of 15 years. Franchise rights acquired through the purchase of cable systems were generally amortized using the straight-line method over a period of 15 years. The period of 15 years was management's best estimate of the useful lives of the franchises and assumed that substantially all of those franchises that expired during the period would be renewed but not indefinitely. The Company evaluated the recoverability of franchises for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicated that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable.

***Other Noncurrent Assets***

Other noncurrent assets primarily include goodwill, deferred financing costs and investments in equity securities. Costs related to borrowings are deferred and amortized to interest expense using the effective interest method over the terms of the related borrowings. As of December 31, 2003 and 2002, other noncurrent assets include \$203 million and \$231 million of deferred financing costs, net of accumulated amortization of \$128 million and \$106 million, respectively.

Investments in equity securities are accounted for at cost, under the equity method of accounting or in accordance with SFAS No. 115, *Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities*. Charter recognizes losses for any decline in value considered to be other than temporary. Certain marketable equity securities are classified as available-for-sale and reported at market value with unrealized gains and losses recorded as accumulated other comprehensive income or loss.

The following summarizes investment information as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002:

	Carrying Value at December 31,		Gain (Loss) for the Years Ended December 31,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
Equity investments, under the cost method	\$ 30	\$ 17	\$(2)	\$
Equity investments, under the equity method	11	16	(1)	(5)
Marketable securities, at market value				2
	\$ 41	\$ 33	\$(3)	\$(3)

***Valuation of Property, Plant and Equipment***

The Company evaluates the recoverability of property, plant and equipment for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Such events or changes in circumstances could include such factors as changes in technological advances, fluctuations in the fair value of such assets, adverse changes in relationships with local franchise authorities, adverse changes in market conditions or poor operating results. If a review indicates that the carrying value of such asset is not recoverable from



estimated undiscounted cash flows, the carrying value of such asset is reduced to its estimated fair value. While the Company believes that its estimates of future cash flows are reasonable, different

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assumptions regarding such cash flows could materially affect its evaluations of asset recoverability. No impairment of property, plant and equipment occurred in 2003, 2002 and 2001.

***Derivative Financial Instruments***

The Company accounts for derivative financial instruments in accordance with SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, as amended, which became effective for the Company on January 1, 2001. The Company uses interest rate risk management derivative instruments, such as interest rate swap agreements, interest rate cap agreements and interest rate collar agreements (collectively referred to herein as interest rate agreements) as required under the terms of the credit facilities of the Company's subsidiaries. The Company's policy is to manage interest costs using a mix of fixed and variable rate debt. Using interest rate swap agreements, the Company agrees to exchange, at specified intervals, the difference between fixed and variable interest amounts calculated by reference to an agreed-upon notional principal amount. Interest rate cap agreements are used to lock in a maximum interest rate should variable rates rise, but enable the Company to otherwise pay lower market rates. Interest rate collar agreements are used to limit exposure to and benefits from interest rate fluctuations on variable rate debt to within a certain range of rates. The Company does not hold or issue any derivative financial instruments for trading purposes.

***Revenue Recognition***

Revenues from residential and commercial video and high-speed data services are recognized when the related services are provided. Advertising sales are recognized at estimated realizable values in the period that the advertisements are broadcast. Local governmental authorities impose franchise fees on the Company ranging up to a federally mandated maximum of 5% of gross revenues as defined in the franchise agreement. Such fees are collected on a monthly basis from the Company's customers and are periodically remitted to local franchise authorities. Franchise fees collected and paid are reported as revenues on a gross basis with a corresponding expense pursuant to Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) Issue No. 01-14, *Income Statement Characterization of Reimbursements Received for Out of Pocket Expenses Incurred*.

***Programming Costs***

The Company has various contracts to obtain analog, digital and premium video programming from program suppliers whose compensation is typically based on a flat fee per customer. The cost of the right to exhibit network programming under such arrangements is recorded in operating expenses in the month the programming is available for exhibition. Programming costs are paid each month based on calculations performed by the Company and are subject to adjustment based on periodic audits performed by the programmers. Additionally, certain programming contracts contain launch incentives to be paid by the programmers. The Company receives these payments related to the promotion and activation of the programmer's cable television channel and recognizes the launch incentives on a straight-line basis over the life of the programming agreement as a reduction of programming expense. This offset to programming expense was \$62 million, \$57 million and \$35 million for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. Programming costs included in the accompanying statement of operations were \$1.2 billion, \$1.2 billion and \$963 million for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. As of December 31, 2003 and 2002, the deferred amount of launch incentives, included in other long-term liabilities, totaled \$148 million and \$210 million, respectively.

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***Advertising Costs***

Advertising costs associated with marketing the Company's products and services are generally expensed as costs are incurred. Such advertising expense was \$62 million, \$60 million and \$43 million for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

***Stock-Based Compensation***

The Company has historically accounted for stock-based compensation in accordance with Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, and related interpretations, as permitted by SFAS No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*. On January 1, 2003, the Company adopted the fair value measurement provisions of SFAS No. 123 using the prospective method under which the Company will recognize compensation expense of a stock-based award to an employee over the vesting period based on the fair value of the award on the grant date consistent with the method described in Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation (FIN) No. 28, *Accounting for Stock Appreciation Rights and Other Variable Stock Option or Award Plans*. Adoption of these provisions resulted in utilizing a preferable accounting method as the consolidated financial statements will present the estimated fair value of stock-based compensation in expense consistently with other forms of compensation and other expense associated with goods and services received for equity instruments. In accordance with SFAS No. 148, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation - Transition and Disclosure*, the fair value method will be applied only to awards granted or modified after January 1, 2003, whereas awards granted prior to such date will continue to be accounted for under APB No. 25, unless they are modified or settled in cash. Management believes the adoption of these provisions will not have a material impact on the consolidated results of operations or financial condition of the Company. The ongoing effect on consolidated results of operations or financial condition will be dependent upon future stock-based compensation awards granted by the Company.

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SFAS No. 123 requires pro forma disclosure of the impact on earnings as if the compensation expense for these plans had been determined using the fair value method. The following table presents the Company's net loss and loss per share as reported and the pro forma amounts that would have been reported using the fair value method under SFAS No. 123 for the years presented:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
Net loss applicable to common stock	\$ (242)	\$ (2,517)	\$ (1,168)
Add back stock-based compensation expense (income) related to stock options included in reported net loss (net of minority interest)	2	2	(2)
Less employee stock-based compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all employee stock option awards (net of minority interest)	(14)	(56)	(56)
Pro forma	\$ (254)	\$ (2,571)	\$ (1,226)
Loss per common shares, basic and diluted	\$ (0.82)	\$ (8.55)	\$ (4.33)
Add back stock-based compensation expense (income) related to stock options included in reported net loss (net of minority interest)	0.01	0.01	(0.01)
Less employee stock-based compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all employee stock option awards (net of minority interest)	(0.05)	(0.19)	(0.21)
Pro forma	\$ (0.86)	\$ (8.73)	\$ (4.55)

The fair value of each option granted is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The following weighted average assumptions were used for grants during the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively: risk-free interest rates of 3.0%, 3.6%, and 4.7%; expected volatility of 93.6%, 64.2% and 56.2%; and expected lives of 3.5 years, 3.3 years and 3.7 years, respectively. The valuations assume no dividends are paid.

***Unfavorable Contracts and Other Settlements***

The Company recognized \$72 million of benefit for the year ended December 31, 2003 as a result of the settlement of estimated liabilities recorded in connection with prior business combinations. The majority of this benefit (approximately \$52 million) is due to the renegotiation of a major programming contract, for which a liability had been recorded for the above market portion of the agreement in conjunction with the Falcon acquisition in 1999 and the Bresnan acquisition in 2000. The remaining benefit relates to the reversal of previously recorded liabilities, which, based on an evaluation of current facts and circumstances, are no longer required.

***Income Taxes***

The Company recognizes deferred tax assets and liabilities for temporary differences between the financial reporting basis and the tax basis of the Company's assets and liabilities and expected benefits of utilizing net operating loss carryforwards. The impact on deferred taxes of changes in tax rates and tax law, if any, applied to the years

during which temporary differences are expected to be settled, are reflected in the consolidated financial statements in the period of enactment (see Note 21).

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***Minority Interest***

Minority interest on the consolidated balance sheets represents the portion of members' equity of Charter Holdco not owned by Charter, plus preferred membership interests in two indirect subsidiaries of Charter held by Mr. Paul G. Allen and certain sellers of the Helicon systems. Minority interest totaled \$689 million and \$1.0 billion as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Gains or losses arising from issuances by Charter Holdco of its membership units are recorded as capital transactions thereby increasing or decreasing shareholders' equity and decreasing or increasing minority interest on the consolidated balance sheets. These losses totaled \$1 million, \$1 million and \$253 million for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively, on the accompanying consolidated statements of changes in shareholders' equity. Operating losses are allocated to the minority owners based on their ownership percentage, thereby reducing the Company's net loss.

***Loss per Common Share***

Basic loss per common share is computed by dividing the net loss applicable to common stock by 294,597,519 shares, 294,440,261 shares and 269,594,386 shares for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, representing the weighted-average common shares outstanding during the respective periods. Diluted loss per common share equals basic loss per common share for the periods presented, as the effect of stock options is antidilutive because the Company incurred net losses. All membership units of Charter Holdco are exchangeable on a one-for-one basis into common stock of Charter at the option of the holders. Should the holders exchange units for shares, the effect would not be dilutive.

***Segments***

SFAS No. 131, *Disclosure about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information*, established standards for reporting information about operating segments in annual financial statements and in interim financial reports issued to shareholders. Operating segments are defined as components of an enterprise about which separate financial information is available that is evaluated on a regular basis by the chief operating decisionmaker, or decision making group, in deciding how to allocate resources to an individual segment and in assessing performance of the segment.

The Company's operations are managed on the basis of geographic divisional operating segments. The Company has evaluated the criteria for aggregation of the geographic operating segments under paragraph 17 of SFAS No. 131 and believes it meets each of the respective criteria set forth. The Company delivers similar products and services within each of its geographic divisional operations. Each geographic and divisional service area utilizes similar means for delivering the programming of the Company's services; have similarity in the type or class of customer receiving the products and services; distributes the Company's services over a unified network; and operates within a consistent regulatory environment. In addition, each of the geographic divisional operating segments has similar economic characteristics. In light of the Company's similar services, means for delivery, similarity in type of customers, the use of a unified network and other considerations across its geographic divisional operating structure, management has determined that the Company has one reportable segment, broadband services.

**4. Acquisitions**

On February 28, 2002, CC Systems, LLC, a subsidiary of the Company, and High Speed Access Corp. (HSA) closed the Company's acquisition from HSA of the contracts and associated assets, and assumed related liabilities, that served certain of the Company's high-speed data customers. At closing, the

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Company paid approximately \$78 million in cash and delivered 37,000 shares of HSA's Series D convertible preferred stock and all the warrants to buy HSA common stock owned by the Company. An additional \$2 million of purchase price was retained to secure indemnity claims. The purchase price has been allocated to assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on fair values as determined in the fourth quarter of 2002 by a third-party valuation expert, including approximately \$8 million assigned to intangible assets and amortized over an average useful life of three years and approximately \$54 million assigned to goodwill. In 2003, as part of the finalization of the HSA acquisition, goodwill was reduced to \$52 million. The finalization of the purchase price did not have a material effect on amortization expense previously reported. During the period from 1997 to 2000, certain subsidiaries of the Company entered into Internet-access related service agreements with HSA, and both Vulcan Ventures and certain of the Company's subsidiaries made equity investments in HSA. (See Note 22 for additional information).

In April 2002, Interlink Communications Partners, LLC, Rifkin Acquisition Partners, LLC and Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC, each an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Charter Holdings, completed the purchase of certain assets of Enstar Income Program II-2, L.P., Enstar Income Program IV-3, L.P., Enstar Income/Growth Program Six-A, L.P., Enstar Cable of Macoupin County and Enstar IV/PBD Systems Venture, serving approximately 21,600 (unaudited) customers, for a total cash purchase price of \$48 million. In September 2002, Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC purchased all of Enstar Income Program II-1, L.P.'s Illinois cable systems, serving approximately 6,400 (unaudited) customers, for a cash purchase price of \$15 million. Enstar Communications Corporation, a direct subsidiary of Charter Holdco, is a general partner of the Enstar limited partnerships but does not exercise control over them. The purchase prices were allocated to assets acquired based on fair values, including \$41 million assigned to franchises and \$4 million assigned to other intangible assets amortized over a useful life of three years.

The 2002 acquisitions were funded primarily from borrowings under the credit facilities of the Company's subsidiaries.

During the second and third quarters in 2001, the Company acquired cable systems in two separate transactions. In connection with the acquisitions, the Company paid a total cash consideration of \$1.8 billion, transferred a cable system valued at \$25 million, issued 505,664 shares of Charter Series A Convertible Redeemable Preferred Stock valued at \$51 million, and in the first quarter of 2003 issued 39,595 additional shares of Series A Convertible Redeemable Preferred Stock to certain sellers subject to certain holdback provisions of the acquisition agreement valued at \$4 million. The purchase prices were allocated to assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on fair values, including amounts assigned to franchises of \$1.5 billion.

The transactions described above were accounted for using the purchase method of accounting, and, accordingly, the results of operations of the acquired assets and assumed liabilities have been included in the consolidated financial statements from their respective dates of acquisition. The purchase prices were allocated to assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on fair values.

The summarized operating results of the Company that follow are presented on a pro forma basis as if the following had occurred on January 1, 2001: all acquisitions and dispositions completed during 2001; the issuance of Charter Holdings senior notes and senior discount notes in January 2002 and 2001; the issuance of Charter Holdings senior notes and senior discount notes in May 2001; and the issuance of and sale by Charter of convertible senior notes and Class A common stock in May 2001. Adjustments have been made to give effect to amortization of franchises acquired prior to July 1, 2001, interest expense,

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minority interest, and certain other adjustments. Pro forma results for the year ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 would not differ significantly from historical results.

**Year Ended December 31, 2001**

Revenues	\$ 3,969
Loss from operations	(1,211)
Loss before minority interest, income taxes and cumulative effect of accounting change	(2,724)
Net loss	(1,251)
Loss per common share, basic and diluted	(4.64)

The unaudited pro forma financial information has been presented for comparative purposes and does not purport to be indicative of the consolidated results of operations had these transactions been completed as of the assumed date or which may be obtained in the future.

**5. Allowance for Doubtful Accounts**

Activity in the allowance for doubtful accounts is summarized as follows for the years presented:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 19	\$ 33	\$ 12
Acquisitions of cable systems			1
Charged to expense	79	108	95
Uncollected balances written off, net of recoveries	(81)	(122)	(75)
Balance, end of year	\$ 17	\$ 19	\$ 33

**6. Property, Plant and Equipment**

Property, plant and equipment consists of the following as of December 31, 2003 and 2002:

	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
Cable distribution systems	\$ 9,507	\$ 8,950
Land, buildings and leasehold improvements	583	580
Vehicles and equipment	874	783
	10,964	10,313
Less: accumulated depreciation	(3,950)	(2,634)
	\$ 7,014	\$ 7,679



The Company periodically evaluates the estimated useful lives used to depreciate its assets and the estimated amount of assets that will be abandoned or have minimal use in the future. A significant change in assumptions about the extent or timing of future asset retirements, or in the Company's use of new technology and upgrade programs, could materially affect future depreciation expense.

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 was \$1.5 billion, \$1.4 billion and \$1.2 billion, respectively.

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**7. Franchises and Goodwill**

The Company constructs and operates its cable systems under non-exclusive franchises that are granted by state or local government authorities for varying lengths of time. As of December 31, 2003, the Company had approximately 4,400 franchises in areas located throughout the United States. The Company obtained these franchises primarily through acquisitions of cable systems accounted for as purchase business combinations. These acquisitions have primarily been for the purpose of acquiring existing franchises and related infrastructure and, as such, the primary asset acquired by the Company has historically been cable franchises.

On January 1, 2002, the Company adopted SFAS No. 142, which eliminates the amortization of indefinite lived intangible assets. Accordingly, beginning January 1, 2002, all franchises that qualify for indefinite life treatment under SFAS No. 142 are no longer amortized against earnings but instead will be tested for impairment annually, or more frequently as warranted by events or changes in circumstances. During the first quarter of 2002, the Company had an independent appraiser perform valuations of its franchises as of January 1, 2002. Based on the guidance prescribed in EITF Issue No. 02-7, *Unit of Accounting for Testing of Impairment of Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets*, franchises were aggregated into essentially inseparable asset groups to conduct the valuations. The asset groups generally represented geographic clusters of the Company's cable systems, which management then believed represented the highest and best use of those assets. Fair value was determined based on estimated discounted future cash flows using assumptions that are consistent with internal forecasts. As a result, the Company determined that franchises were impaired and recorded the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle of \$206 million (approximately \$572 million before minority interest effects of \$306 million and tax effects of \$60 million). The effect of adoption was to increase net loss and loss per share by \$206 million and \$0.70, respectively. As required by SFAS No. 142, the standard has not been retroactively applied to the results for the period prior to adoption.

The Company performed its annual impairment assessment as of October 1, 2002 using an independent third-party appraiser and following the guidance of EITF Issue 02-17, *Recognition of Customer Relationship Intangible Assets Acquired in a Business Combination*, which was issued in October 2002 and requires the consideration of assumptions that marketplace participants would consider, such as expectations of future contract renewals and other benefits related to the intangible asset. Revised estimates of future cash flows and the use of a lower projected long-term growth rate in the Company's valuation, led to recognition of a \$4.6 billion impairment charge in the fourth quarter of 2002.

The independent third-party appraiser's valuations as of January 1, 2002, October 1, 2002 and October 1, 2003 yielded total enterprise values of approximately \$30 billion, \$25 billion and \$25 billion, respectively, which included approximately \$2.4 billion, \$3.1 billion and \$3.2 billion, respectively, assigned to customer relationships. SFAS No. 142 does not permit the recognition of intangible assets not previously recognized. Accordingly, the impairment included approximately \$572 million and \$3.1 billion, before tax effects, attributable to customer relationships as of January 1, 2002 and October 1, 2002, respectively. The valuation completed at October 1, 2003 showed franchise values in excess of book value and thus resulted in no impairment. Additionally, as a result of the sale of the Port Orchard, Washington cable system on October 1, 2003, net carrying value of franchises were reduced by \$42 million.

In determining whether its franchises have an indefinite life, the Company considered the exclusivity of the franchise, its expected costs of franchise renewals, and the technological state of the associated cable systems with a view to whether or not the Company is in compliance with any technology upgrading requirements. Certain franchises did not qualify for indefinite-life treatment due to technological or

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operational factors that limit their lives. These franchise costs will be amortized on a straight-line basis over 10 years. The effect of the adoption of SFAS No. 142 as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 is presented in the following table:

	December 31,					
	2003			2002		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount
Indefinite-lived intangible assets:						
Franchises with indefinite lives	\$ 17,018	\$ 3,412	\$ 13,606	\$ 17,076	\$ 3,428	\$ 13,648
Goodwill	52		52	54		54
	\$ 17,070	\$ 3,412	\$ 13,658	\$ 17,130	\$ 3,428	\$ 13,702
Finite-lived intangible assets:						
Franchises with finite lives	\$ 107	\$ 33	\$ 74	\$ 103	\$ 24	\$ 79

Franchise amortization expense for each of the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 was \$9 million which represents the amortization relating to franchises that did not qualify for indefinite-life treatment under SFAS No. 142, including costs associated with franchise renewals. The Company expects amortization expense on franchise assets will decrease to approximately \$4 million annually based on its ability in 2003 to renew franchise agreements the Company previously classified as having finite lives without substantial costs. Actual amortization expense to be reported in future periods could differ from these estimates as a result of new intangible asset acquisitions or divestitures, changes in useful lives and other relevant factors. Franchise amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 2001 was \$1.5 billion.

As required by SFAS No. 142, the standard has not been retroactively applied to the results for the period prior to adoption. A reconciliation of net loss for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, as if SFAS No. 142 had been adopted as of January 1, 2001, is presented below:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
<b>NET LOSS:</b>			
Reported net loss applicable to common stock	\$ (242)	\$ (2,517)	\$ (1,168)
Add back: amortization of indefinite-lived franchises			1,453
Less: minority interest impact			(808)

Adjusted net loss applicable to common stock	\$ (242)	\$(2,517)	\$ (523)
<b>BASIC AND DILUTED LOSS PER COMMON SHARE:</b>			
Reported net loss per share	\$(0.82)	\$ (8.55)	\$ (4.33)
Add back: amortization of indefinite-lived franchises			5.39
Less: minority interest impact			(3.00)
Adjusted net loss per share	\$(0.82)	\$ (8.55)	\$ (1.94)

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**8. Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses**

Accounts payable and accrued expenses consist of the following as of December 31, 2003 and 2002:

	2003	2002
Accounts payable	\$ 163	\$ 185
Capital expenditures	108	141
Accrued interest	277	243
Programming costs	268	282
Franchise related fees	70	70
State sales tax	61	67
Other accrued expenses	288	357
	\$1,235	\$1,345

**9. Long-Term Debt**

Long-term debt consists of the following as of December 31, 2003 and 2002:

	2003		2002	
	Face Value	Accreted Value	Face Value	Accreted Value
<b>Long-Term Debt</b>				
Charter Communications, Inc.:				
October and November 2000				
5.75% convertible senior notes due 2005	\$ 618	\$ 618	\$ 750	\$ 750
May 2001				
4.75% convertible senior notes due 2006	156	156	633	633
Charter Holdings:				
March 1999				
8.250% senior notes due 2007	451	450	600	599
8.625% senior notes due 2009	1,244	1,242	1,500	1,497
9.920% senior discount notes due 2011	1,108	1,082	1,475	1,307
January 2000				
10.000% senior notes due 2009	640	640	675	675
10.250% senior notes due 2010	318	318	325	325
11.750% senior discount notes due 2010	450	400	532	421
January 2001				
10.750% senior notes due 2009	874	873	900	900
11.125% senior notes due 2011	500	500	500	500
13.500% senior discount notes due 2011	675	517	675	454



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	2003		2002	
	Face Value	Accreted Value	Face Value	Accreted Value
May 2001				
9.625% senior notes due 2009 (includes January 2002 additional bond issue)	640	638	700	698
10.000% senior notes due 2011 (includes January 2002 additional bond issue)	710	708	875	873
11.750% senior discount notes due 2011	939	717	1,018	693
January 2002				
12.125% senior discount notes due 2012	330	231	450	280
CCH II:				
10.250% senior notes due 2010	1,601	1,601		
CCO Holdings:				
8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> % senior notes due 2013	500	500		
Renaissance:				
10.00% senior discount notes due 2008	114	116	114	113
CC V Holdings:				
11.875% senior discount notes due 2008	113	113	180	163
Other long-term debt			1	1
<b>Credit Facilities</b>				
Charter Operating	4,459	4,459	4,542	4,542
CC VI	868	868	926	926
Falcon Cable	856	856	1,155	1,155
CC VIII Operating	1,044	1,044	1,166	1,166
	\$ 19,208	\$ 18,647	\$ 19,692	\$ 18,671

The accreted values presented above represent the face value of the notes less the original issue discount at the time of sale plus the accretion to the balance sheet date.

In September 2003, Charter, Charter Holdings and their indirect subsidiary, CCH II, LLC ( CCH II ) purchased, in a non-monetary transaction, a total of approximately \$609 million principal amount of Charter's outstanding convertible senior notes and approximately \$1.3 billion principal amount of the senior notes and senior discount notes issued by Charter Holdings from institutional investors in a small number of privately negotiated transactions. As consideration for these securities, CCH II issued approximately \$1.6 billion principal amount of 10.25% notes due 2010, achieving approximately \$294 million of debt discount. CCH II also issued an additional \$30 million principal amount of 10.25% notes for an equivalent amount of cash and used the proceeds for transaction costs and for general corporate purposes. See discussion of the CCH II notes below for more details.

*5.75% Charter Convertible Notes.* In October and November 2000, Charter issued 5.75% convertible senior notes with a total principal amount at maturity of \$750 million. As of December 31, 2003, there was \$618 million in total principal amount of these notes outstanding. The 5.75% Charter convertible notes are convertible at the option of the

holder into shares of Class A common stock at a conversion rate of 46.3822 shares per \$1,000 principal amount of notes, which is equivalent to a price of \$21.56 per share,

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subject to certain adjustments. Specifically, the adjustments include anti-dilutive provisions, which cause adjustments to occur automatically based on the occurrence of specified events to provide protection rights to holders of the notes. Additionally, Charter may adjust the conversion ratio under certain circumstances when deemed appropriate. These notes are redeemable at Charter's option at amounts decreasing from 102.3% to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest beginning on October 15, 2003, to the date of redemption. Interest is payable semiannually on April 15 and October 15, beginning April 15, 2001, until maturity on October 15, 2005.

The 5.75% Charter convertible notes rank equally with any of Charter's future unsubordinated and unsecured indebtedness, but are structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities of Charter's subsidiaries. Upon a change of control, subject to certain conditions and restrictions, Charter may be required to repurchase the notes, in whole or in part, at 100% of their principal amount plus accrued interest at the repurchase date.

*4.75% Charter Convertible Notes.* In May 2001, Charter issued 4.75% convertible senior notes with a total principal amount at maturity of \$633 million. As of December 31, 2003, there was \$156 million in total principal amount of these notes outstanding. The 4.75% Charter convertible notes are convertible at the option of the holder into shares of Class A common stock at a conversion rate of 38.0952 shares per \$1,000 principal amount of notes, which is equivalent to a price of \$26.25 per share, subject to certain adjustments. Specifically, the adjustments include anti-dilutive provisions, which automatically occur based on the occurrence of specified events to provide protection rights to holders of the notes. Additionally, Charter may adjust the conversion ratio under certain circumstances when deemed appropriate. These notes are redeemable at Charter's option at amounts decreasing from 101.9% to 100% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest beginning on June 4, 2004, to the date of redemption. Interest is payable semiannually on December 1 and June 1, beginning December 1, 2001, until maturity on June 1, 2006.

The 4.75% Charter convertible notes rank equally with any of Charter's future unsubordinated and unsecured indebtedness, but are structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities of Charter's subsidiaries. Upon a change of control, subject to certain conditions and restrictions, Charter may be required to repurchase the notes, in whole or in part, at 100% of their principal amount plus accrued interest at the repurchase date.

*March 1999 Charter Holdings Notes.* The March 1999 Charter Holdings notes were issued under three separate indentures, each dated as of March 17, 1999, among Charter Holdings and Charter Communications Capital Corporation (Charter Capital), as the issuers, and BNY Midwest Trust Company, as trustee. Charter Holdings and Charter Capital exchanged these notes for new March 1999 Charter Holdings notes with substantially similar terms, except that the new March 1999 Charter Holdings notes are registered under the Securities Act and, therefore, do not bear legends restricting their transfer and are not subject to further registration or special interest obligations.

The March 1999 Charter Holdings notes are general unsecured obligations of Charter Holdings and Charter Capital. The March 1999 8.250% Charter Holdings notes mature on April 1, 2007, and as of December 31, 2003, there was \$451 million in total principal amount outstanding. The March 1999 8.625% Charter Holdings notes mature on April 1, 2009 and as of December 31, 2003, there was \$1.2 billion in total principal amount outstanding. The March 1999 9.920% Charter Holdings notes mature on April 1, 2011 and as of December 31, 2003, the total principal amount outstanding and accreted value was \$1.1 billion. Cash interest on the March 1999 9.920% Charter Holdings notes will not accrue prior to April 1, 2004.

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The March 1999 Charter Holdings notes are senior debts of Charter Holdings and Charter Capital. They rank equally with all other current and future unsubordinated obligations of Charter Holdings and Charter Capital, including the January 2000, January 2001, May 2001 and January 2002 Charter Holdings notes. They are structurally subordinated to the obligations of Charter Holdings subsidiaries, including the CCH II notes, the CCO Holdings, LLC ( CCO Holdings ) notes, and the credit facilities.

Charter Holdings and Charter Capital will not have the right to redeem the March 1999 8.250% Charter Holdings notes prior to their maturity date on April 1, 2007. On or after April 1, 2004, Charter Holdings and Charter Capital may redeem some or all of the March 1999 8.625% Charter Holdings notes and the March 1999 9.920% Charter Holdings notes at any time, in each case, at a premium. The optional redemption price declines to 100% of the principal amount of March 1999 Charter Holdings notes redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, for redemption on or after April 1, 2007.

In the event that a specified change of control event occurs, Charter Holdings and Charter Capital must offer to repurchase any then outstanding March 1999 Charter Holdings notes at 101% of their principal amount or accreted value, as applicable, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any.

The indentures governing the March 1999 Charter Holdings senior notes contain restrictive covenants that limit certain transactions or activities by Charter Holdings and its restricted subsidiaries. All but two of Charter Holdings direct and indirect subsidiaries are currently restricted subsidiaries.

*January 2000 Charter Holdings Notes.* The January 2000 Charter Holdings notes were issued under three separate indentures, each dated as of January 12, 2000, among Charter Holdings and Charter Capital, as the issuers, and BNY Midwest Trust Company, as trustee. In June 2000, Charter Holdings and Charter Capital exchanged these notes for new January 2000 Charter Holdings notes, with substantially similar terms, except that the new January 2000 Charter Holdings notes are registered under the Securities Act and, therefore, do not bear legends restricting their transfer and are not subject to further registration or special interest obligations.

The January 2000 Charter Holdings notes are general unsecured obligations of Charter Holdings and Charter Capital. The January 2000 10.00% Charter Holdings notes mature on April 1, 2009, and as of December 31, 2003, there was \$640 million in total principal amount of these notes outstanding. The January 2000 10.25% Charter Holdings notes mature on January 15, 2010 and as of December 31, 2003, there was \$318 million in total principal amount of these notes outstanding. The January 2000 11.75% Charter Holdings notes mature on January 15, 2010 and as of December 31, 2003, the total principal amount outstanding was \$450 million and the total accreted value of these notes was approximately \$400 million. Cash interest on the January 2000 11.75% Charter Holdings notes will not accrue prior to January 15, 2005.

The January 2000 Charter Holdings notes are senior debts of Charter Holdings and Charter Capital. They rank equally with all other current and future unsubordinated obligations of Charter Holdings and Charter Capital, including the March 1999, January 2001, May 2001 and January 2002 Charter Holdings notes. They are structurally subordinated to the obligations of Charter Holdings subsidiaries, including the CCH II notes, the CCO Holdings notes, and the credit facilities.

Charter Holdings and Charter Capital will not have the right to redeem the January 2000 10.00% Charter Holdings notes prior to their maturity date on April 1, 2009. On or after January 15, 2005, Charter Holdings and Charter Capital may redeem some or all of the January 2000 10.25% Charter Holdings notes and the January 2000 11.75% Charter Holdings notes at any time, in each case, at a premium. The optional redemption price declines to 100% of the principal amount of the January 2000

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Charter Holdings notes redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, for redemption on or after January 15, 2008.

In the event that a specified change of control event occurs, Charter Holdings and Charter Capital must offer to repurchase any then outstanding January 2000 Charter Holdings notes at 101% of their total principal amount or accreted value, as applicable, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any.

The indentures governing the January 2000 Charter Holdings notes contain substantially identical events of default, affirmative covenants and negative covenants as those contained in the indentures governing the March 1999 Charter Holdings notes.

*January 2001 Charter Holdings Notes.* The January 2001 Charter Holdings notes were issued under three separate indentures, each dated as of January 10, 2001, each among Charter Holdings and Charter Capital, as the issuers, and BNY Midwest Trust Company, as trustee. In March 2001, Charter Holdings and Charter Capital exchanged these notes for new January 2001 Charter Holdings notes, with substantially similar terms, except that the new January 2001 Charter Holdings notes are registered under the Securities Act and, therefore, do not bear legends restricting their transfer, and are not subject to further registration or special interest obligations.

The January 2001 Charter Holdings notes are general unsecured obligations of Charter Holdings and Charter Capital. The January 2001 10.750% Charter Holdings notes mature on October 1, 2009, and as of December 31, 2003, there was \$874 million in total principal amount of these notes outstanding. The January 2001 11.125% Charter Holdings notes mature on January 15, 2011 and as of December 31, 2003, there was \$500 million in total principal amount outstanding. The January 2001 13.500% Charter Holdings notes mature on January 15, 2011 with a total principal amount at maturity of \$675 million. As of December 31, 2003, the total accreted value of these 13.500% notes was approximately \$517 million. Cash interest on the January 2001 13.500% Charter Holdings notes will not accrue prior to January 15, 2006.

The January 2001 Charter Holdings notes are senior debts of Charter Holdings and Charter Capital. They rank equally with all other current and future unsubordinated obligations of Charter Holdings and Charter Capital, including the March 1999, January 2000, May 2001 and January 2002 Charter Holdings notes. They are structurally subordinated to the obligations of Charter Holdings subsidiaries, including the CCH II notes, the CCO Holdings notes, and the credit facilities.

Charter Holdings and Charter Capital will not have the right to redeem the January 2001 10.750% Charter Holdings notes prior to their maturity date on October 1, 2009. On or after January 15, 2006, Charter Holdings and Charter Capital may redeem some or all of the January 2001 11.125% Charter Holdings notes and the January 2001 13.500% Charter Holdings notes at any time, in each case, at a premium. The optional redemption price declines to 100% of the principal amount of the January 2001 Charter Holdings notes redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, for redemption on or after January 15, 2009.

In the event that a specified change of control event occurs, Charter Holdings and Charter Capital must offer to repurchase any then outstanding January 2001 Charter Holdings notes at 101% of their total principal amount or accreted value, as applicable, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any.

The indentures governing the January 2001 Charter Holdings notes contain substantially identical events of default, affirmative covenants and negative covenants as those contained in the indentures governing the March 1999 and January 2000 Charter Holdings notes.

*May 2001 Charter Holdings Notes.* The May 2001 Charter Holdings notes were issued under three separate indentures, each among Charter Holdings and Charter Capital, as the issuers, and BNY Midwest

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Trust Company, as trustee. In September 2001, Charter Holdings and Charter Capital exchanged substantially all of these notes for new May 2001 Charter Holdings notes, with substantially similar terms, except that the new May 2001 Charter Holdings notes are registered under the Securities Act and, therefore, do not bear legends restricting their transfer, and are not subject to further registration or special interest obligations.

The May 2001 Charter Holdings notes are general unsecured obligations of Charter Holdings and Charter Capital. The May 2001 9.625% Charter Holdings notes mature on November 15, 2009, and as of December 31, 2003, combined with the January 2002 additional bond issue discussed below, there was \$640 million in total principal amount outstanding. The May 2001 10.000% Charter Holdings notes mature on May 15, 2011 and as of December 31, 2003, combined with the January 2002 additional bond issue discussed below, there was \$710 million in total principal amount outstanding. The May 2001 11.750% Charter Holdings notes issued in the total principal amount at maturity of \$1.0 billion mature on May 15, 2011 and as of December 31, 2003, the total principal amount outstanding was \$939 million and the total accreted value of the 11.750% notes was approximately \$717 million. Cash interest on the May 2001 11.750% Charter Holdings notes will not accrue prior to May 15, 2006.

The May 2001 Charter Holdings notes are senior debts of Charter Holdings and Charter Capital. They rank equally with all other current and future unsubordinated obligations of Charter Holdings and Charter Capital, including the March 1999, January 2000, January 2001 and January 2002 Charter Holdings notes. They are structurally subordinated to the obligations of Charter Holdings subsidiaries, including the CCH II notes, the CCO Holdings notes, and the credit facilities.

Charter Holdings and Charter Capital will not have the right to redeem the May 2001 9.625% Charter Holdings notes prior to their maturity date on November 15, 2009. Before May 15, 2004, Charter Holdings and Charter Capital may redeem up to 35% of the May 2001 10.000% Charter Holdings notes and the May 2001 11.750% Charter Holdings notes, in each case, at a premium with proceeds of certain offerings of equity securities. In addition, on or after May 15, 2006, Charter Holdings and Charter Capital may redeem some or all of the May 2001 10.000% Charter Holdings notes and the May 2001 11.750% Charter Holdings notes at any time, in each case, at a premium. The optional redemption price declines to 100% of the principal amount of the May 2001 Charter Holdings notes redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, for redemption on or after May 15, 2009.

In the event that a specified change of control event occurs, Charter Holdings and Charter Capital must offer to repurchase any then outstanding May 2001 Charter Holdings notes at 101% of their total principal amount or accreted value, as applicable, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any.

The indentures governing the May 2001 Charter Holdings notes contain substantially identical events of default, affirmative covenants and negative covenants as those contained in the indentures governing the March 1999, January 2000 and January 2001 Charter Holdings notes.

*January 2002 Charter Holdings Notes.* The January 2002 Charter Holdings notes were issued under three separate indentures, each among Charter Holdings and Charter Capital, as the issuers, and BNY Midwest Trust Company, as trustee, two of which were supplements to the indentures for the May 2001 Charter Holdings notes. In July 2002, Charter Holdings and Charter Capital exchanged substantially all of these notes for new January 2002 Charter Holdings notes, with substantially similar terms, except that the new January 2002 notes are registered under the Securities Act and, therefore, do not bear legends restricting their transfer and are not subject to further registration or special interest obligations.

The January 2002 Charter Holdings notes are general unsecured obligations of Charter Holdings and Charter Capital. The January 2002 Charter Holdings notes consisted of \$350 million in total principal

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amount of 9.625% senior notes due 2009, \$300 million in total principal amount of 10.000% senior notes due 2011 (both combined with their respective May 2001 issue in the tabular presentation above) and \$330 million in total principal amount at maturity of 12.125% senior discount notes due 2012.

The January 2002 12.125% senior discount notes mature on January 15, 2012, and as of December 31, 2003, the total principal amount outstanding was \$330 million and the total accreted value of these notes was approximately \$231 million. Cash interest on the January 2002 12.125% Charter Holdings notes will not accrue prior to January 15, 2007.

The January 2002 Charter Holdings notes are senior debts of Charter Holdings and Charter Capital. They rank equally with the current and future unsecured and unsubordinated debt of Charter Holdings, including the March 1999, January 2000, January 2001 and May 2001 Charter Holdings notes. They are structurally subordinated to the obligations of Charter Holdings subsidiaries, including the CCH II notes, the CCO Holdings notes, and the credit facilities.

The Charter Holdings 12.125% senior discount notes are redeemable at the option of the issuers at amounts decreasing from 106.063% to 100% of accreted value beginning January 15, 2007. At any time prior to January 15, 2005, the issuers may redeem up to 35% of the total principal amount of the 12.125% senior discount notes at a redemption price of 112.125% of the accreted value under certain conditions.

In the event that a specified change of control event occurs, Charter Holdings and Charter Capital must offer to repurchase any then outstanding January 2002 Charter Holdings notes at 101% of their total principal amount or accreted value, as applicable, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any.

The indentures governing the January 2002 Charter Holdings notes contain substantially identical events of default, affirmative covenants and negative covenants as those contained in the indentures governing the March 1999, January 2000, January 2001 and May 2001 Charter Holdings notes.

*CCH II Notes.* In September 2003, CCH II and CCH II Capital Corp. jointly issued \$1.6 billion total principal amount of 10.25% senior notes due 2010. The CCH II notes are general unsecured obligations of CCH II and CCH II Capital Corp. They rank equally with all other current or future unsubordinated obligations of CCH II and CCH II Capital Corp. The CCH II notes are structurally subordinated to all obligations of subsidiaries of CCH II, including the CCO Holdings notes and the credit facilities.

Interest on the CCH II notes accrues at 10.25% per annum, from September 23, 2003 or, if interest already has been paid, from the date it was most recently paid. Interest is payable semi-annually in arrears on each March 15 and September 15, commencing on March 15, 2004.

At any time prior to September 15, 2006, the issuers of the CCH II notes may redeem up to 35% of the total principal amount of the CCH II notes on a pro rata basis at a redemption price equal to 110.25% of the principal amount of CCH II notes redeemed, plus any accrued and unpaid interest.

On or after September 15, 2008, the issuers of the CCH II notes may redeem all or a part of the notes at a redemption price that declines ratably from the initial redemption price of 105.125% to a redemption price on or after September 15, 2009 of 100.0% of the principal amount of the CCH II notes redeemed, plus, in each case, any accrued and unpaid interest.

In the event of specified change of control events, CCH II must offer to purchase the outstanding CCH II notes from the holders at a purchase price equal to 101% of the total principal amount of the notes, plus any accrued and unpaid interest.

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*CCO Holdings Notes.* In November 2003, CCO Holdings and CCO Holdings Capital Corp. jointly issued \$500 million total principal amount of 8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% senior notes due 2013. The CCO Holdings notes are general unsecured obligations of CCO Holdings and CCO Holdings Capital Corp. They rank equally with all other current or future unsubordinated obligations of CCO Holdings and CCO Holdings Capital Corp. The CCO Holdings notes are structurally subordinated to all obligations of its subsidiaries, including the credit facilities.

Interest on the CCO Holdings senior notes accrues at 8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% per year, from November 10, 2003 or, if interest already has been paid, from the date it was most recently paid. Interest is payable semi-annually in arrears on each May 15 and November 15, commencing on May 15, 2004.

At any time prior to November 15, 2006, the issuers of the CCO Holdings senior notes may redeem up to 35% of the total principal amount of the CCO Holdings senior notes to the extent of public equity proceeds they have received on a pro rata basis at a redemption price equal to 108.75% of the principal amount of CCO Holdings senior notes redeemed, plus any accrued and unpaid interest.

On or after November 15, 2008, the issuers of the CCO Holdings senior notes may redeem all or a part of the notes at a redemption price that declines ratably from the initial redemption price of 104.375% to a redemption price on or after November 15, 2011 of 100.0% of the principal amount of the CCO Holdings senior notes redeemed, plus, in each case, any accrued and unpaid interest.

In the event of specified change of control events, CCO Holdings must offer to purchase the outstanding CCO Holdings senior notes from the holders at a purchase price equal to 101% of the total principal amount of the notes, plus any accrued and unpaid interest.

*Renaissance Notes.* In connection with the acquisition of Renaissance in April 1999, the Company assumed \$163 million principal amount at maturity of 10.000% senior discount notes due 2008 of which \$49 million was repurchased in May 1999. The Renaissance notes did not require the payment of interest until April 15, 2003. From and after April 15, 2003, the Renaissance notes bear interest, payable semi-annually in cash, on April 15 and October 15, commencing on October 15, 2003. The Renaissance notes are due on April 15, 2008.

*CC V Holdings Notes.* Charter Holdco acquired CC V Holdings in November 1999 and assumed CC V Holdings outstanding 11.875% senior discount notes due 2008 with an accreted value of \$113 million as of December 31, 2003. Commencing December 1, 2003, cash interest on the CC V Holdings 11.875% notes will be payable semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 of each year.

*High-Yield Restrictive Covenants; Limitation on Indebtedness.* The indentures governing the notes of the Company's subsidiaries contain certain covenants that restrict the ability of Charter Holdings, Charter Capital, CCH II, CCH II Capital Corp., CCO Holdings, CCO Holdings Capital Corp., the CC V Holdings notes issuers, Renaissance Media Group, and all of their restricted subsidiaries to:

incur additional debt;

pay dividends on equity or repurchase equity;

grant liens;

make investments;

sell all or substantially all of their assets or merge with or into other companies;

sell assets;



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enter into sale-leasebacks;

in the case of restricted subsidiaries, create or permit to exist dividend or payment restrictions with respect to the bond issuers, guarantee their parent companies debt, or issue specified equity interests; and

engage in certain transactions with affiliates.

*Charter Operating Credit Facilities.* The Charter Communications Operating, LLC ( Charter Operating ) credit facilities were amended and restated as of June 19, 2003 to allow for the insertion of intermediate holding companies between Charter Holdings and Charter Operating. In exchange for the lenders' consent to the organizational restructuring, Charter Operating's pricing increased by 50 basis points across all levels in the pricing grid then in effect under the Charter Operating credit facilities.

Obligations under the Charter Operating credit facilities are guaranteed by Charter Holdings, CCO Holdings and by Charter Operating's subsidiaries, other than the non-recourse subsidiaries, subsidiaries precluded from so guaranteeing by reason of the provisions of other indebtedness to which they are subject, and immaterial subsidiaries. The non-recourse subsidiaries include CCO NR Holdings, LLC, and subsidiaries contributed to CCO NR Holdings, LLC by Charter Holdings in the recent organizational restructuring that occurred in June and July of 2003, including the CC V/CC VIII Companies, the CC VI Companies and the CC VII Companies and their respective subsidiaries. The obligations under the Charter Operating credit facilities are secured by pledges of all equity interests in Charter Operating's direct subsidiaries, all equity interests owned by its guarantor subsidiaries in their respective subsidiaries, and intercompany obligations owing to Charter Operating and/or its guarantor subsidiaries by their affiliates. The obligations are also secured by a pledge of CCO Holdings' equity interests in all of its direct subsidiaries (including Charter Operating) as collateral under these credit facilities.

The Charter Operating credit facilities provide for borrowings of up to \$5.1 billion and provide for four term facilities: two Term A facilities with a total principal amount of \$1.1 billion that matures in September 2007, each with different amortization schedules, one that began in June 2002 and one beginning in September 2005; and two Term B facilities with a total principal amount of \$2.7 billion, of which \$1.8 billion matures in March 2008 and \$884 million matures in September 2008. The amortization of the principal amount of the Term B term loan facilities is substantially back-ended, with more than 90% of the principal balance due in the year of maturity. The Charter Operating credit facilities also provide for two revolving credit facilities, in a total amount of \$1.3 billion, one which will reduce annually beginning in March 2004 and one which will reduce quarterly beginning in September 2005, with a maturity date in September 2007. Supplemental credit facilities in the amount of \$100 million may be available from lenders within or outside the lending group that agree to provide it. Amounts under the Charter Operating credit facilities bear interest at the Eurodollar rate or the base rate, each as defined, plus a margin of up to 3.0% for Eurodollar loans (3.15% to 3.92% as of December 31, 2003 and 3.13% to 4.58% as of December 31, 2002) and 2.0% for base rate loans. A quarterly commitment fee of between 0.25% and 0.375% per annum is payable on the unborrowed balance of the revolving credit facilities.

As of December 31, 2003, outstanding borrowings under the Charter Operating credit facilities were approximately \$4.5 billion and the unused total potential availability was \$681 million, although financial covenants limited the availability under these facilities to \$213 million as of December 31, 2003.

*CC VI Operating Credit Facilities.* The obligations under the CC VI Operating credit facilities are guaranteed by CC VI Operating's parent, CC VI Holdings, LLC, and by the subsidiaries of CC VI Operating other than immaterial subsidiaries. The obligations under the CC VI Operating credit facilities are secured by pledges of all equity interests owned by CC VI Operating and its guarantor subsidiaries in





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other persons, and by intercompany obligations owing CC VI Operating and/or its guarantor subsidiaries by their affiliates, but are not secured by other assets of CC VI Operating or its subsidiaries. The obligations under the CC VI Operating credit facilities are also secured by pledges by CC VI Holdings of all equity interests it holds in other persons, and intercompany obligations owing to it by its affiliates, but are not secured by the other assets of CC VI Holdings.

The CC VI Operating credit facilities provide for two term facilities, one with a principal amount of \$380 million that matures May 2008 (Term A), and the other with a principal amount of \$372 million that matures November 2008 (Term B). The CC VI Operating credit facilities also provide for a \$350 million reducing revolving credit facility with a maturity date in May 2008. Supplemental credit facilities in the amount of approximately \$300 million may be available until December 31, 2004 from lenders within or outside the lending group that agree to provide it. Amounts under the CC VI Operating credit facilities bear interest at the Eurodollar rate or the base rate, each as defined, plus a margin of up to 2.5% for Eurodollar loans (2.40% to 3.66% as of December 31, 2003 and 2.62% to 4.31% as of December 31, 2002) and 1.5% for base rate loans. A quarterly commitment fee of 0.25% per year is payable on the unborrowed balance of the Term A facility and the revolving facility.

As of December 31, 2003, outstanding borrowings under the CC VI Operating credit facilities were \$868 million and unused total potential availability was \$234 million, although financial covenants limited the availability under these facilities to \$119 million as of December 31, 2003.

*Falcon Cable Credit Facilities.* The obligations under the Falcon credit facilities are guaranteed by the direct parent of Falcon Cable Communications, Charter Communications VII, LLC, and by the subsidiaries of Falcon Cable Communications (except for certain excluded subsidiaries). The obligations under the Falcon credit facilities are secured by pledges of all of the equity interests in the guarantor subsidiaries of Falcon Cable Communications, but are not secured by other assets of Falcon Cable Communications or its subsidiaries. The obligations under the Falcon credit facilities are also secured by a pledge of the equity interests of Charter Communications VII in Falcon Cable Communications and intercompany obligations owing to Charter Communications VII by Falcon Cable Communications and its guarantor subsidiaries, but are not secured by the other assets of Charter Communications VII.

The Falcon credit facilities provide for two term facilities, one with a principal amount of \$190 million that matures June 2007 (Term B), and the other with the principal amount of \$285 million that matures December 2007 (Term C). The Falcon credit facilities also provide for a reducing revolving facility of up to approximately \$60 million (maturing in December 2006), a reducing supplemental facility of up to approximately \$105 million (maturing in December 2007) and a second reducing revolving facility of up to \$670 million (maturing in June 2007). Supplemental credit facilities in the amount of up to \$486 million may also be available from lenders within or outside the lending group that agree to provide it. Amounts under the Falcon Cable credit facilities bear interest at the Eurodollar rate or the base rate, each as defined, plus a margin of up to 2.25% for Eurodollar loans (2.40% to 3.42% as of December 31, 2003 and 2.69% to 4.07% as of December 31, 2002) and up to 1.25% for base rate loans. A quarterly commitment fee of between 0.25% and 0.375% per year is payable on the unborrowed balance of the revolving facilities.

As of December 31, 2003, outstanding borrowings were \$856 million and unused total potential availability was \$454 million, although financial covenants limited the availability under these facilities to \$366 million as of December 31, 2003.

*CC VIII Operating Credit Facilities.* The obligations under the CC VIII Operating credit facilities are guaranteed by the parent company of CC VIII Operating, CC VIII Holdings, LLC, and by the

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subsidiaries of CC VIII Operating other than immaterial subsidiaries. The obligations under the CC VIII Operating credit facilities are secured by pledges of all equity interests owned by CC VIII Operating and its guarantor subsidiaries in other persons, and by intercompany obligations owing to CC VIII Operating and/or its guarantor subsidiaries by their affiliates, but are not secured by other assets of CC VIII Operating or its subsidiaries. The obligations under the CC VIII Operating credit facilities are also secured by pledges of equity interests owned by CC VIII Holdings in other persons, and by intercompany obligations owing to CC VIII Holdings by its affiliates, but are not secured by the other assets of CC VIII Holdings.

The CC VIII Operating credit facilities provide for borrowings of up to \$1.4 billion as of December 31, 2003. The CC VIII Operating credit facilities provide for two term facilities, a Term A facility with a reduced current total principal amount of \$375 million, that continues reducing quarterly until it reaches maturity in June 2007, and a Term B facility with a principal amount of \$490 million, that continues reducing quarterly until it reaches maturity in February 2008. The amortization of the principal amount of the Term B term loan facilities is substantially back-ended, with more than 90% of the principal balance due in the year of maturity. The CC VIII Operating credit facilities also provide for two reducing revolving credit facilities, in the total amount of \$542 million, which reduce quarterly beginning in June 2002 and September 2005, respectively, with maturity dates in June 2007. Supplemental facilities in the amount of approximately \$300 million may be available from lenders within or outside the lending group that agree to provide it. Amounts under the CC VIII Operating credit facilities bear interest at the Eurodollar rate or the base rate, each as defined, plus a margin of up to 2.50% for Eurodollar loans (2.15% to 3.66% as of December 31, 2003 and 2.89% to 4.54% as of December 31, 2002) and up to 1.50% for base rate loans. A quarterly commitment fee of 0.25% is payable on the unborrowed balance of the revolving credit facilities.

As of December 31, 2003, outstanding borrowings were \$1.0 billion, and unused total potential availability was \$363 million although financial covenants limited the availability under these facilities to \$130 million.

*Credit Facility Restrictive Covenants.* Each of the credit facilities of the Company's subsidiaries contain representations and warranties, affirmative and negative covenants similar to those described above with respect to the indentures governing the Company's notes and the notes of the Company's subsidiaries, information requirements, events of default and financial covenants. The financial covenants, as defined, measure performance against standards set for leverage, debt service coverage, and operating cash flow coverage of cash interest expense on a quarterly basis or as applicable. Additionally, the credit facilities contain provisions requiring mandatory loan prepayments under specific circumstances, including when significant amounts of assets are sold and the proceeds are not promptly reinvested in assets useful in the business of the borrower within a specified period. The Charter Operating credit facility also provides that in the event that any indebtedness of CCO Holdings remains outstanding on the date, which is six months prior to the scheduled final maturity, the term loans under the Charter Operating credit facility will mature and the revolving credit facilities will terminate on such date.

In the event of a default under the Company's subsidiaries' credit facilities or notes, the subsidiaries' creditors could elect to declare all amounts borrowed, together with accrued and unpaid interest and other fees, to be due and payable. In such event, the subsidiaries' credit facilities and indentures that were so accelerated or were otherwise in default will not permit the Company's subsidiaries to distribute funds to Charter Holdco or the Company to pay interest or principal on the notes. A default under the covenants governing any of the Company's debt instruments could result in the acceleration of its payment obligations under that debt and, under certain circumstances, in cross-defaults under the Company's other

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debt obligations, which would have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition or results of operations. In addition, the lenders under the Company's credit facilities could foreclose on their collateral, which includes equity interests in the Company's subsidiaries, and exercise other rights of secured creditors. In any such case, the Company might not be able to repay or make any payments on its notes. Additionally, such a default would cause a cross-default in the indentures governing the Charter Holdings notes and the convertible senior notes and would trigger the cross-default provision of the Charter Operating Credit Agreement. Any default under any of the subsidiaries' credit facilities or notes might adversely affect the holders of the Company's notes and the Company's growth, financial condition and results of operations and could force the Company to examine all options, including seeking the protection of the bankruptcy laws.

Based upon outstanding indebtedness as of December 31, 2003, the amortization of term loans, scheduled reductions in available borrowings of the revolving credit facilities, and the maturity dates for all senior and subordinated notes and debentures, total future principal payments on the total borrowings under all debt agreements as of December 31, 2003, are as follows:

Year	Amount
2004	\$ 188
2005	1,044
2006	1,155
2007	2,531
2008	3,762
Thereafter	10,528
	<b>\$19,208</b>

For the amounts of debt scheduled to mature during 2004, it is management's intent to fund the repayments from borrowings on the Company's revolving credit facility. The accompanying consolidated balance sheet reflects this intent by presenting all debt balances as long-term while the table above reflects actual debt maturities as of the stated date.

#### **10. Minority Interest and Equity Interest of Charter Holdco**

The Company is a holding company whose primary asset is a controlling equity interest in Charter Holdco, the indirect owner of the Company's cable systems and mirror notes that are payable by Charter Holdco to the Company which have the same principal amount and terms as those of Charter's convertible senior notes. Minority interest on the Company's consolidated balance sheets represents the ownership percentages of Charter Holdco not owned by the Company, or 54% of total members' equity of Charter Holdco, plus \$694 million, \$668 million and \$655 million of preferred membership interests in CC VIII, LLC (CC VIII), an indirect subsidiary of Charter Holdco, as of December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. As more fully described in Note 22, this preferred interest arises from the approximately \$630 million of preferred membership units issued by CC VIII in connection with the Bresnan acquisition in February, 2000. As of December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002, minority interest also includes \$25 million of preferred interest in Charter Helicon, LLC issued in connection with the Helicon acquisition.

Members' equity of Charter Holdco was (\$57) million, \$662 million and \$7.0 billion as of December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. Gains and losses arising from the issuance by Charter Holdco of its membership units are recorded as capital transactions, thereby increasing or decreasing



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shareholders' equity and decreasing or increasing minority interest on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Minority interest was 53.5% as of December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001. Minority interest includes the proportionate share of changes in fair value of interest rate risk management derivative agreements. Such amounts are temporary as they are contractually scheduled to reverse over the life of the underlying instrument. Additionally, reported losses allocated to minority interest on the statement of operations will be limited to the extent of any remaining minority interest on the balance sheet related to Charter Holdco. Accordingly, commencing in 2004, the Company expects to absorb all, or substantially all, future losses before income taxes, since the minority interest in Charter Holdco was substantially eliminated at December 31, 2003, subject to any changes in Charter Holdco's capital structure. Changes to minority interest consist of the following for the periods presented:

	<b>Minority Interest</b>
Balance, December 31, 2000	\$ 4,571
Equity reclassified from redeemable securities (26,539,746 shares of Class A common stock)	1,096
Minority interest in loss of a subsidiary	(1,461)
Minority interest in change in accounting principle	(14)
Minority interest in income tax benefit	16
Changes in fair value of interest rate agreements	(22)
Gain on issuance of equity by Charter Holdco	253
Other	(5)
Balance, December 31, 2001	4,434
Minority interest in loss of a subsidiary	(3,176)
Minority interest in change in accounting principle	(306)
Minority interest in income tax benefit	132
Changes in fair value of interest rate agreements	(35)
Other	1
Balance, December 31, 2002	1,050
Minority interest in loss of a subsidiary	(377)
Minority interest in income tax benefit	(8)
Changes in fair value of interest rate agreements	25
Other	(1)
Balance, December 31, 2003	\$ 689

**11. Preferred Stock Redeemable**

On August 31, 2001, in connection with its acquisition of Cable USA, Inc. and certain cable system assets from affiliates of Cable USA, Inc., the Company issued 505,664 shares of Series A Convertible Redeemable Preferred Stock (the Preferred Stock) valued at and with a liquidation preference of \$51 million. Holders of the Preferred Stock have no voting rights but are entitled to receive cumulative cash dividends at an annual rate of 5.75%, payable quarterly. If for any reason Charter fails to pay the dividends on the Preferred Stock on a timely basis, the dividend

rate on each share increases to an annual rate of 7.75% until the payment is made. The Preferred Stock is redeemable by Charter at its option on or

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after August 31, 2004 and must be redeemed by Charter at any time upon a change of control, or if not previously redeemed or converted, on August 31, 2008. The Preferred Stock is convertible, in whole or in part, at the option of the holders from April 1, 2002 through August 31, 2008, into shares of common stock at an initial conversion rate equal to a conversion price of \$24.71 per share of common stock, subject to certain customary adjustments. The redemption price per share of Preferred Stock is the Liquidation Preference of \$100, subject to certain customary adjustments. In the first quarter of 2003, the Company issued 39,595 additional shares of preferred stock valued at and with a liquidation preference of \$4 million.

**12. Common Stock**

The Company's Class A common stock and Class B common stock are identical except with respect to certain voting, transfer and conversion rights. Holders of Class A common stock are entitled to one vote per share and holders of Class B common stock are entitled to ten votes per share. The Class B common stock is subject to significant transfer restrictions and is convertible on a share for share basis into Class A common stock at the option of the holder.

**13. Comprehensive Loss**

Certain marketable equity securities are classified as available-for-sale and reported at market value with unrealized gains and losses recorded as accumulated other comprehensive loss on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. The Company reports changes in the fair value of interest rate agreements designated as hedging instruments of the variability of cash flows associated with floating-rate debt obligations, that meet the effectiveness criteria of SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, in accumulated other comprehensive loss, after giving effect to the minority interest share of such gains and losses. Comprehensive loss for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 was \$219 million, \$2.5 billion and \$1.2 billion, respectively.

**14. Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities**

The Company uses interest rate risk management derivative instruments, such as interest rate swap agreements and interest rate collar agreements (collectively referred to herein as interest rate agreements) as required under the terms of its credit facilities. The Company's policy is to manage interest costs using a mix of fixed and variable rate debt. Using interest rate swap agreements, the Company agrees to exchange, at specified intervals through 2007, the difference between fixed and variable interest amounts calculated by reference to an agreed-upon notional principal amount. Interest rate collar agreements are used to limit the Company's exposure to and benefits from interest rate fluctuations on variable rate debt to within a certain range of rates.

Effective January 1, 2001, the Company adopted SFAS No. 133. Interest rate agreements are recorded in the consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2003 and 2002 as either an asset or liability measured at fair value. In connection with the adoption of SFAS No. 133, the Company recorded a loss of \$10 million (approximately \$24 million before minority interest effects) as the cumulative effect of change in accounting principle. The effect of adoption was to increase net loss and loss per share by \$10 million and \$0.04 per share, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2001.

The Company does not hold or issue derivative instruments for trading purposes. The Company does however have certain interest rate derivative instruments that have been designated as cash flow hedging instruments. Such instruments are those that effectively convert variable interest payments on certain debt instruments into fixed payments. For qualifying hedges, SFAS No. 133 allows derivative gains and losses to offset related results on hedged items in the consolidated statement of operations. The Company has



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formally documented, designated and assessed the effectiveness of transactions that receive hedge accounting. For the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, net gain (loss) on derivative instruments and hedging activities includes gains of \$8 million and losses of \$14 million and \$2 million, respectively, which represent cash flow hedge ineffectiveness on interest rate hedge agreements arising from differences between the critical terms of the agreements and the related hedged obligations. Changes in the fair value of interest rate agreements designated as hedging instruments of the variability of cash flows associated with floating-rate debt obligations are reported in accumulated other comprehensive loss. For the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, a gain of \$48 million and losses of \$65 million and \$39 million, respectively, related to derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges was recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss and minority interest. The amounts are subsequently reclassified into interest expense as a yield adjustment in the same period in which the related interest on the floating-rate debt obligations affects earnings (losses).

Certain interest rate derivative instruments are not designated as hedges as they do not meet the effectiveness criteria specified by SFAS No. 133. However, management believes such instruments are closely correlated with the respective debt, thus managing associated risk. Interest rate derivative instruments not designated as hedges are marked to fair value with the impact recorded as gain (loss) on derivative instruments and hedging activities in the Company's statement of operations. For the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, net gain (loss) on derivative instruments and hedging activities includes gains of \$57 million and losses of \$101 million and \$48 million, respectively, for interest rate derivative instruments not designated as hedges.

As of December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, the Company had outstanding \$3.0 billion, \$3.4 billion and \$3.3 billion and \$520 million, \$520 million and \$520 million, respectively, in notional amounts of interest rate swaps and collars, respectively. The notional amounts of interest rate instruments do not represent amounts exchanged by the parties and, thus, are not a measure of exposure to credit loss. The amounts exchanged are determined by reference to the notional amount and the other terms of the contracts.

### **15. Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

The Company has estimated the fair value of its financial instruments as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 using available market information or other appropriate valuation methodologies. Considerable judgment, however, is required in interpreting market data to develop the estimates of fair value. Accordingly, the estimates presented in the accompanying consolidated financial statements are not necessarily indicative of the amounts the Company would realize in a current market exchange.

The carrying amounts of cash, receivables, payables and other current assets and liabilities approximate fair value because of the short maturity of those instruments. The Company is exposed to market price risk volatility with respect to investments in publicly traded and privately held entities.

The fair value of interest rate agreements represents the estimated amount the Company would receive or pay upon termination of the agreements. Management believes that the sellers of the interest rate agreements will be able to meet their obligations under the agreements. In addition, some of the interest rate agreements are with certain of the participating banks under the Company's credit facilities, thereby reducing the exposure to credit loss. The Company has policies regarding the financial stability and credit standing of major counterparties. Nonperformance by the counterparties is not anticipated nor would it have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition or results of operations.

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The estimated fair value of the Company's notes, credit facilities and interest rate agreements at December 31, 2003 and 2002 are based on quoted market prices or a discounted cash flow analysis using the Company's incremental borrowing rate for similar types of borrowing arrangements and dealer quotations.

A summary of the carrying value and fair value of the Company's debt and related interest rate agreements at December 31, 2003 and 2002 is as follows:

	2003		2002	
	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value
<b>Debt</b>				
Charter convertible notes	\$ 774	\$ 732	\$1,383	\$ 295
Charter Holdings debt	8,316	7,431	9,222	3,867
CCH II debt	1,601	1,680		
CCO Holdings debt	500	510		
Credit facilities	7,227	6,949	7,789	6,367
Other	229	238	277	212
<b>Interest Rate Agreements</b>				
<b>Assets (Liabilities)</b>				
Swaps	(171)	(171)	(258)	(258)
Collars	(8)	(8)	(34)	(34)

The weighted average interest pay rate for the Company's interest rate swap agreements was 7.25% and 7.40% at December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The Company's interest rate collar agreements are structured so that if LIBOR falls below 5.3%, the Company pays 6.7%. If the LIBOR rate is between 5.3% and 8.0%, the Company pays LIBOR. The LIBOR rate is capped at 8.0%, if LIBOR is between 8.0% and 9.9%. If the LIBOR rate rises above 9.9%, the cap is removed.

**16. Revenues**

Revenues consist of the following for the years presented:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
Video	\$3,461	\$3,420	\$2,971
High-speed data	556	337	148
Advertising sales	263	302	197
Commercial	204	161	123
Other	335	346	368
	\$4,819	\$4,566	\$3,807



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**17. Operating Expenses**

Operating expenses consist of the following for the years presented:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
Programming	\$1,249	\$1,166	\$ 963
Advertising sales	88	87	64
Service	615	554	459
	\$1,952	\$1,807	\$1,486

**18. Selling, General and Administrative Expenses**

Selling, general and administrative expenses consist of the following for the years presented:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
General and administrative	\$833	\$810	\$689
Marketing	107	153	137
	\$940	\$963	\$826

**19. Stock Compensation Plans**

The Company grants stock options, restricted stock and other incentive compensation pursuant to the 2001 Stock Incentive Plan of Charter (the 2001 Plan ). Prior to 2001, options were granted under the 1999 Option Plan of Charter Holdco (the 1999 Plan ).

The 1999 Plan provided for the grant of options to purchase membership units in Charter Holdco to current and prospective employees and consultants of Charter Holdco and its affiliates and current and prospective non-employee directors of Charter. Options granted generally vest over five years from the grant date, with 25% vesting 15 months after the anniversary of the grant date and ratably thereafter. Options not exercised accumulate and are exercisable, in whole or in part, in any subsequent period, but not later than 10 years from the date of grant. Membership units received upon exercise of the options are automatically exchanged into Class A common stock of Charter on a one-for-one basis.

The 2001 Plan provides for the grant of non-qualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, dividend equivalent rights, performance units and performance shares, share awards, phantom stock and/or shares of restricted stock (not to exceed 3,000,000), as each term is defined in the 2001 Plan. Employees, officers, consultants and directors of the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates are eligible to receive grants under the 2001 Plan. Options granted generally vest over four years from the grant date, with 25% vesting on the anniversary of the grant date and ratably thereafter. Generally, options expire 10 years from the grant date.

The 2001 Plan allows for the issuance of up to a total of 90,000,000 shares of Charter Class A common stock (or units convertible into Charter Class A common stock). The total shares available reflect a July 2003 amendment to the 2001 Plan approved by the board of directors and the shareholders of Charter to increase available shares by 30,000,000 shares. In 2001, any shares covered by options that terminated under the 1999 Plan were transferred to the 2001 Plan, and no new options can be granted under the 1999 Plan.

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During July and October 2003, in connection with new employment agreements and related option agreements entered into by the Company, certain executives and directors were awarded a total of 80,603 shares of restricted Class A common stock. The shares vest monthly over a twelve-month period beginning on the date of grant. During September and October 2001, in connection with new employment agreements and related option agreements entered into by the Company, certain executives of the Company were awarded a total of 256,000 shares of restricted Class A common stock, of which 140,063 shares had been cancelled as of December 31, 2003. The shares vested 25% upon grant, with the remaining shares vesting monthly over a three-year period beginning after the first anniversary of the date of grant. As of December 31, 2003, deferred compensation remaining to be recognized in future periods totaled \$0.2 million.

A summary of the activity for the Company's stock options, excluding granted shares of restricted Class A common stock, for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, is as follows (amounts in thousands, except per share data):

	2003		2002		2001	
	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Options outstanding, beginning of period	53,632	\$ 14.22	46,558	\$ 17.10	28,482	\$ 19.24
Granted	7,983	3.53	13,122	4.88	29,395	16.01
Exercised	(165)	3.96			(278)	19.23
Cancelled	(13,568)	14.10	(6,048)	16.32	(11,041)	19.59
Options outstanding, end of period	47,882	\$ 12.48	53,632	\$ 14.22	46,558	\$ 17.10
Weighted average remaining contractual life	8 years		8 years		9 years	
Options exercisable, end of period	22,861	\$ 16.36	17,844	\$ 17.93	9,994	\$ 18.51
Weighted average fair value of options granted	\$ 2.71		\$ 2.89		\$ 9.15	

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding and exercisable as of December 31, 2003:

Options Outstanding	Options Exercisable
Weighted-	Weighted-

Range of Exercise Prices		Number Outstanding	Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Number Exercisable	Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted-Average Exercise Price
		(In thousands)			(in thousands)		
\$ 1.11	\$ 2.85	9,809	9 years	\$ 2.31	1,718	9 years	\$ 2.49
\$ 3.91	\$ 9.13	6,309	9 years	5.52	319	8 years	9.13
\$11.99	\$19.47	20,243	7 years	14.65	12,191	7 years	15.34
\$20.00	\$23.09	11,521	6 years	21.19	8,633	6 years	20.83

On January 1, 2003, the Company adopted the fair value measurement provisions of SFAS No. 123, under which the Company recognizes compensation expense of a stock-based award to an employee over

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the vesting period based on the fair value of the award on the grant date. Adoption of these provisions resulted in utilizing a preferable accounting method as the consolidated financial statements present the estimated fair value of stock-based compensation in expense consistently with other forms of compensation and other expense associated with goods and services received for equity instruments. In accordance with SFAS No. 123, the fair value method will be applied only to awards granted or modified after January 1, 2003, whereas awards granted prior to such date will continue to be accounted for under APB No. 25, unless they are modified or settled in cash. The ongoing effect on consolidated results of operations or financial condition will be dependent upon future stock based compensation awards granted. The Company recorded \$4 million of option compensation expense for the year ended December 31, 2003.

Prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 123, the Company used the intrinsic value method prescribed by APB No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, to account for the option plans. Option compensation expense of \$5 million and net option compensation benefit of \$5 million for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, respectively, was recorded in the consolidated statements of operations since the exercise prices of certain options were less than the estimated fair values of the underlying membership interests on the date of grant. A reversal of previously recognized option compensation expense of \$22 million for the year ended December 31, 2001 was recorded in the consolidated statements of operations primarily in connection with the waiver of the right to approximately seven million options by the Company's former President and Chief Executive Officer as part of his September 2001 separation agreement. This was partially offset by expense recorded because exercise prices on certain options were less than the estimated fair values of the Company's stock at the time of grant. Estimated fair values were determined by the Company using the valuation inherent in the companies acquired by Paul G. Allen in 1998 and valuations of public companies in the cable television industry adjusted for factors specific to the Company. Compensation expense is being recorded with the method described in FASB Interpretation No. 28 over the vesting period of the individual options that varies between four and five years. As of December 31, 2003, no deferred compensation remained to be recognized in future periods. No stock option compensation expense was recorded for the options granted after November 8, 1999, since the exercise price was equal to the estimated fair value of the underlying membership interests or shares of Class A common stock on the date of grant. Since the membership units are exchangeable into Class A common stock of Charter on a one-for-one basis, the estimated fair value was equal to the quoted market values of Class A common stock.

In January 2004, the Company commenced an option exchange program in which employees of the Company and its subsidiaries were offered the right to exchange all stock options (vested and unvested) issued under the 1999 Charter Communications Option Plan and 2001 Stock Incentive Plan that had an exercise price over \$10 per share for shares of restricted Charter Class A common stock or, in some instances, cash. Based on a sliding exchange ratio, which varied depending on the exercise price of an employee's outstanding options, if an employee would have received more than 400 shares of restricted stock in exchange for tendered options, Charter issued that employee shares of restricted stock in the exchange. If, based on the exchange ratios, an employee would have received 400 or fewer shares of restricted stock in exchange for tendered options, Charter instead paid the employee cash in an amount equal to the number of shares the employee would have received multiplied by \$5.00. The offer applied to options (vested and unvested) to purchase a total of 22,929,573 shares of Class A common stock, or approximately 48% of the Company's 47,882,365 total options issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2003. Participation by employees was voluntary. Those members of the Company's board of directors who were not also employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries were not eligible to participate in the exchange offer.



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In the closing of the exchange offer on February 20, 2004, the Company accepted for cancellation eligible options to purchase approximately 18,137,664 shares of its Class A common stock. In exchange, the Company granted 1,966,686 shares of restricted stock, including 460,777 performance shares to eligible employees of the rank of senior vice president and above, and paid a total cash amount of approximately \$4 million (which amount includes applicable withholding taxes) to those employees who received cash rather than shares of restricted stock. The grants of restricted stock were effective as of February 25, 2004. Employees tendered approximately 79% of the options eligible to be exchanged under the program.

Based on the results above, the cost to the Company of the Stock Option Exchange Program was approximately \$12 million, with a 2004 cash compensation expense of approximately \$4 million and a non-cash compensation expense of approximately \$8 million to be expensed ratably over the three-year vesting period of the restricted stock in the exchange.

In January 2004, the Compensation Committee of the board of directors of Charter approved Charter's Long-Term Incentive Program (LTIP), which is a program administered under the 2001 Stock Incentive Plan. Employees of Charter and its subsidiaries whose pay classifications exceed a certain level are eligible to receive stock options, and more senior level employees are eligible to receive stock options and performance shares. Under the LTIP, the stock options vest 25% on each of the first four anniversaries of the date of grant. The performance shares are earned on the third anniversary of the grant date, conditional upon Charter's performance against financial performance measures and customer growth targets established by Charter's management and approved by its board of directors as of the time of the award. No awards were made under the LTIP in 2003.

## **20. Special Charges**

In the fourth quarter of 2002, the Company recorded a special charge of \$35 million, of which \$31 million was associated with its workforce reduction program and the consolidation of its operations from three divisions and ten regions into five operating divisions, elimination of redundant practices and streamlining its management structure. The remaining \$4 million related to legal and other costs associated with the Company's ongoing grand jury investigation, shareholder lawsuits and SEC investigation. The \$31 million charge related to realignment activities, included severance costs of \$28 million related to approximately 1,400 employees identified for termination as of December 31, 2002 and lease termination costs of \$3 million. During the year ended December 31, 2003, an additional 1,400 employees were identified for termination and additional severance costs of \$20 million and additional lease costs of \$6 million were recorded in special charges. In total, approximately 2,600 employees were terminated during the year ended December 31, 2003. Severance payments are generally made over a period of up to twelve months with approximately \$39 million paid during the year ended December 31, 2003. The Company paid \$4 million in lease termination costs during the year ended December 31, 2003. As of December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002, a liability of approximately \$14 million and \$31 million, respectively, is recorded on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets related to the realignment activities. For the year ended December 31, 2003, the additional severance costs were offset by a \$5 million settlement from the Internet service provider Excite@Home related to the conversion of high-speed data customers to Charter Pipeline service in 2001.

During the year ended December 31, 2001, the Company recorded \$18 million in special charges that represent \$15 million of costs associated with the transition of approximately 145,000 (unaudited) data customers from the Excite@Home Internet service to the Charter Pipeline Internet service.

In December 2001, the Company implemented a restructuring plan to reduce its workforce in certain markets and reorganize its operating divisions from two to three and operating regions from twelve to ten.

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The restructuring plan was completed during the first quarter of 2002, resulting in the termination of approximately 320 employees and severance costs of \$4 million of which \$1 million was recorded in the first quarter of 2002 and \$3 million was recorded in the fourth quarter of 2001.

**21. Income Taxes**

All operations are held through Charter Holdco and its direct and indirect subsidiaries. Charter Holdco and the majority of its subsidiaries are not subject to income tax. However, certain of these subsidiaries are corporations and are subject to income tax. All of the taxable income, gains, losses, deductions and credits of Charter Holdco are passed through to its members: Charter, Charter Investment, Inc. and Vulcan Cable III Inc. Charter is responsible for its share of taxable income or loss of Charter Holdco allocated to it in accordance with the Charter Holdco limited liability company agreement ( LLC Agreement ) and partnership tax rules and regulations.

The LLC Agreement provides for certain special allocations of net tax profits and net tax losses (such net tax profits and net tax losses being determined under the applicable federal income tax rules for determining capital accounts). Pursuant to the LLC Agreement, through the end of 2003, net tax losses of Charter Holdco that would otherwise have been allocated to Charter based generally on its percentage ownership of outstanding common units were allocated instead to membership units held by Vulcan Cable III Inc. and Charter Investment, Inc. (the Special Loss Allocations ) to the extent of their respective capital account balances. After 2003, pursuant to the LLC Agreement, net tax losses of Charter Holdco are to be allocated to Charter, Vulcan Cable III Inc. and Charter Investment, Inc. based generally on their respective percentage ownership of outstanding common units to the extent of their respective capital account balances. The LLC Agreement further provides that, beginning at the time Charter Holdco generates net tax profits, the net tax profits that would otherwise have been allocated to Charter based generally on its percentage ownership of outstanding common membership units will instead generally be allocated to Vulcan Cable III Inc. and Charter Investment, Inc. (the Special Profit Allocations ). The Special Profit Allocations to Vulcan Cable III Inc. and Charter Investment, Inc. will generally continue until the cumulative amount of the Special Profit Allocations offsets the cumulative amount of the Special Loss Allocations. The amount and timing of the Special Profit Allocations are subject to the potential application of, and interaction with, the Curative Allocation Provisions described in the following paragraph. The LLC Agreement generally provides that any additional net tax profits are to be allocated among the members of Charter Holdco based generally on their respective percentage ownership of Charter Holdco common membership units.

Because the respective capital account balance of each of Vulcan Cable III Inc. and Charter Investment, Inc. was reduced to zero by December 31, 2002, certain net tax losses of Charter Holdco that were to be allocated for 2002, 2003 (subject to resolution of the issue described in Note 22) and possibly later years to Vulcan Cable III Inc. and Charter Investment, Inc. will instead be allocated to Charter (the Regulatory Allocations ). The LLC Agreement further provides that, to the extent possible, the effect of the Regulatory Allocations is to be offset over time pursuant to certain curative allocation provisions (the Curative Allocation Provisions ) so that, after certain offsetting adjustments are made, each member's capital account balance is equal to the capital account balance such member would have had if the Regulatory Allocations had not been part of the LLC Agreement. The cumulative amount of the actual tax losses allocated to Charter as a result of the Regulatory Allocations through the year ended December 31, 2003 is approximately \$2.0 billion to \$2.6 billion pending the resolution of the issue described in Note 22.

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As a result of the Special Loss Allocations and the Regulatory Allocations referred to above, the cumulative amount of losses of Charter Holdco allocated to Vulcan Cable III Inc. and Charter Investment, Inc. is in excess of the amount that would have been allocated to such entities if the losses of Charter Holdco had been allocated among its members in proportion to their respective percentage ownership of Charter Holdco common membership units. The cumulative amount of such excess losses was approximately \$3.1 billion through December 31, 2002 and \$2.0 billion to \$2.5 billion through December 31, 2003, depending upon the resolution of the issue described in Note 22.

In certain situations, the Special Loss Allocations, Special Profit Allocations, Regulatory Allocations and Curative Allocation Provisions described above could result in Charter paying taxes in an amount that is more or less than if Charter Holdco had allocated net tax profits and net tax losses among its members based generally on the number of common membership units owned by such members. This could occur due to differences in (i) the character of the allocated income (e.g., ordinary versus capital), (ii) the allocated amount and timing of tax depreciation and tax amortization expense due to the application of section 704(c) under the Internal Revenue Code, (iii) the potential interaction between the Special Profit Allocations and the Curative Allocation Provisions, (iv) the amount and timing of alternative minimum taxes paid by Charter, if any, (v) the apportionment of the allocated income or loss among the states in which Charter Holdco does business, and (vi) future federal and state tax laws. Further, in the event of new capital contributions to Charter Holdco, it is possible that the tax effects of the Special Profit Allocations, Special Loss Allocations, Regulatory Allocations and Curative Allocation Provisions will change significantly pursuant to the provisions of the income tax regulations. Such change could defer the actual tax benefits to be derived by Charter with respect to the net tax losses allocated to it or accelerate the actual taxable income to Charter with respect to the net tax profits allocated to it. As a result, it is possible under certain circumstances, that Charter could receive future allocations of taxable income in excess of its currently allocated tax deductions and available tax loss carryforwards.

In addition, under their exchange agreement with Charter, Vulcan Cable III Inc. and Charter Investment, Inc. may exchange some or all of their membership units in Charter Holdco for Charter's Class B common stock, be merged with Charter, or be acquired by Charter in a non-taxable reorganization. If such an exchange were to take place prior to the date that the Special Profit Allocation provisions had fully offset the Special Loss Allocations, Vulcan Cable III Inc. and Charter Investment, Inc. could elect to cause Charter Holdco to make the remaining Special Profit Allocations to Vulcan Cable III Inc. and Charter Investment, Inc. immediately prior to the consummation of the exchange. In the event Vulcan Cable III Inc. and Charter Investment, Inc. choose not to make such election or to the extent such allocations are not possible, Charter would then be allocated tax profits attributable to the membership units received in such exchange pursuant to the Special Profit Allocation provisions. Mr. Allen has generally agreed to reimburse Charter for any incremental income taxes that Charter would owe as a result of such an exchange and any resulting future Special Profit Allocations to Charter.

For the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, the Company recorded deferred income tax benefits as shown below. The income tax benefits were realized through reductions in the deferred tax liabilities related to Charter's investment in Charter Holdco, as well as the deferred tax liabilities of certain of Charter's indirect corporate subsidiaries. In 2003, Charter received tax loss allocations from Charter Holdco. Previously, the tax losses had been allocated to Vulcan Cable III Inc. and Charter Investment, Inc. in accordance with the Special Loss Allocations provided under the Charter Holdco amended and restated limited liability company agreement. The Company does not expect to recognize a similar benefit related to its investment in Charter Holdco after 2003 due to limitations on its ability to offset future tax benefits against the remaining deferred tax liabilities. However, the actual tax provision calculation in future periods will be the result of current and future temporary differences, as well as future operating results.

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Current and deferred income tax expense (benefit) is as follows:

	<b>December 31,</b>		
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
<b>Current expense:</b>			
Federal income taxes	\$ 1	\$	\$
State income taxes	1	2	
Current income tax expense	2	2	
<b>Deferred benefit:</b>			
Federal income taxes	(98)	(456)	(11)
State income taxes	(14)	(66)	(1)
Deferred income tax benefit:	(112)	(522)	(12)
<b>Total income benefit</b>	<b>\$(110)</b>	<b>\$(520)</b>	<b>\$(12)</b>

The Company recorded the portion of the income tax benefit associated with the adoption of SFAS No. 142 as a \$60 million reduction of the cumulative effect of accounting change on the accompanying statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2002.

The Company's effective tax rate differs from that derived by applying the applicable federal income tax rate of 35%, and average state income tax rate of 5% for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 as follows:

	<b>December 31,</b>		
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
Statutory federal income taxes	\$(122)	\$(969)	\$(409)
State income taxes, net of federal benefit	(17)	(138)	(58)
Valuation allowance provided	29	587	455
Provision for income taxes	\$(110)	\$(520)	\$ (12)

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The tax effects of these temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities at December 31, 2003 and 2002 which are included in long-term liabilities are presented below.

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Deferred tax assets:</b>		
Net operating loss carryforward	\$ 1,723	\$ 1,489
Other	6	9
<b>Total gross deferred tax assets</b>	<b>1,729</b>	<b>1,498</b>
Less: valuation allowance	(1,291)	(1,444)
<b>Net deferred tax assets</b>	<b>\$ 438</b>	<b>\$ 54</b>
<b>Deferred tax liabilities:</b>		
Investment in Charter Holdco	\$ (553)	\$ (266)
Property, plant & equipment	(42)	(67)
Franchises	(260)	(240)
<b>Gross deferred tax liabilities</b>	<b>(855)</b>	<b>(573)</b>
<b>Net deferred tax liabilities</b>	<b>\$ (417)</b>	<b>\$ (519)</b>

As of December 31, 2003, the Company has deferred tax assets of \$1.7 billion, which primarily relate to financial and tax losses allocated to Charter from Charter Holdco. The deferred tax assets also include \$912 million of tax net operating loss carryforwards (generally expiring in years 2004 through 2023) of Charter and its indirect corporate subsidiaries, which are subject to certain limitations. Valuation allowances of \$480 million exist with respect to these carryforwards.

The total valuation allowance for deferred tax assets as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 was \$1.3 billion and \$1.4 billion, respectively. In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will be realized. Because of the uncertainties in projecting future taxable income of Charter Holdco, valuation allowances have been established except for deferred benefits available to offset certain deferred tax liabilities.

The Company is currently under examination by the Internal Revenue Service for the tax years ending December 31, 1999 and 2000. Management does not expect the results of this examination to have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition or results of operation.

## **22. Related Party Transactions**

The following sets forth certain transactions in which the Company and the directors, executive officers and affiliates of the Company are involved. Unless otherwise disclosed, management believes that each of the transactions described below was on terms no less favorable to the Company than could have been obtained from independent third parties.

Charter has entered into management arrangements with Charter Holdco and certain of its subsidiaries. Under these agreements, Charter provides management services for the cable systems owned or operated by its subsidiaries. The management services include such services as centralized customer

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billing services, data processing and related support, benefits administration and coordination of insurance coverage and self-insurance programs for medical, dental and workers' compensation claims. Costs associated with providing these services are billed and charged directly to the Company's operating subsidiaries and are included within operating costs in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. Such costs totaled \$210 million, \$176 million and \$119 million for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. All other costs incurred on the behalf of the Company's operating subsidiaries are considered a part of the management fee and are recorded as a component of selling, general and administrative expense, in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. For the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, the management fee charged to the Company's operating subsidiaries approximated the expenses incurred by Charter Holdco and Charter on behalf of the Company's operating subsidiaries. The credit facilities of the Company's operating subsidiaries prohibit payments of management fees in excess of 3.5% of revenues until repayment of the outstanding indebtedness. In the event any portion of the management fee due and payable is not paid, it is deferred by Charter and accrued as a liability of such subsidiaries. Any deferred amount of the management fee will bear interest at the rate of 10% per annum, compounded annually, from the date it was due and payable until the date it is paid.

Mr. Allen, the controlling shareholder of Charter, and a number of his affiliates have interests in various entities that provide services or programming to Charter's subsidiaries. Given the diverse nature of Mr. Allen's investment activities and interests, and to avoid the possibility of future disputes as to potential business, Charter may not, and may not allow its subsidiaries to, engage in any business transaction outside the cable transmission business except for certain existing approved investments. Should Charter or its subsidiaries wish to pursue a business transaction outside of this scope, it must first offer Mr. Allen the opportunity to pursue the particular business transaction. If he decides not to pursue the business transaction and consents to Charter or its subsidiaries to engage in the business transaction, they will be able to do so. The cable transmission business means the business of transmitting video, audio, including telephony, and data over cable systems owned, operated or managed by Charter or its subsidiaries from time to time.

Mr. Allen or his affiliates own equity interests or warrants to purchase equity interests in various entities with which the Company does business or which provides it with products, services or programming. Among these entities are TechTV L.L.C. ( TechTV ), Oxygen Media Corporation ( Oxygen Media ), Digeo, Inc., Click2learn, Inc., Trail Blazer Inc., Action Sports Cable Network ( Action Sports ) and Microsoft Corporation. In addition, Mr. Allen and Mr. Savoy were directors of USA Networks, Inc. ( USA Networks ), who operates the USA Network, The Sci-Fi Channel, Trio, World News International and Home Shopping Network, owning approximately 5% and less than 1%, respectively, of the common stock of USA Networks. In 2002, Mr. Allen and Mr. Savoy sold their common stock and are no longer directors of the USA Network. Mr. Allen owns 100% of the equity of Vulcan Ventures Incorporated ( Vulcan Ventures ) and Vulcan Inc. and is the president of Vulcan Ventures. Mr. Savoy was a vice president and a director of Vulcan Ventures until his resignation in September 2003. Mr. Savoy will remain as a member of the board of directors of Charter. The various cable, media, Internet and telephony companies in which Mr. Allen has invested may mutually benefit one another. The agreements governing the Company's relationship with Digeo, Inc. ( Digeo ) are an example of a cooperative business relationship among Mr. Allen's affiliated companies. The Company can give no assurance that any of these business relationships will be successful, that the Company will realize any benefits from these relationships or that the Company will enter into any business relationships in the future with Mr. Allen's affiliated companies.

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Mr. Allen and his affiliates have made, and in the future likely will make, numerous investments outside of the Company and its business. The Company cannot assure that, in the event that the Company or any of its subsidiaries enter into transactions in the future with any affiliate of Mr. Allen, such transactions will be on terms as favorable to the Company as terms it might have obtained from an unrelated third party. Also, conflicts could arise with respect to the allocation of corporate opportunities between the Company and Mr. Allen and his affiliates. The Company has not instituted any formal plan or arrangement to address potential conflicts of interest.

*High Speed Access Corp.* ( *High Speed Access* ) was a provider of high-speed Internet access services over cable modems. During the period from 1997 to 2000, certain Charter entities entered into Internet-access related service agreements, and both Vulcan Ventures and certain of Charter's subsidiaries made equity investments in High Speed Access.

On February 28, 2002, Charter's subsidiary, CC Systems, purchased from High Speed Access the contracts and associated assets, and assumed related liabilities, that served the Company's customers, including a customer contact center, network operations center and provisioning software. Immediately prior to the asset purchase, Vulcan Ventures beneficially owned approximately 37%, and the Company beneficially owned approximately 13%, of the common stock of High Speed Access (including the shares of common stock which could be acquired upon conversion of the Series D preferred stock, and upon exercise of the warrants owned by Charter Holdco). Following the consummation of the asset purchase, neither the Company nor Vulcan Ventures beneficially owned any securities of, or were otherwise affiliated with, High Speed Access.

The Company receives or will receive programming for broadcast via its cable systems from TechTV, USA Networks, Oxygen Media and Action Sports. The Company pays a fee for the programming service generally based on the number of customers receiving the service. Such fees for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 were each less than 1% of total operating expenses with the exception of USA Networks which was 2%, 2% and 3% of total operating expenses for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. In addition, the Company receives commissions from USA Networks for home shopping sales generated by its customers. Such revenues for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 were less than 1% of total revenues. On November 5, 2002, Action Sports announced that it was discontinuing its business. The Company believes that the failure of Action Sports will not materially affect the Company's business or results of operations.

The Company entered into an equity issuance agreement pursuant to which Oxygen Media granted a subsidiary of Charter Holdco a warrant to purchase 2.4 million shares of common stock of Oxygen Media for an exercise price of \$22.00 per share. Charter Holdco will also receive unregistered shares of Oxygen Media common stock with a guaranteed fair market value on the date of issuance of \$34 million, on or prior to February 2, 2005 with the exact date to be determined by Oxygen Media. The Company currently recognizes the guaranteed value of the investment over the life of the programming agreement as a reduction of programming expense. For the year ended December 31, 2003, the Company recorded approximately \$9 million as a reduction of programming expense. The carrying value of the Company's investment in Oxygen was approximately \$19 million as of December 31, 2003.

The Company receives from TechTV programming for distribution via its cable system pursuant to an affiliation agreement. The affiliation agreement provides, among other things, that TechTV must offer the Company certain terms and conditions that are no less favorable in the affiliation agreement than are given to any other distributor that serves the same number of or fewer TechTV viewing customers. The Company believes that TechTV has breached the TechTV affiliation agreement, and is involved in discussions with TechTV representatives in an effort to reach a settlement regarding the damages owed to



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the Company for such breach. To date, no settlement has been reached and no formal legal proceedings have been commenced. In the event the parties are not able to reach a settlement, the Company intends to pursue its contractual and legal rights for relief.

As discussed in Note 4, in April 2002, Interlink Communications Partners, LLC, Rifkin Acquisition Partners, LLC and Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC, each an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, completed the cash purchase of certain assets of Enstar Income Program II-2, L.P., Enstar Income Program IV-3, L.P., Enstar Income/ Growth Program Six-A, L.P., Enstar Cable of Macoupin County and Enstar Income IV/PBD Systems Venture, serving approximately 21,600 (unaudited) customers, for a total cash sale price of approximately \$48 million. In September 2002, Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC purchased all of Enstar Income Program II-1, L.P.'s Illinois cable systems, serving approximately 6,400 (unaudited) customers, for a cash sale price of \$15 million. Enstar Communications Corporation, a direct subsidiary of Charter Holdco, is a general partner of the Enstar limited partnerships but does not exercise control over them. All of the executive officers of Charter and Charter Holdco act as officers of Enstar Communications Corporation.

The Company entered into various broadband carriage agreements with Digeo Interactive, LLC (Digeo Interactive), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Digeo. These agreements provide for the development by Digeo Interactive of future features to be included in the Basic i-TV service provided by Digeo and for Digeo's development of an interactive toolkit to enable the Company to develop interactive local content. Furthermore, the Company may request that Digeo Interactive manage local content for a fee. The agreement provides for the Company to pay for development of the Basic i-TV service as well as license fees for customers who receive the service, and for the Company and Digeo to split certain revenues earned from the service. In 2003, the Company paid Digeo Interactive approximately \$4 million for customized development of the i-channels and the local content tool kit. The Company received no revenues under the broadband carriage agreement in 2003.

On June 30, 2003, Charter Holdco entered into an agreement with Motorola for the purchase of 100,000 broadband media centers, subject to the Company's testing and approval of product performance and functionality. It is contemplated that the software for these broadband media centers would be supplied to Motorola by Digeo. License fees for Digeo to license such software to the Company and support fees for the broadband media centers and relevant content and support services are currently under negotiation.

In March 2001, Charter Communications Ventures, LLC (Charter Ventures), the Company's indirect subsidiary, and Vulcan Ventures formed DBroadband Holdings, LLC (DBroadband) for the sole purpose of purchasing equity interests in Digeo. In connection with the execution of the broadband carriage agreement, DBroadband purchased an equity interest in Digeo funded by contributions from Vulcan Ventures. The equity interest is subject to a priority return of capital to Vulcan Ventures up to the amount contributed by Vulcan Ventures on Charter Ventures' behalf. Charter Ventures has a 100% profit interest in DBroadband. Vulcan Ventures also agreed to make, through January 24, 2004, certain additional contributions through DBroadband to acquire additional equity in Digeo as necessary to maintain Charter Ventures' pro rata interest in Digeo in the event of certain future Digeo equity financings by the founders of Digeo. These additional equity interests are also subject to a priority return of capital to Vulcan Ventures up to amounts contributed by Vulcan Ventures on Charter Ventures' behalf. DBroadband is therefore not included in the Company's consolidated financial statements.

The Company believes that Vulcan Ventures, an entity controlled by Mr. Allen, owns an approximate 60% equity interest in Digeo, Inc. Messrs. Allen and Vogel are directors of Digeo. Mr. Savoy was a

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director and served on the compensation committee of Digeo until September 2003. Mr. Vogel owns options to purchase 10,000 shares of Digeo common stock.

On January 10, 2003, Charter signed an agreement to carry two around-the-clock, high definition networks, HDNet and HDNet Movies. The Company believes that entities controlled by Mr. Mark Cuban, co-founder and president of HDNet, owns 85% of HDNet and HDNet Movies as of December 31, 2003. As of December 31, 2003 Mr. Cuban, owns an approximate 6.4% equity interest in Charter.

Certain related parties, including members of the board of directors and management, hold interests in the Company's senior convertible debt and senior notes and discount notes of the Company's subsidiary of approximately \$61.5 million of face value at December 31, 2003.

As part of the acquisition of the cable systems owned by Bresnan Communications Company Limited Partnership in February 2000, CC VIII, LLC, Charter's indirect limited liability company subsidiary, issued, after adjustments, 24,279,943 Class A preferred membership units (collectively, the "CC VIII interest") with a value and an initial capital account of approximately \$630 million to certain sellers affiliated with AT&T Broadband, subsequently owned by Comcast Corporation (the "Comcast sellers"). While held by the Comcast sellers, the CC VIII interest was entitled to a 2% priority return on its initial capital account and such priority return was entitled to preferential distributions from available cash and upon liquidation of CC VIII, LLC. While held by the Comcast sellers, the CC VIII interest generally did not share in the profits and losses of CC VIII, LLC. Mr. Allen granted the Comcast sellers the right to sell to him the CC VIII interest for approximately \$630 million plus 4.5% interest annually from February 2000 (the "Comcast put right"). In April 2002, the Comcast sellers exercised the Comcast put right in full, and this transaction was consummated on June 6, 2003. Accordingly, Mr. Allen has become the holder of the CC VIII interest, indirectly through an affiliate. Consequently, subject to the matters referenced in the next paragraph, Mr. Allen generally thereafter will be allocated his pro rata share (based on number of membership interests outstanding) of profits or losses of CC VIII, LLC. In the event of a liquidation of CC VIII, LLC, Mr. Allen would be entitled to a priority distribution with respect to the 2% priority return (which will continue to accrete). Any remaining distributions in liquidation would be distributed to CC V Holdings, LLC and Mr. Allen in proportion to CC V Holdings, LLC's capital account and Mr. Allen's capital account (which will equal the initial capital account of the Comcast sellers of approximately \$630 million, increased or decreased by Mr. Allen's pro rata share of CC VIII, LLC's profits or losses (as computed for capital account purposes) after June 6, 2003). The limited liability company agreement of CC VIII, LLC does not provide for a mandatory redemption of the CC VIII interest.

An issue has arisen as to whether the documentation for the Bresnan transaction was correct and complete with regard to the ultimate ownership of the CC VIII interest following consummation of the Comcast put right. Specifically, under the terms of the Bresnan transaction documents that were entered into in June 1999, the Comcast sellers originally would have received, after adjustments, 24,273,943 Charter Holdco membership units, but due to an FCC regulatory issue raised by the Comcast sellers shortly before closing, the Bresnan transaction was modified to provide that the Comcast sellers instead would receive the preferred equity interests in CC VIII, LLC represented by the CC VIII interest. As part of the last-minute changes to the Bresnan transaction documents, a draft amended version of the Charter Holdco limited liability company agreement was prepared, and contract provisions were drafted for that agreement that would have required an automatic exchange of the CC VIII interest for 24,273,943 Charter Holdco membership units if the Comcast sellers exercised the Comcast put right and sold the CC VIII interest to Mr. Allen or his affiliates. However, the provisions that would have required this automatic exchange did not appear in the final version of the Charter Holdco limited liability company

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agreement that was delivered and executed at the closing of the Bresnan transaction. The law firm that prepared the documents for the Bresnan transaction brought this matter to the attention of Charter and representatives of Mr. Allen in 2002.

Thereafter, the board of directors of Charter formed a Special Committee (currently comprised of Messrs. Tory, Wangberg and Merritt) to investigate the matter and take any other appropriate action on behalf of Charter with respect to this matter. After conducting an investigation of the relevant facts and circumstances, the Special Committee determined that a scrivener's error had occurred in February 2000 in connection with the preparation of the last-minute revisions to the Bresnan transaction documents and that, as a result, Charter should seek the reformation of the Charter Holdco limited liability company agreement, or alternative relief, in order to restore and ensure the obligation that the CC VIII interest be automatically exchanged for Charter Holdco units. The Special Committee further determined that, as part of such contract reformation or alternative relief, Mr. Allen should be required to contribute the CC VIII interest to Charter Holdco in exchange for 24,273,943 Charter Holdco membership units. The Special Committee also recommended to the board of directors of Charter that, to the extent the contract reformation is achieved, the board of directors should consider whether the CC VIII interest should ultimately be held by Charter Holdco or Charter Holdings or another entity owned directly or indirectly by them.

Mr. Allen disagrees with the Special Committee's determinations described above and has so notified the Special Committee. Mr. Allen contends that the transaction is accurately reflected in the transaction documentation and contemporaneous and subsequent company public disclosures.

The parties engaged in a process of non-binding mediation to seek to resolve this matter, without success. The Special Committee is evaluating what further actions or processes it may undertake to resolve this dispute. To accommodate further deliberation, each party has agreed to refrain from initiating legal proceedings over this matter until it has given at least ten days' prior notice to the other. In addition, the Special Committee and Mr. Allen have determined to utilize the Delaware Court of Chancery's program for mediation of complex business disputes in an effort to resolve the CC VIII interest dispute. If the Special Committee and Mr. Allen are unable to reach a resolution through that mediation process or to agree on an alternative dispute resolution process, the Special Committee intends to seek resolution of this dispute through judicial proceedings in an action that would be commenced, after appropriate notice, in the Delaware Court of Chancery against Mr. Allen and his affiliates seeking contract reformation, declaratory relief as to the respective rights of the parties regarding this dispute and alternative forms of legal and equitable relief. The ultimate resolution and financial impact of the dispute are not determinable at this time.

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**23. Commitments and Contingencies****Commitments**

The following table summarizes the Company's payment obligations as of December 31, 2003 for its contractual obligations.

	Total	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Thereafter
<b>Contractual Obligations</b>							
Operating Lease Obligations(1)	\$ 70	\$ 17	\$ 14	\$ 11	\$ 7	\$ 5	\$ 16
Programming Minimum Commitments(2)	1,949	320	329	355	386	317	242
Other(3)	282	63	47	39	24	25	84
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,301</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$390</b>	<b>\$405</b>	<b>\$417</b>	<b>\$347</b>	<b>\$342</b>

(1) The Company leases certain facilities and equipment under noncancellable operating leases. Leases and rental costs charged to expense for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, were \$30 million, \$31 million and \$25 million, respectively.

(2) The Company pays programming fees under multi-year contracts ranging from three to six years typically based on a flat fee per customer, which may be fixed for the term or may in some cases, escalate over the term. Programming costs included in the accompanying statement of operations were \$1.2 billion, \$1.2 billion and \$963 million for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. Certain of the Company's programming agreements are based on a flat fee per month or have guaranteed minimum payments. The table sets forth the aggregate guaranteed minimum commitments under the Company's programming contracts.

(3) Other represents other guaranteed minimum commitments, which consist primarily of commitments to the Company's billing services vendors.

The following items are not included in the contractual obligation table due to various factors discussed below. However, the Company incurs these costs as part of its operations:

The Company also rents utility poles used in its operations. Generally, pole rentals are cancelable on short notice, but the Company anticipates that such rentals will recur. Rent expense incurred for pole rental attachments for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, was \$40 million, \$41 million and \$33 million, respectively.

The Company pays franchise fees under multi-year franchise agreements based on a percentage of revenues earned from video service per year. The Company also pays other franchise related costs, such as public education grants under multi-year agreements. Franchise fees and other franchise-related costs included in the accompanying statement of operations were \$162 million, \$160 million and \$144 million for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

The Company also has \$153 million in letters of credit, primarily to its various workers compensation, property casualty and general liability carriers as collateral for reimbursement of claims. These letters of credit reduce the

amount the Company may borrow under its credit facilities.

***Litigation***

Fourteen putative federal class action lawsuits (the Federal Class Actions ) have been filed against Charter and certain of its former and present officers and directors in various jurisdictions allegedly on

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behalf of all purchasers of Charter's securities during the period from either November 8 or November 9, 1999 through July 17 or July 18, 2002. Unspecified damages are sought by the plaintiffs. In general, the lawsuits allege that Charter utilized misleading accounting practices and failed to disclose these accounting practices and/or issued false and misleading financial statements and press releases concerning Charter's operations and prospects. The Federal Class Actions were specifically and individually identified in public filings made by Charter prior to the date of this annual report.

In October 2002, Charter filed a motion with the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (the Panel) to transfer the Federal Class Actions to the Eastern District of Missouri. On March 12, 2003, the Panel transferred the six Federal Class Actions not filed in the Eastern District of Missouri to that district for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings with the eight Federal Class Actions already pending there. The Panel's transfer order assigned the Federal Class Actions to Judge Charles A. Shaw. By virtue of a prior court order, StoneRidge Investment Partners LLC became lead plaintiff upon entry of the Panel's transfer order. StoneRidge subsequently filed a Consolidated Amended Complaint. The Court subsequently consolidated the Federal Class Actions for pretrial purposes. On June 19, 2003, following a pretrial conference with the parties, the Court issued a Case Management Order setting forth a schedule for the pretrial phase of the consolidated class action. Motions to dismiss the Consolidated Amended Complaint have been filed. On February 10, 2004, in response to a joint motion made by StoneRidge and defendants, Charter, Vogel and Allen, the court entered an order providing, among other things, that: (1) the parties who filed such motion engage in a mediation within ninety (90) days; and (2) all proceedings in the Consolidated Federal Class Actions are stayed for ninety (90) days.

On September 12, 2002, a shareholders derivative suit (the State Derivative Action) was filed in Missouri state court against Charter and its then current directors, as well as its former auditors. A substantively identical derivative action was later filed and consolidated into the State Derivative Action. The plaintiffs allege that the individual defendants breached their fiduciary duties by failing to establish and maintain adequate internal controls and procedures. Unspecified damages, allegedly on Charter's behalf, are sought by the plaintiffs.

Separately, on February 12, 2003, a shareholders derivative suit (the Federal Derivative Action), was filed against Charter and its then current directors in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. The plaintiff alleges that the individual defendants breached their fiduciary duties and grossly mismanaged Charter by failing to establish and maintain adequate internal controls and procedures. Unspecified damages, allegedly on Charter's behalf, are sought by the plaintiffs.

In addition to the Federal Class Actions, the State Derivative Action and the Federal Derivative Action, six putative class action lawsuits have been filed against Charter and certain of its then current directors and officers in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware (the Delaware Class Actions). The lawsuits were filed after the filing of a 13D amendment by Mr. Allen indicating that he was exploring a number of possible alternatives with respect to restructuring or expanding his ownership interest in Charter. Charter believes the plaintiffs speculated that Mr. Allen might have been contemplating an unfair bid for shares of Charter or some other sort of going private transaction on unfair terms and generally alleged that the defendants breached their fiduciary duties by participating in or acquiescing to such a transaction. The lawsuits were brought on behalf of Charter's securities holders as of July 29, 2002, and seek unspecified damages and possible injunctive relief. The Delaware Class Actions are substantively identical. No such transaction by Mr. Allen has been presented. Plaintiffs' counsel has granted the defendants an indefinite extension of time to respond to the only complaint that has been served in the Delaware Class Actions.

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The lawsuits discussed above are each in preliminary stages. No reserves have been established for potential losses or related insurance recoveries on these matters because the Company is unable to predict the outcome. Charter intends to vigorously defend the lawsuits.

In August of 2002, Charter became aware of a grand jury investigation being conducted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri into certain of its accounting and reporting practices, focusing on how Charter reported customer numbers and its reporting of amounts received from digital set-top terminal suppliers for advertising. The U.S. Attorney's Office has publicly stated that Charter is not currently a target of the investigation. Charter has also been advised by the U.S. Attorney's Office that no member of its board of directors, including its Chief Executive Officer, is a target of the investigation. On July 24, 2003, a federal grand jury charged four former officers of Charter with conspiracy and mail and wire fraud, alleging improper accounting and reporting practices focusing on revenue from digital set-top terminal suppliers and inflated customer account numbers. On July 25, 2003, one of the former officers who was indicted entered a guilty plea. Charter is fully cooperating with the investigation.

On November 4, 2002, Charter received an informal, non-public inquiry from the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The SEC subsequently issued a formal order of investigation dated January 23, 2003, and subsequent related document and testimony subpoenas. The investigation and subpoenas generally concern Charter's prior reports with respect to its determination of the number of customers, and various of its other accounting policies and practices including its capitalization of certain expenses and dealings with certain vendors, including programmers and digital set-top terminal suppliers. Charter is fully cooperating with the SEC Staff.

Charter is generally required to indemnify each of the named individual defendants in connection with these matters pursuant to the terms of its Bylaws and (where applicable) such individual defendants' employment agreements. Pursuant to the terms of certain employment agreements and in accordance with the Bylaws of Charter, in connection with the pending grand jury investigation, SEC investigation and the above described lawsuits, Charter's current directors and its current and former officers have been advanced certain costs and expenses incurred in connection with their defense.

Charter has liability insurance coverage that it believes is available for these matters, where applicable, and subject to the terms, conditions and limitations of the respective policies. There is no assurance that current coverage will be sufficient for all claims described above or any future claims that may arise.

In October 2001, two customers, Nikki Nicholls and Geraldine M. Barber, filed a class action suit against Charter in South Carolina Court of Common Pleas (South Carolina Class Action), purportedly on behalf of a class of Charter customers, alleging that Charter improperly charged them a wire maintenance fee without request or permission. They also claimed that Charter improperly required them to rent analog and/or digital set-top terminals even though their television sets were cable ready. Charter removed this case to the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina in November 2001, and moved to dismiss the suit in December 2001. The federal judge remanded the case to the South Carolina Court of Common Pleas in August 2002 without ruling on the motion to dismiss. The plaintiffs subsequently moved for a default judgment, arguing that upon return to state court, Charter should have but did not file a new motion to dismiss. The state court judge granted the plaintiff's motion over Charter's objection in September 2002. Charter immediately appealed that decision to the South Carolina Court of Appeals and the South Carolina Supreme Court, but those courts have ruled that until a final judgment is entered against Charter, they lack jurisdiction to hear the appeal.

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In January 2003, the Court of Common Pleas granted the plaintiffs' motion for class certification. In October and November 2003, Charter filed motions (a) asking that court to set aside the default judgment, and (b) seeking dismissal of plaintiffs' suit for failure to state a claim. In January 2004, the Court of Common Pleas granted in part and denied in part Charter's motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim. It also took under advisement Charter's motion to set aside the default judgment.

Charter is unable to predict the outcome of the lawsuits and the government investigations described above. An unfavorable outcome in the lawsuits or the government investigations described above could have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition, results of operations or its liquidity, including its ability to comply with the Company's debt covenants.

In addition to the matters set forth above, Charter is also party to other lawsuits and claims that arose in the ordinary course of conducting its business. In the opinion of management, after taking into account recorded liabilities, the outcome of these other lawsuits and claims will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition or results of operations.

***Regulation in the Cable Industry***

The operation of a cable system is extensively regulated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), some state governments and most local governments. The FCC has the authority to enforce its regulations through the imposition of substantial fines, the issuance of cease and desist orders and/or the imposition of other administrative sanctions, such as the revocation of FCC licenses needed to operate certain transmission facilities used in connection with cable operations. The 1996 Telecom Act altered the regulatory structure governing the nation's communications providers. It removed barriers to competition in both the cable television market and the local telephone market. Among other things, it reduced the scope of cable rate regulation and encouraged additional competition in the video programming industry by allowing local telephone companies to provide video programming in their own telephone service areas.

The 1996 Telecom Act required the FCC to undertake a number of implementing rulemakings. Moreover, Congress and the FCC have frequently revisited the subject of cable regulation. Future legislative and regulatory changes could adversely affect the Company's operations.

**24. Employee Benefit Plan**

The Company's employees may participate in the Charter Communications, Inc. 401(k) Plan. Employees that qualify for participation can contribute up to 50% of their salary, on a pre-tax basis, subject to a maximum contribution limit as determined by the Internal Revenue Service. The Company matches 50% of the first 5% of participant contributions. The Company made contributions to the 401(k) plan totaling \$7 million, \$8 million and \$9 million for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

**25. Recently Issued Accounting Standards**

In December 2003, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 46 (revised December 2003), *Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities* (FIN 46R), which addresses how a business enterprise should evaluate whether it has a controlling financial interest in an entity through means other than voting rights and accordingly should consolidate the entity. FIN 46R replaces FASB Interpretation No. 46, *Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities*, which was issued in January 2003. The Company will be required to apply FIN 46R to variable interests in variable interest entities created after December 31, 2003. For variable interests in variable interest entities created before December 31, 2003, the FIN 46R



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will be applied beginning on March 31, 2004. For any variable interest entities that must be consolidated under FIN 46R that were created before December 31, 2003, the assets, liabilities and noncontrolling interests of the variable interest entity initially would be measured at their carrying amounts with any difference between the net amount added to the balance sheet and any previously recognized interest being recognized as the cumulative effect of an accounting change. If determining the carrying amounts is not practicable, fair value at the date FIN 46R first applies may be used to measure the assets, liabilities and noncontrolling interest of the variable interest entity. The Company has identified DBroadband Holdings, LLC as a variable interest entity in accordance with FIN 46R. As the Company is not the primary beneficiary of the variable interest entity (as defined by FIN 46R), DBroadband Holdings, LLC has not been included in the Company's consolidated financial statements. In future periods, the Company will continue to reassess its relationship with DBroadband Holdings, LLC to ensure proper recognition of the relationship in accordance with FIN 46R. See Note 22 for additional information.

In December 2003, the SEC issued Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) No. 104, *Revenue Recognition*. SAB No. 104 revises or rescinds portions of interpretative guidance on revenue recognition. SAB No. 104 became effective immediately upon release and requires registrants to either restate prior financial statements or report a change in accounting principle. The adoption of SAB No. 104 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

**26. Parent Company Only Financial Statements**

As the result of limitations on, and prohibitions of, distributions, substantially all of the net assets of the consolidated subsidiaries are restricted for distribution to Charter, the parent company. The following condensed parent-only financial statements of Charter account for the investment in Charter Holdco under the equity method of accounting. The financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of the Company and notes thereto.

**Charter Communications, Inc. (Parent Company Only)**  
**Condensed Balance Sheet**

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1	\$ 10
Receivable from related party	9	3
Investment in Charter Holdco		308
Notes receivable from Charter Holdco	803	1,433
	\$ 813	\$ 1,754
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)</b>		
Current liabilities	\$ 10	\$ 13
Convertible notes	774	1,383
Deferred income taxes	149	266
Preferred stock - redeemable	55	51
Shareholders' equity (deficit)	(175)	41

Total liabilities and shareholders equity (deficit)	\$ 813	\$1,754
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**Condensed Statement of Operations**

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Interest income	\$ 69	\$ 76	\$ 61
Management fees	11	9	6
Total revenues	80	85	67
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Equity in losses of Charter Holdco	(359)	(2,922)	(1,168)
General and administrative expenses	(11)	(9)	(6)
Interest expense	(65)	(73)	(60)
Total expenses	(435)	(3,004)	(1,234)
Net loss before income taxes	(355)	(2,919)	(1,167)
Income taxes	117	405	
Net loss	(238)	(2,514)	(1,167)
Dividend on preferred equity	(4)	(3)	(1)
Net loss after preferred dividends	\$(242)	\$(2,517)	\$(1,168)

**Condensed Statements of Cash Flows**

	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Net loss after preferred dividends	\$(242)	\$(2,517)	\$(1,168)
Equity in losses of Charter Holdco	359	2,922	1,168
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	(9)	10	
Deferred income taxes	(117)	(405)	
Net cash flows from operating activities	(9)	10	
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Investments in and receivables from Charter Holdco			(633)
Investment in Charter Holdco			(1,224)
Net cash flows from investing activities			(1,857)

**CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

Issuance of convertible notes	633
Net proceeds from issuance of common stock	1,218
Other	6
<b>Net cash flows from financing activities</b>	<b>1,857</b>

**NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

	(9)	10
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year</b>	<b>10</b>	

<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>\$ 10</b>	<b>\$</b>
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**27. Unaudited Quarterly Financial Data**

The following table presents quarterly data for the periods presented on the consolidated statement of operations:

	<b>Year Ended December 31, 2003</b>			
	<b>First Quarter</b>	<b>Second Quarter</b>	<b>Third Quarter</b>	<b>Fourth Quarter</b>
Revenues	\$ 1,178	\$ 1,217	\$ 1,207	\$ 1,217
Income from operations	86	112	117	210
Income (loss) before minority interest and income taxes	(301)	(286)	23	(161)
Net income (loss) applicable to common stock	(182)	(38)	36	(58)
Basic income (loss) per common share	(0.62)	(0.13)	0.12	(0.20)
Diluted Income (loss) per common share	(0.62)	(0.13)	0.07	(0.20)
Weighted-average shares outstanding, basic	294,466,137	294,474,596	294,566,878	294,875,504
Weighted-average shares outstanding, diluted	294,466,137	294,474,596	637,822,843	294,875,504
	<b>Year Ended December 31, 2002</b>			
	<b>First Quarter</b>	<b>Second Quarter</b>	<b>Third Quarter</b>	<b>Fourth Quarter</b>
Revenues	\$ 1,074	\$ 1,137	\$ 1,166	\$ 1,189
Income (loss) from operations	97	85	91	(4,595)
Loss before minority interest, income taxes and cumulative effect of accounting change	(234)	(354)	(367)	(4,989)
Net loss applicable to common stock	(317)	(161)	(167)	(1,872)
Basic and diluted loss per common share before cumulative effect of accounting change	(0.38)	(0.55)	(0.57)	(6.36)
Basic and diluted loss per common share	(1.08)	(0.55)	(0.57)	(6.36)
	294,394,939	294,453,454	294,454,659	294,457,134

Weighted-average shares  
outstanding

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**CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(Dollars in millions, except share data)

	September 30, 2004	December 31, 2003
(Unaudited)		
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 129	\$ 127
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$16 and \$17, respectively	186	189
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	30	34
Total current assets	345	350
<b>INVESTMENT IN CABLE PROPERTIES:</b>		
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$4,933 and \$3,950, respectively	6,415	7,014
Franchises, net of accumulated amortization of \$3,300 and \$3,445, respectively	9,885	13,680
Total investment in cable properties, net	16,300	20,694
<b>OTHER NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>	439	320
Total assets	\$17,084	\$21,364
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS DEFICIT</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,301	\$ 1,286
Total current liabilities	1,301	1,286
<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>	18,484	18,647
<b>DEFERRED MANAGEMENT FEES RELATED PARTY</b>	14	14
<b>OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>	675	848
<b>MINORITY INTEREST</b>	637	689
<b>PREFERRED STOCK REDEEMABLE; \$.001 par value; 1 million shares authorized; 545,259 shares issued and outstanding</b>	55	55
<b>SHAREHOLDERS DEFICIT:</b>		

Class A Common stock; \$.001 par value; 1.75 billion shares authorized; 304,803,455 and 295,038,606 shares issued and outstanding, respectively

Class B Common stock; \$.001 par value; 750 million shares authorized; 50,000 shares issued and outstanding

Preferred stock; \$.001 par value; 250 million shares authorized; no non-redeemable shares issued and outstanding

Additional paid-in capital	4,783	4,700
Accumulated deficit	(8,856)	(4,851)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(9)	(24)
<b>Total shareholders deficit</b>	<b>(4,082)</b>	<b>(175)</b>
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders deficit</b>	<b>\$17,084</b>	<b>\$21,364</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.



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	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
REVENUES	\$ 1,248	\$ 1,207	\$ 3,701	\$ 3,602
COSTS AND EXPENSES:				
Operating (excluding depreciation and amortization)	525	484	1,552	1,457
Selling, general and administrative	252	235	735	702
Depreciation and amortization	371	352	1,105	1,095
Impairment of franchises	2,433		2,433	
(Gain) loss on sale of assets, net		10	(104)	23
Option compensation expense, net	8	1	34	1
Special charges, net	3	8	100	18
	3,592	1,090	5,855	3,296
Income (loss) from operations	(2,344)	117	(2,154)	306
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE:				
Interest expense, net	(424)	(387)	(1,227)	(1,163)
Gain (loss) on derivative instruments and hedging activities, net	(8)	31	48	35
Loss on debt to equity conversions			(23)	
Loss on extinguishment of debt			(21)	
Gain on debt exchange, net		267		267
Other, net		(5)		(9)
	(432)	(94)	(1,223)	(870)
Income (loss) before minority interest, income	(2,776)	23	(3,377)	(564)

taxes and cumulative effect of accounting change				
MINORITY INTEREST	34	(14)	24	297
Income (loss) before income taxes and cumulative effect of accounting change	(2,742)	9	(3,353)	(267)
INCOME TAX BENEFIT	213	28	116	86
Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting change	(2,529)	37	(3,237)	(181)
CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF ACCOUNTING CHANGE, NET OF TAX	(765)		(765)	
Net income (loss)	(3,294)	37	(4,002)	(181)
Dividends on preferred stock redeemable	(1)	(1)	(3)	(3)
Net income (loss) applicable to common stock	\$ (3,295)	\$ 36	\$ (4,005)	\$ (184)
<b>EARNINGS (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE</b>				
Basic	\$ (10.89)	\$ 0.12	\$ (13.38)	\$ (0.62)
Diluted	\$ (10.89)	\$ 0.07	\$ (13.38)	\$ (0.62)
Weighted average common shares outstanding, basic	302,604,978	294,566,878	299,411,053	294,503,840
Weighted average common shares outstanding, diluted	302,604,978	637,822,843	299,411,053	294,503,840

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
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**Unaudited**

	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net loss	\$(4,002)	\$ (181)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash flows from operating activities:		
Minority interest	(24)	(297)
Depreciation and amortization	1,105	1,095
Impairment of franchises	2,433	
Option compensation expense, net	30	1
Special charges, net	85	
Noncash interest expense	237	319
(Gain) on derivative instruments and hedging activities, net	(48)	(35)
(Gain) loss on sale of assets, net	(104)	23
Loss on debt to equity conversions	23	
Loss on extinguishment of debt	18	
Gain on debt exchange, net		(267)
Deferred income taxes	(116)	(86)
Cumulative effect of accounting change, net	765	
Other, net	(1)	4
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from dispositions:		
Accounts receivable	1	70
Prepaid expenses and other assets	2	7
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other	(21)	(24)
Receivables from and payables to related party, including deferred management fees		9
Net cash flows from operating activities	383	638
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(639)	(503)
Change in accrued expenses related to capital expenditures	(23)	(109)
Proceeds from sale of assets	729	
Purchases of investments	(15)	(8)
Other, net	(2)	(8)
Net cash flows from investing activities	50	(628)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Borrowings of long-term debt	2,873	452
Repayments of long-term debt	(4,707)	(646)
Proceeds from issuance of debt	1,500	30

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Payments for debt issuance costs	(97)	(32)
Net cash flows from financing activities	(431)	(196)
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(186)</b>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	127	321
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 129</b>	<b>\$ 135</b>
CASH PAID FOR INTEREST	\$ 824	\$ 756
<b>NONCASH TRANSACTIONS:</b>		
Debt exchanged for Charter Class A common stock	\$ 30	\$
Issuance of debt by CCH II, LLC	\$	\$1,572
Retirement of debt	\$	\$1,866

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**1. Organization and Basis of Presentation**

Charter Communications, Inc. ( Charter ) is a holding company whose principal assets at September 30, 2004 are the 47.2% controlling common equity interest in Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC ( Charter Holdco ) and mirror notes which are payable by Charter Holdco to Charter and have the same principal amount and terms as those of Charter's convertible senior notes. Charter Holdco is the sole owner of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC ( Charter Holdings ). The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Charter, Charter Holdco, Charter Holdings and all of their wholly owned subsidiaries where the underlying operations reside, collectively referred to herein as the Company. Charter consolidates Charter Holdco on the basis of voting control. Charter Holdco's limited liability company agreement provides that so long as Charter's Class B common stock retains its special voting rights, Charter will maintain a 100% voting interest in Charter Holdco. Voting control gives Charter full authority and control over the operations of Charter Holdco. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions among consolidated entities have been eliminated. The Company is a broadband communications company operating in the United States. The Company offers its customers traditional cable video programming (analog and digital video) as well as high-speed data services and, in some areas, advanced broadband services such as high definition television, video on demand, telephony and interactive television. The Company sells its cable video programming, high-speed data and advanced broadband services on a subscription basis.

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial information and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ). Accordingly, certain information and footnote disclosures typically included in Charter's Annual Report on Form 10-K have been condensed or omitted for this quarterly report. The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements are unaudited and are subject to review by regulatory authorities. However, in the opinion of management, such financial statements include all adjustments, which consist of only normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the periods presented. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of results for a full year.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Areas involving significant judgments and estimates include capitalization of labor and overhead costs; depreciation and amortization costs; impairments of property, plant and equipment, franchises and goodwill; income taxes; and contingencies. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Reclassifications**

Certain 2003 amounts have been reclassified to conform with the 2004 presentation.

**2. Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The Company incurred net loss applicable to common stock of \$3.3 billion and \$4.0 billion for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004, respectively, and \$184 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2003. The Company achieved net income applicable to common stock of \$36 million for the three months ended September 30, 2003. The Company's net cash flows from operating activities were \$383 million and \$638 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

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The Company has historically required significant cash to fund capital expenditures and debt service costs. Historically, the Company has funded these requirements through cash flows from operating activities, borrowings under its credit facilities, issuances of debt and equity securities and from cash on hand. The mix of funding sources changes from period to period, but for the nine months ended September 30, 2004, approximately 49% of the Company's funding requirements were met from cash flows from operating activities and 51% from proceeds from the sale of systems. This gives effect to the use of proceeds from the sale of systems, described below, to repay long-term debt. For the nine months ended September 30, 2004, the Company had net cash flows used in financing activities of \$431 million, reflecting a net repayment of \$334 million of debt. Additionally, the Company increased cash on hand by \$2 million to \$129 million.

The Company has a significant level of debt. The Company's long-term financing as of September 30, 2004 consists of \$5.4 billion of credit facility debt, \$12.3 billion principal amount of high-yield notes and \$744 million principal amount of convertible senior notes.

In the fourth quarter of 2004, \$7.5 million of the Company's debt will mature. An additional \$618 million and \$186 million of the Company's debt will mature in 2005 and 2006, respectively. In addition, the Charter Communications Operating, LLC (Charter Operating) credit facilities require the CC V Holdings, LLC notes to be redeemed within 45 days after the Charter Holdings leverage ratio, discussed below, is determined to be below 8.75 to 1.0. In 2007 and beyond, significant additional amounts will become due under the Company's remaining long-term debt obligations.

The Company's ability to operate depends upon, among other things, its continued access to capital, including credit under the Charter Operating credit facilities. These credit facilities are subject to certain restrictive covenants, some of which require the Company to achieve specified operating results. The Company expects to maintain compliance with these covenants in 2004. If the Company's operating performance results in non-compliance with these covenants, or if any of certain other events of non-compliance under these credit facilities or indentures governing the Company's debt occurs, funding under the credit facilities may not be available and defaults on some or potentially all of the Company's debt obligations could occur. The Company's borrowing availability under the credit facilities totaled \$957 million as of September 30, 2004, none of which was restricted due to covenants.

The Company expects that cash on hand, cash flows from operating activities and the amounts available under its credit facilities will be adequate to meet its cash needs in 2004. However, as the principal amounts owing under the Company's various debt obligations become due, meeting the Company's liquidity needs in subsequent years will depend on its ability to access additional sources of capital. Currently, the Company does not expect that cash flows from operating activities and amounts available under its credit facilities will be sufficient to fund its operations and permit the Company to satisfy its principal repayment obligations that come due in 2005 and thereafter. In the event that the Company is not able to demonstrate that it has adequate access to liquidity in an amount sufficient to fund its business and to make principal repayment obligations that come due in 2005 and thereafter, Charter and its subsidiaries' ability to receive an unqualified opinion from an independent registered public accounting firm may be adversely affected. The failure of Charter Operating to receive an unqualified opinion would constitute a default under Charter Operating's credit facilities. An event of default under the covenants governing any of the Company's debt instruments could result in the acceleration of its payment obligations under that debt and, under certain circumstances, in cross-defaults under its other debt obligations, which would have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition or results of operations.

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Charter's ability to make interest payments on its convertible senior notes, and, in 2005 and 2006, to repay the outstanding principal of its convertible senior notes will depend on its ability to raise additional capital and/or on receipt of payments or distributions from Charter Holdco or its subsidiaries, including CCH II, LLC ( CCH II ), CCO Holdings, LLC ( CCO Holdings ) and Charter Operating. The indentures governing the CCH II notes, CCO Holdings notes, and Charter Operating notes, however, restrict these entities and their subsidiaries from making distributions to their parent companies (including Charter and Charter Holdco) for payment of principal on Charter's convertible senior notes, in each case unless there is no default under the applicable indenture and a specified leverage ratio test is met. In addition, each of CCH II, CCO Holdings and Charter Operating must independently assess whether such payments or distributions are advisable. CCH II, CCO Holdings and Charter Operating currently meet the applicable leverage ratio test under each of their respective indentures, and therefore are not currently prohibited from making any such distributions to their respective direct parent.

The indentures governing the Charter Holdings notes permit Charter Holdings to make distributions to Charter Holdco for payment of interest or principal on the Company's convertible senior notes, only if, after giving effect to the distribution, Charter Holdings can incur additional debt under the leverage ratio test of 8.75 to 1.0, there is no default under Charter Holdings' indentures and the other specified tests are met. For the quarter ended September 30, 2004, there were no defaults under the Charter Holdings indentures and the other specified tests were met. However, Charter Holdings continued not to meet the leverage ratio test of 8.75 to 1.0 at September 30, 2004. As a result, distributions from Charter Holdings to Charter or Charter Holdco have been restricted and will continue to be restricted until that test is met.

During this restriction period, the indentures governing the Charter Holdings notes permit Charter Holdings and its subsidiaries to make specified investments in Charter Holdco or Charter, up to an amount determined by a formula, as long as there is no default under the indentures. As of September 30, 2004, Charter Holdco had \$31 million in cash on hand and was owed \$39 million in intercompany loans from its subsidiaries, which were available to Charter Holdco to pay interest on Charter's convertible senior notes, which is expected to be approximately \$21 million for the remainder of 2004.

As a result of the foregoing, it is likely that Charter or Charter Holdco will require additional funding to repay debt maturing in 2005 and 2006. The Company is working with its financial advisors to address such funding requirements. However, there can be no assurance that such funding will be available to the Company. Although Mr. Allen and his affiliates have purchased equity from the Company in the past, Mr. Allen and his affiliates are not obligated to purchase equity from, contribute to or loan funds to the Company in the future.

On March 1, 2004, the Company closed the sale of certain cable systems in Florida, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and West Virginia to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC. The Company closed on the sale of an additional cable system in New York to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC in April 2004. These transactions resulted in a \$105 million pretax gain recorded as a gain on sale of assets in the Company's condensed consolidated statements of operations. Subject to post-closing contractual adjustments, the Company expects the total net proceeds from the sale of all of these systems to be approximately \$733 million, of which \$10 million is currently held in an indemnity escrow account (with the unused portion thereof to be released by March 1, 2005). The proceeds received to date have been used to repay a portion of amounts outstanding under the Company's credit facilities.

### **3. Franchises and Goodwill**

On January 1, 2002, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 142, which eliminates the amortization of indefinite-lived intangible assets. Accordingly, beginning

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January 1, 2002, all franchises that qualify for indefinite-life treatment under SFAS No. 142 are no longer amortized against earnings but instead are tested for impairment annually, or more frequently as warranted by events or changes in circumstances. Based on the guidance prescribed in Emerging Issues Task Force ( EITF ) Issue No. 02-7, *Unit of Accounting for Testing of Impairment of Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets*, franchises are aggregated into essentially inseparable asset groups to conduct the valuations. The asset groups generally represent geographic clustering of the Company's cable systems into groups by which such systems are managed. Management believes such grouping represents the highest and best use of those assets.

Franchises, for valuation purposes, are defined as the future economic benefits of the right to solicit and service potential customers (customer marketing rights), and the right to deploy and market new services such as interactivity and telephony to the potential customers (service marketing rights). Fair value is determined based on estimated discounted future cash flows using assumptions consistent with internal forecasts. The franchise after-tax cash flow is calculated as the after-tax cash flow generated by the potential customers obtained and the new services added to those customers in future periods. The sum of the present value of the franchises' after-tax cash flow in years 1 through 10 and the continuing value of the after-tax cash flow beyond year 10 yields the fair value of the franchise. Prior to the adoption of Topic D-108, *Use of the Residual Method to Value Acquired Assets Other than Goodwill*, the Company followed a residual method of valuing its franchise assets, which had the effect of including goodwill with the franchise assets.

In September 2004, the SEC staff issued Topic D-108 which requires the direct method of separately valuing all intangible assets and does not permit goodwill to be included in franchise assets. The Company performed an impairment assessment as of September 30, 2004, and adopted Topic D-108 in that assessment resulting in a total franchise impairment of approximately \$3.3 billion. The Company recorded a cumulative effect of accounting change of \$765 million (approximately \$875 million before tax effects of \$91 million and minority interest effects of \$19 million) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004 representing the portion of the Company's total franchise impairment of franchise assets attributable to no longer including goodwill with franchise assets. The effect of the adoption was to increase net loss and loss per share by \$765 million and \$2.53 for the three months ended September 30, 2004, respectively, and \$765 million and \$2.56 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004, respectively. The remaining \$2.4 billion of the total write-down was attributable to the use of lower projected growth rates and the resulting revised estimates of future cash flows in the Company's valuation, and was recorded as impairment of franchises in the Company's accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004. Sustained analog video customer losses by the Company and its industry peers in the third quarter of 2004 primarily as a result of increased competition from direct broadcast satellite providers and decreased growth rates in the Company's and its industry peers' high speed data customers in the third quarter of 2004, in part, as a result of increased competition from digital subscriber line service providers led to the lower projected growth rates and the revised estimates of future cash flows. The valuation completed at October 1, 2003 resulted in no impairment.



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As of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, indefinite-lived and finite-lived intangible assets are presented in the following table:

	September 30, 2004			December 31, 2003		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount
<b>Indefinite-lived intangible assets:</b>						
Franchises with indefinite lives	\$ 13,129	\$ 3,287	\$ 9,842	\$ 17,018	\$ 3,412	\$ 13,606
Goodwill	52		52	52		52
	\$ 13,181	\$ 3,287	\$ 9,894	\$ 17,070	\$ 3,412	\$ 13,658
<b>Finite-lived intangible assets:</b>						
Franchises with finite lives	\$ 56	\$ 13	\$ 43	\$ 107	\$ 33	\$ 74

For the nine months ended September 30, 2004, the net carrying amount of indefinite-lived intangible assets was reduced by \$484 million as a result of the sale of cable systems to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC discussed in Note 2. Additionally, in the first quarter of 2004, approximately \$29 million of franchises that were previously classified as finite-lived were reclassified to indefinite-lived, based on the Company's renewal of these franchise assets in 2003. Franchise amortization expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004 was \$1 million and \$3 million, respectively, and franchise amortization expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2003 was \$2 million and \$6 million, respectively, which represents the amortization relating to franchises that did not qualify for indefinite-life treatment under SFAS No. 142, including costs associated with franchise renewals. The Company expects that amortization expense on franchise assets will be approximately \$4 million annually for each of the next five years. Actual amortization expense in future periods could differ from these estimates as a result of new intangible asset acquisitions or divestitures, changes in useful lives and other relevant factors.

#### 4. Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses

Accounts payable and accrued expenses consist of the following as of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003:

	September 30, 2004	December 31, 2003
Accounts payable - trade	\$ 78	\$ 163
Accrued capital expenditures	85	108
Accrued expenses:		

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Interest	443	277
Programming costs	303	319
Franchise-related fees	55	70
State sales tax	45	61
Other	292	288
	\$1,301	\$1,286

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**5. Long-Term Debt**

Long-term debt consists of the following as of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003:

	September 30, 2004		December 31, 2003	
	Face Value	Accreted Value	Face Value	Accreted Value
<b>Long-Term Debt</b>				
Charter Communications, Inc.:				
October and November 2000				
5.75% convertible senior notes due 2005	\$ 588	\$ 588	\$ 618	\$ 618
May 2001				
4.75% convertible senior notes due 2006	156	156	156	156
Charter Holdings:				
March 1999				
8.250% senior notes due 2007	451	451	451	450
8.625% senior notes due 2009	1,244	1,242	1,244	1,242
9.920% senior discount notes due 2011	1,108	1,108	1,108	1,082
January 2000				
10.000% senior notes due 2009	640	640	640	640
10.250% senior notes due 2010	318	318	318	318
11.750% senior discount notes due 2010	450	435	450	400
January 2001				
10.750% senior notes due 2009	874	874	874	873
11.125% senior notes due 2011	500	500	500	500
13.500% senior discount notes due 2011	675	571	675	517
May 2001				
9.625% senior notes due 2009 (includes January 2002 additional notes issue)	640	638	640	638
10.000% senior notes due 2011 (includes January 2002 additional notes issue)	710	708	710	708
11.750% senior discount notes due 2011	939	780	939	717
January 2002				
12.125% senior discount notes due 2012	330	252	330	231
CCH II:				
10.250% senior notes due 2010	1,601	1,601	1,601	1,601
CCO Holdings:				
8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> % senior notes due 2013	500	500	500	500
Charter Operating:				
8.000% senior second lien notes	1,100	1,100		
8.375% senior second lien notes	400	400		
Renaissance:				
10.00% senior discount notes due 2008	114	116	114	116



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	September 30, 2004		December 31, 2003	
	Face Value	Accreted Value	Face Value	Accreted Value
CC V Holdings:				
11.875% senior discount notes due 2008	113	113	113	113
<b>Credit Facilities</b>				
Charter Operating	5,393	5,393	4,459	4,459
CC VI Operating			868	868
Falcon Cable			856	856
CC VIII Operating			1,044	1,044
	\$ 18,844	\$ 18,484	\$ 19,208	\$ 18,647

In April 2004, Charter's indirect subsidiaries, Charter Operating and Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp., sold \$1.5 billion of senior second lien notes in a private transaction. Additionally, Charter Operating amended and restated its \$5.1 billion credit facilities, among other things, to defer maturities and increase availability under those facilities to approximately \$6.5 billion, consisting of a \$1.5 billion six-year revolving credit facility, a \$2.0 billion six-year term loan facility and a \$3.0 billion seven-year term loan facility. Charter Operating used the additional borrowings under the amended and restated credit facilities, together with proceeds from the sale of the Charter Operating senior second lien notes to refinance the credit facilities of its subsidiaries, CC VI Operating Company, LLC (CC VI Operating), Falcon Cable Communications, LLC (Falcon Cable), and CC VIII Operating, LLC (CC VIII Operating), all in concurrent transactions. In addition, Charter Operating was substituted as the lender in place of the banks under those subsidiaries' credit facilities.

*Loss on debt to equity conversions.* The Company recognized a loss of approximately \$23 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 from privately negotiated exchanges of a total of \$30 million principal amount of Charter's 5.75% convertible senior notes for shares of Charter Class A common stock. The exchanges resulted in the issuance of more shares in the exchange transaction than would have been issuable under the original terms of the convertible senior notes.

#### **6. Minority Interest and Equity Interest of Charter Holdco**

Charter is a holding company whose primary asset is a controlling equity interest in Charter Holdco, the indirect owner of the Company's cable systems, and \$744 million of mirror notes which are payable by Charter Holdco to Charter and have the same principal amount and terms as those of Charter's convertible senior notes. Minority interest on the Company's consolidated balance sheets represents the percentage of Charter Holdco not owned by Charter, or 52.8% of total members' equity of Charter Holdco, plus \$705 million and \$694 million of preferred membership interests in CC VIII, LLC (CC VIII), an indirect subsidiary of Charter Holdco, as of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively. As more fully described in Note 17, this preferred interest arises from the approximately \$630 million of preferred membership units issued by CC VIII in connection with an acquisition in February 2000. As of December 31, 2003, minority interest also includes \$25 million of preferred interest in Charter Helicon, LLC, another indirect subsidiary of Charter Holdco, issued in connection with the 1999 Helicon acquisition. As of September 30, 2004, the preferred interest in Charter Helicon, LLC was reclassified to other long-term

liabilities.

Members' deficit of Charter Holdco was \$673 million and \$57 million as of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively. Gains and losses arising from the issuance by Charter Holdco of its

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membership units are recorded as capital transactions, thereby increasing or decreasing shareholders' equity and decreasing or increasing minority interest on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Minority interest was 52.8% and 53.5% as of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively. Minority interest includes the proportionate share of changes in fair value of interest rate derivative agreements. Such amounts are temporary as they are contractually scheduled to reverse over the life of the underlying instrument. Additionally, reported losses allocated to minority interest on the consolidated statement of operations are limited to the extent of any remaining minority interest on the balance sheet related to Charter Holdco. Because minority interest in Charter Holdco was substantially eliminated at December 31, 2003, beginning in the first quarter of 2004, the Company began to absorb substantially all losses before income taxes that otherwise would have been allocated to minority interest. This resulted in an additional \$1.7 billion and \$2.0 billion of net loss for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004, respectively. Subject to any changes in Charter Holdco's capital structure, future losses will be substantially absorbed by Charter. Changes to minority interest consist of the following:

	<b>Minority Interest</b>
Balance, December 31, 2003	\$689
Minority interest in loss of a subsidiary	(24)
Minority interest in cumulative effect of accounting change	(19)
Reclassification of Helicon, LLC interest	(25)
Changes in fair value of interest rate agreements	16
Balance, September 30, 2004	\$637

**7. Comprehensive Loss**

Certain marketable equity securities are classified as available-for-sale and reported at market value with unrealized gains and losses recorded as accumulated other comprehensive loss on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Additionally, the Company reports changes in the fair value of interest rate agreements designated as hedging the variability of cash flows associated with floating-rate debt obligations, that meet the effectiveness criteria of SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, in accumulated other comprehensive loss, after giving effect to the minority interest share of such gains and losses. Comprehensive loss for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004 was \$3.3 billion and \$4.0 billion, respectively. Comprehensive income for the three months ended September 30, 2003 was \$48 million, and comprehensive loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 was \$168 million.

**8. Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities**

The Company uses interest rate derivative instruments, such as interest rate swap agreements and interest rate collar agreements (collectively referred to herein as interest rate agreements) to manage its interest costs. The Company's policy is to manage interest costs using a mix of fixed and variable rate debt. Using interest rate swap agreements, the Company has agreed to exchange, at specified intervals through 2007, the difference between fixed and variable interest amounts calculated by reference to an agreed-upon notional principal amount. Interest rate collar agreements are used to limit the Company's exposure to and benefits from interest rate fluctuations on variable rate debt to within a certain range of rates.

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The Company does not hold or issue derivative instruments for trading purposes. The Company does, however, have certain interest rate derivative instruments that have been designated as cash flow hedging instruments. Such instruments are those that effectively convert variable interest payments on certain debt instruments into fixed payments. For qualifying hedges, SFAS No. 133 allows derivative gains and losses to offset related results on hedged items in the consolidated statement of operations. The Company has formally documented, designated and assessed the effectiveness of transactions that receive hedge accounting. For the three months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003, net gain (loss) on derivative instruments and hedging activities includes gains of \$1 million and \$0, respectively, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003, net gain (loss) on derivative instruments and hedging activities includes gains of \$3 million and \$8 million, respectively, which represent cash flow hedge ineffectiveness on interest rate hedge agreements arising from differences between the critical terms of the agreements and the related hedged obligations. Changes in the fair value of interest rate agreements designated as hedging instruments of the variability of cash flows associated with floating-rate debt obligations that meet the effectiveness criteria of SFAS No. 133 are reported in accumulated other comprehensive loss. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004, a gain of \$2 million and \$31 million, respectively, and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2003, a gain of \$21 million and \$30 million, respectively, related to derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges, was recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss and minority interest. The amounts are subsequently reclassified into interest expense as a yield adjustment in the same period in which the related interest on the floating-rate debt obligations affects earnings (losses).

Certain interest rate derivative instruments are not designated as hedges as they do not meet the effectiveness criteria specified by SFAS No. 133. However, management believes such instruments are closely correlated with the respective debt, thus managing associated risk. Interest rate derivative instruments not designated as hedges are marked to fair value, with the impact recorded as gain (loss) on derivative instruments and hedging activities in the Company's condensed consolidated statements of operations. For the three months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003, net gain (loss) on derivative instruments and hedging activities includes losses of \$9 million and gains of \$31 million, respectively, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003 net gain (loss) on derivative instruments and hedging activities includes gains of \$45 million and \$27 million, respectively, for interest rate derivative instruments not designated as hedges.

As of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, the Company had outstanding \$2.7 billion and \$3.0 billion and \$20 million and \$520 million, respectively, in notional amounts of interest rate swaps and collars, respectively. The notional amounts of interest rate instruments do not represent amounts exchanged by the parties and, thus, are not a measure of exposure to credit loss. The amounts exchanged are determined by reference to the notional amount and the other terms of the contracts.



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**9. Revenues**

Revenues consist of the following for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	Video	\$ 839	\$ 866	\$2,534
High-speed data	189	145	538	403
Advertising sales	73	64	205	188
Commercial	61	52	175	149
Other	86	80	249	255
	\$1,248	\$1,207	\$3,701	\$3,602

**10. Operating Expenses**

Operating expenses consist of the following for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	Programming	\$328	\$307	\$ 991
Advertising sales	24	21	72	65
Service	173	156	489	458
	\$525	\$484	\$1,552	\$1,457

**11. Selling, General and Administrative Expenses**

Selling, general and administrative expenses consist of the following for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2004	2003	2004	2003

General and administrative	\$220	\$204	\$636	\$622
Marketing	32	31	99	80
	\$252	\$235	\$735	\$702

Components of selling expense are included in general and administrative and marketing expense.

## 12. Special Charges

In the fourth quarter of 2002, the Company recorded a special charge of \$31 million associated with the Company's workforce reduction and the consolidation of its operations from three divisions and ten regions into five operating divisions, elimination of redundant practices and streamlining its management structure. During the year ended December 31, 2003, additional severance-related costs of \$26 million were incurred and recorded as a special charge. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004, an additional 300 and 450 employees, respectively, were identified for termination, and severance

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costs of \$6 million and \$9 million, respectively, were recorded in special charges. Severance payments are made over a period of up to two years with approximately \$3 million and \$14 million paid during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004, respectively, and \$43 million paid during the year ended December 31, 2003. As of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, a liability of approximately \$9 million and \$14 million, respectively, is recorded on the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets related to the reorganization activities discussed above. For the nine months ended September 30, 2004, special charges also includes approximately \$85 million, representing the aggregate value of the Charter Class A common stock and warrants to purchase Charter Class A common stock contemplated to be issued as part of a settlement of consolidated federal and state class actions and federal derivative action lawsuits and approximately \$9 million of litigation costs related to the tentative settlement of a national class action suit, all of which are subject to final documentation and court approval (see note 14). For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004, the severance costs were offset by \$3 million received from a third party in settlement of a dispute.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2003, the Company recorded severance costs of \$8 million and \$23 million, respectively, in special charges. For the nine months ended September 30, 2003, the severance costs were offset by a \$5 million settlement from the Internet service provider Excite@Home related to the conversion of approximately 145,000 high-speed data customers to our Charter High Speed service in 2001.

### **13. Income Taxes**

All operations are held through Charter Holdco and its direct and indirect subsidiaries. Charter Holdco and the majority of its subsidiaries are not subject to income tax. However, certain of these subsidiaries are corporations and are subject to income tax. All of the taxable income, gains, losses, deductions and credits of Charter Holdco are passed through to its members: Charter, Charter Investment, Inc. ( Charter Investment ) and Vulcan Cable III Inc. ( Vulcan Cable ). Charter is responsible for its share of the taxable income or loss of Charter Holdco allocated to Charter in accordance with the Charter Holdco limited liability company agreement (the LLC Agreement ) and partnership tax rules and regulations.

As of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, the Company had net deferred income tax liabilities of approximately \$204 million and \$417 million, respectively. Approximately \$204 million and \$267 million of the deferred tax liabilities recorded in the condensed consolidated financial statements at September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively, relate to certain indirect subsidiaries of Charter Holdco, which file separate income tax returns.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004, the Company recorded \$304 million and \$207 million of income tax benefit, respectively. The Company recorded the portion of the income tax benefit associated with the adoption of Topic D-108 as a \$91 million reduction of the cumulative effect of accounting change on the accompanying statement of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2003, the Company recorded \$28 million and \$86 million of income tax benefit, respectively. The sale of cable systems to Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC on March 1 and April 30, 2004 resulted in \$15 million of income tax expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2004.

Income tax benefit is recognized through reductions in the deferred tax liabilities related to Charter's investment in Charter Holdco, as well as the deferred tax liabilities of certain of Charter's indirect corporate subsidiaries. The Company recorded an additional deferred tax asset of approximately \$1.4 billion and \$1.7 billion during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004, respectively,

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relating to net operating loss carryforwards, but recorded a valuation allowance with respect to these amounts because of the uncertainty of the ability to realize a benefit from these carryforwards in the future.

The Company had deferred tax assets of approximately \$3.4 billion and \$1.7 billion as of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively, a portion of which relates to the excess of cumulative financial statement losses over cumulative tax losses allocated from Charter Holdco. The deferred tax assets also include approximately \$1.8 billion and \$912 million of tax net operating loss carryforwards as of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively (generally expiring in years 2004 through 2024), of Charter and its indirect corporate subsidiaries, which are subject to certain return limitations.

The total valuation allowance for deferred tax assets was \$3.0 billion and \$1.3 billion as of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively. In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will be realized. Because of the uncertainties in projecting future taxable income of Charter Holdco, valuation allowances have been established except for deferred benefits available to offset deferred tax liabilities.

The Company is currently under examination by the Internal Revenue Service for the tax years ending December 31, 1999 and 2000. Management does not expect the results of this examination to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

**14. Contingencies**

As previously reported in the Company's 2003 Annual Report on Form 10-K and 2004 Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004, fourteen putative federal class action lawsuits (the "Federal Class Actions") were filed against Charter and certain of its former and present officers and directors in various jurisdictions allegedly on behalf of all purchasers of Charter's securities during the period from either November 8 or November 9, 1999 through July 17 or July 18, 2002. In general, the lawsuits alleged that Charter utilized misleading accounting practices and failed to disclose these accounting practices and/or issued false and misleading financial statements and press releases concerning Charter's operations and prospects. The Federal Class Actions were specifically and individually identified in public filings made by Charter prior to the date of this quarterly report.

On September 12, 2002, a shareholders derivative suit (the "State Derivative Action") was filed in the Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri (the "Missouri State Court") against Charter and its then current directors, as well as its former auditors. A substantively identical derivative action was later filed and consolidated into the State Derivative Action. The plaintiffs allege that the individual defendants breached their fiduciary duties by failing to establish and maintain adequate internal controls and procedures. An action substantively identical to the State Derivative Action was filed in March 2004. The State Derivative Actions were specifically and individually identified in public filings made by Charter prior to the date of this quarterly report.

Separately, on February 12, 2003, a shareholders derivative suit (the "Federal Derivative Action") was filed against Charter and its then current directors in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. The plaintiff in that suit alleged that the individual defendants breached their fiduciary duties and grossly mismanaged Charter by failing to establish and maintain adequate internal controls and procedures. The Federal Derivative Action was identified in public filings made by Charter prior to the date of this quarterly report.

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On August 5, 2004, Charter entered into Memoranda of Understanding setting forth agreements in principle regarding settlement of the Federal Class Actions, the State Derivative Action(s) and the Federal Derivative Action (the Actions). In exchange for a release of all claims by plaintiffs against Charter and its former and present officers and directors named in the Actions, Charter will pay to the plaintiffs a combination of cash and equity collectively valued at \$144 million, which will include the fees and expenses of plaintiffs' counsel. Of this amount, \$64 million will be paid in cash (by Charter's insurance carriers) and the balance will be paid in shares of Charter Class A common stock having an aggregate value of \$40 million and ten-year warrants to purchase shares of Charter Class A common stock having an aggregate warrant value of \$40 million. The warrants would have an exercise price equal to 150% of the fair market value (as defined) of Charter Class A common stock as of the date of the entry of the order of final judgment approving the settlement. In addition, Charter expects to issue additional shares of its Class A common stock to its insurance carrier having an aggregate value of \$5 million. As a result, in the second quarter of 2004, the Company recorded a \$149 million litigation liability within other long-term liabilities and a \$64 million insurance receivable as part of other non-current assets on its consolidated balance sheet and an \$85 million special charge on its consolidated statement of operations. Additionally, as part of the settlements, Charter will also commit to a variety of corporate governance changes, internal practices and public disclosures, some of which have already been undertaken and none of which are inconsistent with measures Charter is taking in connection with the recent conclusion of the SEC investigation described below. The settlement of each of the lawsuits is conditioned upon, among other things, the parties' approval and execution of definitive settlement agreements with respect to the matters described above, judicial approval of the settlements by the Court following notice to the class, and dismissal of the consolidated derivative actions now pending in Missouri State Court, which are related to the Federal Derivative Action.

In August 2002, Charter became aware of a grand jury investigation being conducted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri into certain of its accounting and reporting practices, focusing on how Charter reported customer numbers, and its reporting of amounts received from digital set-top terminal suppliers for advertising. The U.S. Attorney's Office has publicly stated that Charter is not a target of the investigation. Charter has also been advised by the U.S. Attorney's office that no member of its board of directors, including its Chief Executive Officer, is a target of the investigation. On July 24, 2003, a federal grand jury charged four former officers of Charter with conspiracy and mail and wire fraud, alleging improper accounting and reporting practices focusing on revenue from digital set-top terminal suppliers and inflated customer account numbers. On July 25, 2003, one of the former officers who was indicted entered a guilty plea. Charter is fully cooperating with the investigation.

On November 4, 2002, Charter received an informal, non-public inquiry from the staff of the SEC. The SEC issued a formal order of investigation dated January 23, 2003, and subsequently served document and testimony subpoenas on Charter and a number of its former employees. The investigation and subpoenas generally concerned Charter's prior reports with respect to its determination of the number of customers, and various of its accounting policies and practices including its capitalization of certain expenses and dealings with certain vendors, including programmers and digital set-top terminal suppliers. On July 27, 2004, the SEC and Charter reached a final agreement to settle the investigation. In the Settlement Agreement and Cease and Desist Order, Charter agreed to entry of an administrative order prohibiting any future violations of United States securities laws and requiring certain other remedial internal practices and public disclosures. Charter neither admitted nor denied any wrongdoing, and the SEC assessed no fine against Charter.

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Charter is generally required to indemnify each of the named individual defendants in connection with the matters described above pursuant to the terms of its bylaws and (where applicable) such individual defendants' employment agreements. In accordance with these documents, in connection with the pending grand jury investigation, the now settled SEC investigation and the above described lawsuits, some of Charter's current and former directors and current and former officers have been advanced certain costs and expenses incurred in connection with their defense.

In October 2001, two customers, Nikki Nicholls and Geraldine M. Barber, filed a class action suit against Charter Holdco in South Carolina Court of Common Pleas (the "South Carolina Class Action"), purportedly on behalf of a class of Charter Holdco's customers, alleging that Charter Holdco improperly charged them a wire maintenance fee without request or permission. They also claimed that Charter Holdco improperly required them to rent analog and/or digital set-top terminals even though their television sets were cable ready. A substantively identical case was filed in the Superior Court of Athens - Clarke County, Georgia by Emma S. Tobar on March 26, 2002 (the "Georgia Class Action"), alleging a nationwide class for these claims. The South Carolina Class Action and the Georgia Class Action were identified in public filings made by Charter prior to the date of this quarterly report.

In April 2004, the parties to both the Georgia and South Carolina Class Actions participated in a mediation. The mediator made a proposal to the parties to settle the lawsuits. In May 2004, the parties accepted the mediator's proposal and reached a tentative settlement, subject to final documentation and court approval. As a result of the tentative settlement, the Company recorded a special charge of \$9 million in its consolidated statement of operations in the first quarter of 2004 (see note 12). On July 8, 2004, the Superior Court of Athens - Clarke County, Georgia granted a motion to amend the Tobar complaint to add Nicholls, Barber and April Jones as plaintiffs in the Georgia Class Action and to add any potential class members in South Carolina. The court also granted preliminary approval of the proposed settlement on that date. A hearing to consider final approval of the settlement is scheduled to occur on November 10, 2004. On August 2, 2004, the parties submitted a joint request to the South Carolina Court of Common Pleas to stay the South Carolina Class Action pending final approval of the settlement and on August 17, 2004, that court granted the parties' request.

In addition to the matters set forth above, Charter is also party to other lawsuits and claims that arose in the ordinary course of conducting its business. In the opinion of management, after taking into account recorded liabilities, the outcome of these other lawsuits and claims are not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or its liquidity.

## **15. Earnings Per Share**

Basic earnings per share is based on the average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share is based on the average number of shares used for the basic earnings per share calculation, adjusted for the dilutive effect of stock options, convertible debt, convertible redeemable preferred stock and exchangeable membership units. Basic earnings per share equals diluted

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earnings per share for the three months ended September 30, 2004 and the nine months ended September 30, 2003 and 2004.

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2003</b>		
	<b>Earnings</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Earnings Per Share</b>
Basic earnings per share	\$ 36	295	\$ 0.12
Effect of stock options		4	
Effect of Charter Investment Class B Common Stock	7	223	(0.04)
Effect of Vulcan Cable III Inc. Class B Common Stock	4	116	(0.01)
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 47	638	\$ 0.07

The effect of stock options represents the shares resulting from the assumed exercise of outstanding stock options, calculated using the treasury stock method for all options whose exercise price was less than the average market price of the common shares. Charter Investment Class B common stock and Vulcan Cable III Inc. Class B common stock represent membership units in Charter Holdco that are exchangeable at any time on a one-for-one basis for shares of Charter Class B common stock, which are in turn convertible on a one-for-one basis into shares of Charter Class A common stock. Their effect on earnings represents the allocation of gains to minority interest based on their ownership of Charter Holdco.

Certain options to purchase common stock, which were outstanding during the three months ended September 30, 2003, were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because the options' exercise price was greater than the average market price of the common shares. Charter's 5.75% and 4.75% convertible senior notes, Charter's series A convertible redeemable preferred stock and all of the outstanding exchangeable membership units in Charter's indirect subsidiary, CC VIII, LLC, also were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because the effect of the conversions would have been antidilutive.

## **16. Stock Compensation Plans**

The Company has historically accounted for stock-based compensation in accordance with Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, and related interpretations, as permitted by SFAS No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*. On January 1, 2003, the Company adopted the fair value measurement provisions of SFAS No. 123 using the prospective method, under which the Company recognizes compensation expense of a stock-based award to an employee over the vesting period based on the fair value of the award on the grant date consistent with the method described in Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 28, *Accounting for Stock Appreciation Rights and Other Variable Stock Option or Award Plans*. Adoption of these provisions resulted in utilizing a preferable accounting method as the condensed consolidated financial statements will present the estimated fair value of stock-based compensation in expense consistently with other forms of compensation and other expense associated with goods and services received for equity instruments. In accordance with SFAS No. 148, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation - Transition and Disclosure*, the fair value method is being applied only to awards granted or modified after January 1, 2003, whereas awards granted prior to such date will continue to be accounted for under APB No. 25, unless they are modified or settled in cash. The ongoing effect

on consolidated results of operations or financial condition will depend on future stock-based compensation awards granted by the Company.

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SFAS No. 123 requires pro forma disclosure of the impact on earnings as if the compensation expense for these plans had been determined using the fair value method. The following table presents the Company's net income (loss) and income (loss) per share as reported and the pro forma amounts that would have been reported using the fair value method under SFAS No. 123 for the periods presented:

	<b>Three Months</b>		<b>Nine Months</b>	
	<b>Ended</b>		<b>Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>			
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Net income (loss) applicable to common stock	\$(3,295)	\$ 36	\$(4,005)	\$ (184)
Add back stock-based compensation expense related to stock options included in reported net income (loss) (net of minority interest)	8	1	34	1
Less employee stock-based compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all employee stock option awards (net of minority interest)	(6)	(3)	(37)	(11)
Effects of unvested options in stock option exchange			48	
<b>Pro forma</b>	<b>\$(3,293)</b>	<b>\$ 34</b>	<b>\$(3,960)</b>	<b>\$ (194)</b>
Income (loss) per common shares, basic:				
As reported	\$(10.89)	\$0.12	\$(13.38)	\$(0.62)
Pro forma	\$(10.88)	\$0.12	\$(13.23)	\$(0.66)
Income (loss) per common shares, diluted:				
As reported	\$(10.89)	\$0.07	\$(13.38)	\$(0.62)
Pro forma	\$(10.88)	\$0.07	\$(13.23)	\$(0.66)

In January 2004, Charter began an option exchange program in which the Company offered its employees the right to exchange all stock options (vested and unvested) under the 1999 Charter Communications Option Plan and 2001 Stock Incentive Plan that had an exercise price over \$10 per share for shares of restricted Charter Class A common stock or, in some instances, cash. Based on a sliding exchange ratio, which varied depending on the exercise price of an employee's outstanding options, if an employee would have received more than 400 shares of restricted stock in exchange for tendered options, Charter issued to that employee shares of restricted stock in the exchange. If, based on the exchange ratios, an employee would have received 400 or fewer shares of restricted stock in exchange for tendered options, Charter instead paid the employee cash in an amount equal to the number of shares the employee would have received multiplied by \$5.00. The offer applied to options (vested and unvested) to purchase a total of 22,929,573 shares of Charter Class A common stock, or approximately 48% of the Company's 47,882,365 total options (vested and unvested) issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2003. Participation by employees was voluntary. Those members of Charter's board of directors who were not also employees of the Company were not eligible to participate in the exchange offer.

In the closing of the exchange offer on February 20, 2004, the Company accepted for cancellation eligible options to purchase approximately 18,137,664 shares of Charter Class A common stock. In exchange, the Company granted 1,966,686 shares of restricted stock, including 460,777 performance shares to eligible employees of the rank of senior

vice president and above, and paid a total cash amount of approximately \$4 million (which amount includes applicable withholding taxes) to those employees who

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received cash rather than shares of restricted stock. The restricted stock was granted on February 25, 2004. Employees tendered approximately 79% of the options exchangeable under the program.

The cost to the Company of the stock option exchange program was approximately \$12 million, with a 2004 cash compensation expense of approximately \$4 million and a non-cash compensation expense of approximately \$8 million to be expensed ratably over the three-year vesting period of the restricted stock issued in the exchange.

In January 2004, the Compensation Committee of the board of directors of Charter approved Charter's Long-Term Incentive Program (LTIP), which is a program administered under the 2001 Stock Incentive Plan. Employees of Charter and its subsidiaries whose pay classifications exceed a certain level are eligible to receive stock options, and more senior level employees are eligible to receive stock options and performance shares. Under the LTIP, the stock options vest 25% on each of the first four anniversaries of the date of grant. The performance units vest on the third anniversary of the grant date and shares of Charter Class A common stock are issued, conditional upon Charter's performance against financial performance targets established by Charter's management and approved by its board of directors as of the time of the award.

#### **17. Related Parties**

*CC VIII.* As part of the acquisition of the cable systems owned by Bresnan Communications Company Limited Partnership in February 2000, CC VIII, Charter's indirect limited liability company subsidiary, issued, after adjustments, 24,273,943 Class A preferred membership units (collectively, the CC VIII interest) with a value and an initial capital account of approximately \$630 million to certain sellers affiliated with AT&T Broadband, subsequently owned by Comcast Corporation (the Comcast sellers). While held by the Comcast sellers, the CC VIII interest was entitled to a 2% priority return on its initial capital account and such priority return was entitled to preferential distributions from available cash and upon liquidation of CC VIII. While held by the Comcast sellers, the CC VIII interest generally did not share in the profits and losses of CC VIII. Mr. Allen granted the Comcast sellers the right to sell to him the CC VIII interest for approximately \$630 million plus 4.5% interest annually from February 2000 (the

Comcast put right). In April 2002, the Comcast sellers exercised the Comcast put right in full, and this transaction was consummated on June 6, 2003. Accordingly, Mr. Allen has become the holder of the CC VIII interest, indirectly through an affiliate. Consequently, subject to the matters referenced in the next paragraph, Mr. Allen generally thereafter will be allocated his pro rata share (based on number of membership interests outstanding) of profits or losses of CC VIII. In the event of a liquidation of CC VIII, Mr. Allen would be entitled to a priority distribution with respect to the 2% priority return (which will continue to accrete). Any remaining distributions in liquidation would be distributed to CC V Holdings, LLC and Mr. Allen in proportion to CC V Holdings, LLC's capital account and Mr. Allen's capital account (which will equal the initial capital account of the Comcast sellers of approximately \$630 million, increased or decreased by Mr. Allen's pro rata share of CC VIII's profits or losses (as computed for capital account purposes) after June 6, 2003). The limited liability company agreement of CC VIII does not provide for a mandatory redemption of the CC VIII interest.

An issue has arisen as to whether the documentation for the Bresnan transaction was correct and complete with regard to the ultimate ownership of the CC VIII interest following consummation of the Comcast put right. Specifically, under the terms of the Bresnan transaction documents that were entered into in June 1999, the Comcast sellers originally would have received, after adjustments, 24,273,943 Charter Holdco membership units, but due to an FCC regulatory issue raised by the Comcast sellers shortly before closing, the Bresnan transaction was modified to provide that the Comcast sellers instead

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would receive the preferred equity interests in CC VIII represented by the CC VIII interest. As part of the last-minute changes to the Bresnan transaction documents, a draft amended version of the Charter Holdco limited liability company agreement was prepared, and contract provisions were drafted for that agreement that would have required an automatic exchange of the CC VIII interest for 24,273,943 Charter Holdco membership units if the Comcast sellers exercised the Comcast put right and sold the CC VIII interest to Mr. Allen or his affiliates. However, the provisions that would have required this automatic exchange did not appear in the final version of the Charter Holdco limited liability company agreement that was delivered and executed at the closing of the Bresnan transaction. The law firm that prepared the documents for the Bresnan transaction brought this matter to the attention of Charter and representatives of Mr. Allen in 2002.

Thereafter, the board of directors of Charter formed a Special Committee (currently comprised of Messrs. Merritt, Tory and Wangberg) to investigate the matter and take any other appropriate action on behalf of Charter with respect to this matter. After conducting an investigation of the relevant facts and circumstances, the Special Committee determined that a scrivener's error had occurred in February 2000 in connection with the preparation of the last-minute revisions to the Bresnan transaction documents and that, as a result, Charter should seek the reformation of the Charter Holdco limited liability company agreement, or alternative relief, in order to restore and ensure the obligation that the CC VIII interest be automatically exchanged for Charter Holdco units. The Special Committee further determined that, as part of such contract reformation or alternative relief, Mr. Allen should be required to contribute the CC VIII interest to Charter Holdco in exchange for 24,273,943 Charter Holdco membership units. The Special Committee also recommended to the board of directors of Charter that, to the extent the contract reformation is achieved, the board of directors should consider whether the CC VIII interest should ultimately be held by Charter Holdco or Charter Holdings or another entity owned directly or indirectly by them.

Mr. Allen disagrees with the Special Committee's determinations described above and has so notified the Special Committee. Mr. Allen contends that the transaction is accurately reflected in the transaction documentation and contemporaneous and subsequent company public disclosures.

The parties engaged in a process of non-binding mediation to seek to resolve this matter, without success. The Special Committee is evaluating what further actions or processes it may undertake to resolve this dispute. To accommodate further deliberation, each party has agreed to refrain from initiating legal proceedings over this matter until it has given at least ten days' prior notice to the other. In addition, the Special Committee and Mr. Allen have determined to utilize the Delaware Court of Chancery's program for mediation of complex business disputes in an effort to resolve the CC VIII interest dispute. If the Special Committee and Mr. Allen are unable to reach a resolution through that mediation process or to agree on an alternative dispute resolution process, the Special Committee intends to seek resolution of this dispute through judicial proceedings in an action that would be commenced, after appropriate notice, in the Delaware Court of Chancery against Mr. Allen and his affiliates seeking contract reformation, declaratory relief as to the respective rights of the parties regarding this dispute and alternative forms of legal and equitable relief. The ultimate resolution and financial impact of the dispute are not determinable at this time.

*TechTV, Inc.* TechTV, Inc. ( TechTV ) operated a cable television network that offered programming mostly related to technology. Pursuant to an affiliation agreement that originated in 1998 and that terminates in 2008, TechTV has provided the Company with programming for distribution via its cable systems. The affiliation agreement provides, among other things, that TechTV must offer Charter certain terms and conditions that are no less favorable in the affiliation agreement than are given to any

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other distributor that serves the same number of or fewer TechTV viewing customers. Additionally, pursuant to the affiliation agreement, the Company was entitled to incentive payments for channel launches through December 31, 2003.

In March 2004, Charter Holdco entered into agreements with Vulcan Programming and TechTV, which provide for (i) Charter Holdco and TechTV to amend the affiliation agreement which, among other things, revises the description of the TechTV network content, provides for Charter Holdco to waive certain claims against TechTV relating to alleged breaches of the affiliation agreement and provides for TechTV to make payment of outstanding launch receivables due to Charter Holdco under the affiliation agreement, (ii) Vulcan Programming to pay approximately \$10 million and purchase over a 24-month period, at fair market rates, \$2 million of advertising time across various cable networks on Charter cable systems in consideration of the agreements, obligations, releases and waivers under the agreements and in settlement of the aforementioned claims and (iii) TechTV to be a provider of content relating to technology and video gaming for Charter's interactive television platforms through December 31, 2006 (exclusive for the first year). The Company recognized approximately \$5 million of the Vulcan Programming payment as an offset to programming expense during the nine months ended September 30, 2004 with the remaining \$5 million to be recognized over the term of the agreement. The Company believes that Vulcan Programming, which is 100% owned by Mr. Allen, owned an approximate 98% equity interest in TechTV at the time of the transaction. Until September 2003, Mr. Savoy, a former Charter director, was the president and director of Vulcan Programming and was a director of TechTV. Mr. Wangberg, one of Charter's directors, was the chairman, chief executive officer and a director of TechTV. Mr. Wangberg resigned as the chief executive officer of TechTV in July 2002. He remained a director of TechTV along with Mr. Allen until Vulcan Programming sold TechTV to an unrelated third party in May 2004.

*Digeo, Inc.* On June 30, 2003, Charter Holdco entered into an agreement with Motorola, Inc. for the purchase of 100,000 digital video recorder ( DVR ) units. The software for these DVR units is being supplied by Digeo Interactive, LLC ( Digeo Interactive ), a wholly owned subsidiary of Digeo, Inc. ( Digeo ), under a license agreement entered into in April 2004. Under the license agreement Digeo Interactive granted to Charter Holdco the right to use Digeo's proprietary software for the number of DVR units that Charter deploys from a maximum of 10 headends through year-end 2004. This maximum number of headends was increased from 10 to 15 pursuant to a letter agreement executed on June 11, 2004 and was increased again from 15 to 20 pursuant to a second letter agreement dated August 4, 2004. The license granted for each unit deployed under the agreement is valid for five years. In addition, Charter will pay certain other fees including a per-headend license fee and maintenance fees. Total license and maintenance fees during the term of the agreement are expected to be approximately \$3 million. The agreement provides that Charter is entitled to receive contract terms, considered on the whole, and license fees, considered apart from other contract terms, no less favorable than those accorded to any other Digeo customer. In April 2004, the Company launched DVR service utilizing the Digeo proprietary software in its Rochester, Minnesota market.

In May 2004, Charter Holdco entered into a binding term sheet with Digeo Interactive for the purchase of 70,000 Digeo PowerKey DVR units. The term sheet provides that the parties will proceed in good faith to negotiate, prior to year-end 2004, definitive agreements for the purchase of the DVR units and that the parties will enter into a license agreement for Digeo's proprietary software on terms substantially similar to the terms of the license agreement described above. Total purchase price and license and maintenance fees during the term of the definitive agreements are expected to be approximately \$40 million. The term sheet and any definitive agreements will be terminable at no penalty to Charter in certain circumstances.

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Charter and Digeo entered into a letter agreement effective September 28, 2004 amending the April 2004 license agreement to reduce certain fees payable to Digeo by Charter and to increase the maximum number of headends in which Charter has the right to deploy the DVR units from a maximum of 20 by year end 2004, to a maximum of 30 by June 30, 2005.

The Company believes that Vulcan Ventures, an entity controlled by Mr. Allen, owns an approximate 60% equity interest in Digeo, Inc. Messrs. Allen and Vogel are directors of Digeo. Mr. Vogel owns options to purchase 10,000 shares of Digeo common stock.

*Oxygen Media LLC.* Oxygen Media LLC ( Oxygen ) provides programming content aimed at the female audience for distribution over cable systems and satellite. On July 22, 2002, Charter Holdco entered into a carriage agreement with Oxygen, whereby the Company agreed to carry programming content from Oxygen. Under the carriage agreement, the Company currently makes Oxygen programming available to approximately 5 million of its video customers. The term of the carriage agreement was retroactive to February 1, 2000, the date of launch of Oxygen programming by the Company, and runs for a period of five years from that date. For the nine months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003, the Company paid Oxygen approximately \$10 million and \$6 million, respectively, for programming content. In addition, Oxygen pays the Company marketing support fees for customers launched after the first year of the term of the carriage agreement up to a total of \$4 million. The Company recorded approximately \$1 million and \$696 million related to these launch incentives as a reduction of programming expense for each of the nine months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

Concurrently with the execution of the carriage agreement, Charter Holdco entered into an equity issuance agreement pursuant to which Oxygen's parent company, Oxygen Media Corporation ( Oxygen Media ), granted a subsidiary of Charter Holdco a warrant to purchase 2.4 million shares of Oxygen Media common stock for an exercise price of \$22.00 per share. Charter Holdco was also to receive unregistered shares of Oxygen Media common stock with a guaranteed fair market value on the date of issuance of \$34 million, on or prior to February 2, 2005, with the exact date to be determined by Oxygen Media.

The Company recognizes the guaranteed value of the investment over the life of the carriage agreement as a reduction of programming expense. For the nine months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003, the Company recorded approximately \$10 million and \$6 million, respectively, as a reduction of programming expense. The carrying value of the Company's investment in Oxygen was approximately \$29 million and \$19 million as of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively.

In August 2004, Charter Holdco and Oxygen entered into agreements that amend and renew the carriage agreement. The amendment to the carriage agreement (a) revises the number of the Company's customers to which Oxygen programming must be carried and for which the Company must pay, (b) releases Charter Holdco from any claims related to the failure to achieve distribution benchmarks under the carriage agreement, (c) requires Oxygen to make payment on outstanding receivables for marketing support fees due to the Company under the affiliation agreement; and (d) requires that Oxygen provide its programming content to the Company on economic terms no less favorable than Oxygen provides to any other cable or satellite operator having fewer subscribers than the Company. The renewal of the carriage agreement (a) extends the period that the Company will carry Oxygen programming to its customers through January 31, 2008, and (b) requires license fees to be paid based on customers receiving Oxygen programming, rather than for specific customer benchmarks.

In August 2004, Charter Holdco and Oxygen also amended the equity issuance agreement to provide for the issuance of 1 million shares of Oxygen Preferred Stock with a liquidation preference of \$33.10 per

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share plus accrued dividends to Charter Holdco on February 1, 2005 in place of the \$34 million of unregistered shares of Oxygen Media common stock. The preferred stock is convertible into common stock after December 31, 2007 at a conversion ratio, the numerator of which is the liquidation preference and the denominator which is the fair market value per share of Oxygen Media common stock on the conversion date.

As of September 30, 2004, through Vulcan Programming, Mr. Allen owned an approximate 31% interest in Oxygen assuming no exercises of outstanding warrants or conversion or exchange of convertible or exchangeable securities.

Marc Nathanson has an indirect beneficial interest of less than 1% in Oxygen.

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**PART II**  
**INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS**

**Item 13. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution**

The following table sets forth the various expenses to be incurred in connection with the sale and distribution of the securities covered by this prospectus, all of which will be borne by the registrant. All amounts shown are estimates except the SEC filing fee.

Regulatory filing fees	\$ 110,000
Legal fees and expenses	\$ 1,500,000
Accounting fees and expenses	\$ 500,000
Printing expenses	\$ 250,000
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$2,360,000</b>

**Item 14. Indemnification of Directors and Officers****Indemnification Under the Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws of Charter Communications, Inc.**

Charter Communications, Inc.'s certificate of incorporation provides that a director of Charter Communications, Inc. shall not be personally liable to Charter Communications, Inc. or its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability: (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to Charter Communications, Inc. or its shareholders; (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (iii) under Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law; or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. Charter Communications, Inc.'s bylaws require Charter Communications, Inc., to the fullest extent authorized by the Delaware General Corporation Law, to indemnify any person who was or is made a party or is threatened to be made a party or is otherwise involved in any action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that he is or was a director or officer of Charter Communications, Inc. or is or was serving at the request of Charter Communications, Inc. as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other entity or enterprise, in each case, against all expense, liability and loss (including attorneys' fees, judgments, amounts paid in settlement, fines, ERISA excise taxes or penalties) reasonably incurred or suffered by such person in connection therewith.

**Indemnification Under the Delaware General Corporation Law**

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, authorizes a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful. In addition, the Delaware General Corporation Law does not permit indemnification in any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation, unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability, but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses, which such court shall deem proper. To the extent that a present or former director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or





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proceeding referred to above, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter, such person shall be indemnified against expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by such person. Indemnity is mandatory to the extent a claim, issue or matter has been successfully defended. The Delaware General Corporation Law also allows a corporation to provide for the elimination or limit of the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, provided that such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director

(i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its shareholders,

(ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law,

(iii) for unlawful payments of dividends or unlawful stock purchases or redemptions, or

(iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. These provisions will not limit the liability of directors or officers under the federal securities laws of the United States.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the registrant has been informed that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is therefore unenforceable.

**Item 15. *Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities.***

On March 29, 2004, Charter Communications, Inc. issued 2,385,705 shares of its Class A common stock in exchange for \$10 million aggregate principal amount of Charter's 5.75% convertible senior notes due 2005 in a privately negotiated transaction. The shares of Class A common stock issued in this exchange were exempt from registration under Section 3(a)(9) of the Securities Act of 1933.

On May 6, 2004, Charter Communications, Inc. issued 4,867,113 shares of its Class A common stock in exchange for \$20 million aggregate principal amount of Charter's 5.75% convertible senior notes due 2005 in a privately negotiated transaction. The shares of Class A common stock issued in this exchange were exempt from registration under Section 3(a)(9) of the Securities Act of 1933.

On November 22, 2004, Charter Communications, Inc. issued and sold \$862.5 million original principal amount of 5.875% Convertible Senior Notes due 2009. The notes were sold in a private transaction to qualified institutional buyers, and the sale was exempt from registration by virtue of Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 and Rule 506 of Regulation D. The notes were eligible for resale to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. The initial conversion rate, subject to adjustment in certain circumstances, will be 413.2231 shares of Charter's Class A common stock per \$1,000 original principal amount of notes, which represents a conversion price of approximately \$2.42 per share. Consequently, the notes are convertible into an aggregate of approximately 356,405,000 shares of Class A common stock. A portion of the net proceeds from the sale of the notes were used to purchase a portfolio of U.S. Treasury securities which are pledged as security for the notes and which Charter expects to use to fund the first six scheduled interest payments on the notes. Charter also intends to use a portion of the net proceeds to redeem outstanding indebtedness in the aggregate principal amount of \$588 million. Excess proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes.

In December 2003, subject to certain conditions and finalizing appropriate documentation, Charter agreed to issue 18,638 shares of Class A common stock in exchange for cancellation of an option to purchase 186,385 shares which was issued in 2001 as compensation for services. The exchange is scheduled to be consummated in 2005. In addition, we agreed to issue to the same holder a new option to purchase an additional 289,268 shares of Class A common stock for an exercise price of \$3.905 per share. The issuances were in exchange for services rendered or to be rendered, and were exempt from registration pursuant to Section 4(2) under the Securities Act of 1933 and Rule 506 of Regulation D.



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<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description</b>
2.1(a)	Purchase and Contribution Agreement, entered into as of June 1999, by and among BCI (USA), LLC, William Bresnan, Blackstone BC Capital Partners L.P., Blackstone BC Offshore Capital Partners L.P., Blackstone Family Investment Partnership III L.P., TCID of Michigan, Inc. and TCI Bresnan LLC and Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.11 to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on September 28, 1999 (File No. 333-83887)).
2.1(b)	First Amendment to Purchase and Contribution Agreement dated as of February 14, 2000, by and among BCI (USA), LLC, William J. Bresnan, Blackstone BC Capital Partners L.P., Blackstone BC Offshore Capital Partners, L.P., Blackstone Family Media III L.P. (as assignee of Blackstone Family Investment III, L.P.), TCID of Michigan, Inc., TCI Bresnan, LLC and Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.11(a) to the current report on Form 8-K filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on February 29, 2000 (File No. 000-27927)).
2.2	Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of September 28, 2001, between High Speed Access Corp. and Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC (including as Exhibit A, the Form of Voting Agreement, as Exhibit B, the form of Management Agreement, as Exhibit C, the form of License Agreement, and as Exhibit D, the Form of Billing Letter Agreement) (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Amendment No. 6 to Schedule 13D filed by Charter Communications, Inc. and others with respect to High Speed Access Corp., filed on October 1, 2001 (File No. 005-56431)).
2.3(a)	Asset Purchase Agreement, dated August 29, 2001, by and between Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC, Interlink Communications Partners, LLC, and Rifkin Acquisitions Partners, LLC and Enstar Income Program II-1, L.P., Enstar Income Program II-2, L.P., Enstar Income Program IV-3, L.P., Enstar Income/ Growth Program Six-A, L.P., Enstar IV/ PBD Systems Venture, and Enstar Cable of Macoupin County (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the current report of Form 8-K filed by Enstar IV-2, L.P. on September 13, 2001 (File No. 000-15706)).
2.3(b)	Letter of Amendment, dated September 10, 2001, by and between Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC, Interlink Communications Partners, LLC, and Rifkin Acquisition Partners, LLC and Enstar Income Program II-1, L.P., Enstar Income Program II-2, L.P., Enstar Income Program IV-3, L.P., Enstar Income/ Growth Program Six-A, L.P., Enstar IV/ PBD Systems Venture, and Enstar Cable of Macoupin County (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the current report of Form 8-K filed by Enstar IV-2, L.P. on September 13, 2001 (File No. 000-15706)).
2.3(c)	Letter of Amendment, dated April 10, 2002, by and between Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC, Interlink Communications Partners, LLC, and Rifkin Acquisition Partners, LLC and Enstar Income Program II-1, L.P., Enstar Income Program II-2, L.P., Enstar Income Program IV-3, L.P., Enstar Income/ Growth Program Six-A, L.P., Enstar IV/ PBD Systems Venture, and Enstar Cable of Macoupin County (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the current report on Form 8-K filed by Enstar Income Program IV-1, L.P. on April 22, 2002 (File No. 000-15705)).
2.4	Asset Purchase Agreement, dated April 10, 2002, by and between Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC, and Enstar Income Program II-1, L.P. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.2 to the current report on Form 8-K filed by Enstar Income Program II-1, L.P. on



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<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description</b>
3.1(a)	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Charter Communications, Inc. (Originally incorporated July 22, 1999) (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 18, 1999 (File No. 333-83887)).
3.1(b)	Certificate of Amendment of Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Charter Communications, Inc. filed May 10, 2001 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1(b) to the annual report of Form 10-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on March 29, 2002 (File No. 000-27927)).
3.2(a)	Amended and Restated By-laws of Charter Communications, Inc. as of November 5, 1999 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on November 14, 2001 (File No. 000-27927)).
3.2(b)	Fourth Amendment to Amended and Restated By-Laws of Charter Communications, Inc. adopted as of October 3, 2003 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit No. 3.3 to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on November 3, 2003 (File No. 000-27927)).
3.2(c)	Fifth Amendment to Amended and Restated By-Laws of Charter Communications, Inc. adopted as of October 28, 2003 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit No. 3.3 to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on November 3, 2003 (File No. 000-27927)).
3.2(d)	Sixth Amendment to the Amended and Restated By-Laws of Charter Communications, Inc. adopted as of September 24, 2004 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on September 30, 2004 (File No. 000-27927)).
3.2(e)	Seventh Amendment to the Amended and Restated By-Laws of Charter Communications, Inc. adopted as of October 21, 2004 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 22, 2004 (File No. 000-27927)).
3.2(f)	Eighth Amendment to the Amended and Restated By-Laws of Charter Communications, Inc. adopted as of December 14, 2004 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on December 15, 2004 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.1	Certificate of Designation of Series A Convertible Redeemable Preferred Stock of Charter Communications, Inc. and related Certificate of Correction of Certificate of Designation (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on November 14, 2001 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.3(b)	Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 26, 1999, by and among Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc., Avalon Cable LLC and Avalon Cable Holdings Finance, Inc., as issuers, Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc., as guarantor, and The Bank of New York, as trustee for the Notes (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Amendment No. 1 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Avalon Cable LLC, Avalon Cable Holdings Finance, Inc., Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc. and Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. filed on May 28, 1999 (File No. 333-75415 and 333-75453)).
4.4	Indenture relating to the 8.250% Senior Notes due 2007, dated as of March 17, 1999, between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and Harris Trust and Savings Bank (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1(a) to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications

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Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499)).

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<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description</b>
4.5	Indenture relating to the 8.625% Senior Notes due 2009, dated as of March 17, 1999, among Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and Harris Trust and Savings Bank (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2(a) to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499)).
4.6	Indenture relating to the 9.920% Senior Discount Notes due 2011, dated as of March 17, 1999, among Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and Harris Trust and Savings Bank (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3(a) to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on June 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499)).
4.7	Indenture relating to the 10.00% Senior Notes due 2009, dated as of January 12, 2000, between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and Harris Trust and Savings Bank (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1(a) to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351)).
4.8	Indenture relating to the 10.25% Senior Notes due 2010, dated as of January 12, 2000, among Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and Harris Trust and Savings Bank (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2(a) to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351)).
4.9	Indenture relating to the 11.75% Senior Discount Notes due 2010, dated as of January 12, 2000, among Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and Harris Trust and Savings Bank (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3(a) to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351)).
4.10	Indenture relating to 5.75% Convertible Senior Notes due 2005, dated as of October 30, 2000, among Charter Communications, Inc. and BNY Midwest Trust Company as trustee (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.35 to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on November 14, 2000 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.11	Indenture dated as of January 10, 2001 between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and BNY Midwest Trust Company as Trustee governing 10.750% senior notes due 2009 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2(a) to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on February 2, 2001 (File No. 333-54902)).
4.12	Indenture dated as of January 10, 2001 between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and BNY Midwest Trust Company as Trustee governing 11.125% senior notes due 2011 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2(b) to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on February 2, 2001 (File No. 333-54902)).





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4.13	Indenture dated as of January 10, 2001 between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and BNY Midwest Trust Company as Trustee governing 13.500% senior discount notes due 2011 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2(c) to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on February 2, 2001 (File No. 333-54902)).
4.14(a)	Indenture dated as of May 15, 2001 between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and BNY Midwest Trust Company as Trustee governing 9.625% Senior Notes due 2009 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2(a) to the current report on Form 8-K filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on June 1, 2001 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.14(b)	First Supplemental Indenture dated as of January 14, 2002 between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and BNY Midwest Trust Company as Trustee governing 9.625% Senior Notes due 2009 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2(a) to the current report on Form 8-K filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on January 15, 2002 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.14(c)	Second Supplemental Indenture dated as of June 25, 2002 between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and BNY Midwest Trust Company as Trustee governing 9.625% Senior Notes due 2009 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on August 6, 2002 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.15(a)	Indenture dated as of May 15, 2001 between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and BNY Midwest Trust Company as Trustee governing 10.000% Senior Notes due 2011 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3(a) to the current report on Form 8-K filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on June 1, 2001 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.15(b)	First Supplemental Indenture dated as of January 14, 2002 between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and BNY Midwest Trust Company as Trustee governing 10.000% Senior Notes due 2011 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3(a) to the current report on Form 8-K filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on January 15, 2002 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.15(c)	Second Supplemental Indenture dated as of June 25, 2002 between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and BNY Midwest Trust Company as Trustee governing 10.000% Senior Notes due 2011 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on August 6, 2002 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.16	Indenture dated as of May 15, 2001 between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and BNY Midwest Trust Company as Trustee governing 11.750% Senior Discount Notes due 2011 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4(a) to the current report on Form 8-K filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on June 1, 2001 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.17	Indenture dated May 30, 2001 between Charter Communications, Inc. and BNY Midwest Trust Company as Trustee governing 4.75% Convertible Senior Notes due 2006 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1(b) to the current report on Form 8-K filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on June 1, 2001 (File No. 000-27927)).



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4.18(a)	Indenture dated as of January 14, 2002 between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and BNY Midwest Trust Company as Trustee governing 12.125% Senior Discount Notes due 2012 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4(a) to the current report on Form 8-K filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on January 15, 2002 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.18(b)	First Supplemental Indenture dated as of June 25, 2002 between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation and BNY Midwest Trust Company as Trustee governing 12.125% Senior Discount Notes due 2012 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on August 6, 2002 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.19(a)	5.75% Mirror Note in the principal amount of \$650 million dated as of October 30, 2000 made by Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, in favor of Charter Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4(a) to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on August 6, 2002 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.19(b)	5.75% Mirror Note in the principal amount of \$100 million dated as of November 3, 2000 made by Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, in favor of Charter Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4(b) to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on August 6, 2002 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.20	4.75% Mirror Note in the principal amount of \$632.5 million dated as of May 30, 2001, made by Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, in favor of Charter Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on August 6, 2002 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.21	Indenture relating to the 10.25% Senior Notes due 2010, dated as of September 23, 2003, among CCH II, LLC, CCH II Capital Corporation and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications Inc. filed on September 26, 2003 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.22	Exchange and Registration Rights Agreement relating to 10.25% Senior Notes due 2010, dated as of September 23, 2003, among CCH II, LLC, CCH II Capital Corp., and the purchasers set forth on the signature pages thereto (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on September 26, 2003 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.23	CCI Senior Notes Exchange Agreement, dated as of September 18, 2003, by and between Charter Communications, Inc., CCH II, LLC and CCH II Capital Corp. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Charter Communications, Inc. s current report on Form 8-K filed on September 26, 2003 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.24	Holdings Senior Notes Exchange Agreement, dated as of September 18, 2003, by CCH II, LLC and CCH II Capital Corp. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Charter Communications, Inc. s current report on Form 8-K filed on September 26, 2003 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.25	Indenture relating to the 8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> % Senior Notes due 2013, dated as of November 10, 2003, by and among CCO Holdings, LLC, CCO Holdings Capital Corp. and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as trustee (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Charter Communications, Inc. s current report on Form 8-K filed on November 12, 2003 (File No. 000-27927)).



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4.26	Exchange and Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of November 10, 2003, by and between CCO Holdings, LLC and CCO Holdings Capital Corp. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Charter Communications, Inc.'s current report on Form 8-K filed on November 12, 2003 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.27	Indenture relating to the 8% senior second lien notes due 2012 and 8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> % senior second lien notes due 2014, dated as of April 27, 2004, by and among Charter Communications Operating, LLC, Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp. and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as trustee (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.32 to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of CCH II, LLC filed on May 5, 2004 (File No. 333-111423)).
4.29	Indenture relating to the 5.875% convertible senior notes due 2009, dated as of November 2004, by and among Charter Communications, Inc. and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as trustee (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on November 30, 2004 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.30	5.875% convertible senior notes due 2009 Resale Registration Rights Agreement, dated November 22, 2004, by and among Charter Communications, Inc. and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Morgan Stanley and Co. Incorporated as representatives of the initial purchasers (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on November 30, 2004 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.31	Share Loan Registration Rights Agreement, dated November 22, 2004, by and between Charter Communications, Inc. and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on November 30, 2004 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.32	Collateral Pledge and Security Agreement, dated as of November 22, 2004, by and between Charter Communications, Inc. and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as trustee and collateral agent (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on November 30, 2004 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.33	Collateral Pledge and Security Agreement, dated as of November 22, 2004 among Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as trustee and collateral agent (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on November 30, 2004 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.34	Share Lending Agreement, dated as of November 22, 2004 between Charter Communications, Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Limited, through Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on November 30, 2004 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.35	Holdco Mirror Notes Agreement, dated as of November 22, 2004, by and between Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on November 30, 2004 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.36	Unit Lending Agreement, dated as of November 22, 2004, by and between Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on November 30, 2004 (File No. 000-27927)).



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<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description</b>
4.37	5.875% Mirror Convertible Senior Note due 2009, in the principal amount of \$862,500,000 dated as of November 22, 2004 made by Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, in favor of Charter Communications, Inc., a Delaware limited liability company, in favor of Charter Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on November 30, 2004 (File No. 000-27927)).
4.38	Indenture dated as of December 15, 2004 among CCO Holdings, LLC, CCO Holdings Capital Corp. and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the current report on Form 8-K of CCO Holdings, LLC filed on December 21, 2004 (File No. 333-112593)).
4.39	Exchange and Registration Rights Agreement dated December 15, 2004 by and among CCO Holdings, LLC, CCO Holdings Capital Corp, on the one hand, and Credit Suisse First Boston LLC and Citigroup Global Markets Inc, on the other hand, as representatives (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the current report on Form 8-K of CCO Holdings, LLC filed on December 21, 2004 (File No. 333-112593)).
5.1**	Opinion regarding legality.
8.1**	Opinion regarding tax matters.
10.1	Consulting Agreement, dated as of March 10, 1999, by and between Vulcan Northwest Inc., Charter Communications, Inc. (now called Charter Investment, Inc.) and Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on July 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499)).
10.2	Letter Agreement, dated September 21, 1999, by and among Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Investment, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company, Inc. and Vulcan Ventures Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22 to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 18, 1999 (File No. 333-83887)).
10.3(a)	First Amended and Restated Mutual Services Agreement, dated as of December 21, 2000, by and between Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Investment, Inc. and Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2(b) to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on February 2, 2001 (File No. 333-54902)).
10.3(b)	Letter Agreement, dated June 19, 2003, by and among Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC and Charter Investment, Inc. regarding Mutual Services Agreement (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit No. 10.5(b) to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on August 5, 2003 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.3(c)	Second Amended and Restated Mutual Services Agreement, dated as of June 19, 2003 between Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5(a) to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on August 5, 2003 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.4	Form of Management Agreement, dated as of November 9, 1999, by and between Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC and Charter Communications, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2(d) to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on





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<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.5	Amended and Restated Management Agreement, dated as of June 19, 2003, between Charter Communications Operating, LLC and Charter Communications, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on August 5, 2003 (File No. 333-83887)).
10.6	Management Agreement, dated as of November 12, 1999, by and between CC VI Operating Company, LLC and Charter Communications, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2(d) to Amendment No. 1 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on April 18, 2000 (File No. 333-77499)).
10.7	Management Agreement, dated as of November 12, 1999 by and between Falcon Cable Communications, LLC and Charter Communications, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2(e) to Amendment No. 1 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on April 18, 2000 (File No. 333-77499)).
10.8	Form of Exchange Agreement, dated as of November 12, 1999 by and among Charter Investment, Inc., Charter Communications, Inc., Vulcan Cable III Inc. and Paul G. Allen (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13 to Amendment No. 3 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on October 18, 1999 (File No. 333-83887)).
10.9	Exchange Agreement, dated as of February 14, 2000, by and among Charter Communications, Inc., BCI (USA), LLC, William J. Bresnan, Blackstone BC Capital Partners L.P., Blackstone BC Offshore Capital Partners L.P., Blackstone Family Media, III L.P. (as assignee of Blackstone Family Investment III L.P.), TCID of Michigan, Inc., and TCI Bresnan LLC (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.40 to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on February 29, 2000 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.10(a)+	Charter Communications Holdings, LLC 1999 Option Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on July 22, 1999 (File No. 333-77499)).
10.10(b)+	Assumption Agreement regarding Option Plan, dated as of May 25, 1999, by and between Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13 to Amendment No. 6 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on August 27, 1999 (File No. 333-77499)).
10.10(c)+	Form of Amendment No. 1 to the Charter Communications Holdings, LLC 1999 Option Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10(c) to Amendment No. 4 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on November 1, 1999 (File No. 333-83887)).
10.10(d)+	Amendment No. 2 to the Charter Communications Holdings, LLC 1999 Option Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4(c) to the annual report on Form 10-K filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on March 30, 2000 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.10(e)+	Amendment No. 3 to the Charter Communications 1999 Option Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14(e) to the annual report of Form 10-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on March 29, 2002 (File No. 000-27927)).

10.10(f)+ Amendment No. 4 to the Charter Communications 1999 Option Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10(f) to the annual report on Form 10-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on April 15, 2003 (File No. 000-27927)).

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<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.11(a)+	Charter Communications, Inc. 2001 Stock Incentive Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.25 to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on May 15, 2001 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.11(b) +	Amendment No. 1 to the Charter Communications, Inc. 2001 Stock Incentive Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11(b) to the annual report on Form 10-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on April 15, 2003 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.11(c)+	Amendment No. 2 to the Charter Communications, Inc. 2001 Stock Incentive Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on November 14, 2001 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.11(d)+	Amendment No. 3 to the Charter Communications, Inc. 2001 Stock Incentive Plan effective January 2, 2002 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.15(c) to the annual report of Form 10-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on March 29, 2002 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.11(e)+	Amendment No. 4 to the Charter Communications, Inc. 2001 Stock Incentive Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11(e) to the annual report on Form 10-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on April 15, 2003 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.11(f)+	Amendment No. 5 to the Charter Communications, Inc. 2001 Stock Incentive Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11(f) to the annual report on Form 10-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on April 15, 2003 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.11(g)+	Description of Long-Term Incentive Program to the Charter Communications, Inc. 2001 Stock Incentive Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11 to the annual report on Form 10-K filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on March 15, 2004 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.12(a)+	Letter Agreement, dated May 25, 1999, between Charter Communications, Inc. and Marc Nathanson (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.36 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC and Charter Communications Holdings Capital Corporation filed on January 25, 2000 (File No. 333-95351)).
10.12(b)+	Letter Agreement, dated March 27, 2000, between CC VII Holdings, LLC and Marc Nathanson, amending the Letter Agreement dated May 25, 1999 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13(b) to the annual report on Form 10-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on April 15, 2003 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.13+	Employment Agreement between Charter Communications, Inc. and Margaret A. Maggie Bellville, entered into as of April 27, 2003 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on November 3, 2003 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.14+	Employment Agreement, dated as of October 8, 2001, by and between Carl E. Vogel and Charter Communications, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on November 14, 2001 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.15+	Employment Agreement, dated as of October 18 2001, by and between Stephen E. Silva and Charter Communications, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on November 14, 2001 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.16	Amended and Restated Credit Agreement among Charter Communications Operating, LLC, CCO Holdings, LLC and certain lenders and agents named therein dated April 27, 2004 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.25 to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of CCH II, LLC filed on May 5, 2004 (File No. 333-111423)).



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<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.17	Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement for Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC made as of August 31, 2001 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on November 14, 2001 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.18	Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement for CC VIII, LLC, dated as of March 31, 2003 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.27 to the annual report on Form 10-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on April 15, 2003 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.19	Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Charter Communications Operating, LLC, dated as of June 19, 2003 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit No. 10.2 to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on August 5, 2003 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.20(a)	Commitment letter, dated April 14, 2003, from Vulcan Inc. to Charter Communications VII, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit No. 10.28 to the annual report on Form 10-K filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on April 15, 2003 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.20(b)	Letter from Vulcan Inc. dated June 30, 2003 amending the Commitment Letter, dated April 14, 2003 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit No. 10.3(b) to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on August 5, 2003 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.20(c)	Notice of Termination of Commitment, dated November 14, 2003 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8(c) to the registration statement on Form S-4 of CCO Holdings, LLC filed on February 6, 2004 (File No. 333-112593)).
10.21a+	Employment Offer Letter, dated December 2, 2003 by and between Charter Communications, Inc. and Derek Chang (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.24 to the annual report on Form 10-K filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on March 15, 2004 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.21b+	Amendment to Employment Offer Letter, dated January 27, 2005, by and between Charter Communications, Inc. and Derek Chang (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed January 28, 2005 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.22+	Employment Offer Letter, dated December 17, 2003 by and between Charter Communications, Inc. and Michael Huseby (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.25 to the annual report on Form 10-K filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on March 15, 2004 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.23+	Separation Agreement and Release for Margaret A. Bellville, dated as of September 16, 2004 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on November 4, 2004 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.24	Letter Agreement between Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Investment Inc. and Vulcan Cable III Inc. amending the Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, dated as of November 22, 2004 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on November 30, 2004 (File No. 000-27927)).
10.25+	Executive Services Agreement, dated as of January 17, 2005, between Charter Communications, Inc. and Robert P. May (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on January 21, 2005 (File No. 000-27927)).
21.1**	Subsidiaries of Charter Communications, Inc.
23.1*	Consent of KPMG LLP

23.2\*\*

Consent of Irell & Manella LLP

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<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description</b>
24.1	Power of Attorney of Robert P. May (included on the signature page hereto).
24.2***	Power of Attorney of Directors and Officers prior to the appointment of Robert P. May as Interim President and Chief Executive Officer (filed with signature pages of the Form S-1 filed on December 10, 2004).
25.1**	Statement of Eligibility of Trustee.

\* Filed herewith

\*\* To be filed by amendment

\*\*\* Previously filed

+ Management compensatory plan or arrangement

**Item 17. Undertakings****The Undersigned Registrant Hereby Undertakes That:**

(1) For purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective

(2) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

**The Undersigned Registrant Hereby Undertakes:**

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate,



the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate  
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offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant has duly caused this Amendment No. 1 to the registration statement on Form S-1 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Denver, State of Colorado, on February 4, 2005

Charter Communications, Inc.,  
 Registrant  
 By: /s/ Robert P. May

Robert P. May  
*Interim President and Chief Executive Officer*

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that Robert P. May constitutes and appoints Curtis S. Shaw, with full power to act as his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to the registration statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission and any other regulatory authority, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent, or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
* Paul G. Allen	Chairman of the Board of Directors	February 4, 2005
/s/ Robert P. May Robert P. May	Interim President, Chief Executive Officer, Director (Principal Executive Officer)	February 4, 2005
* Derek Chang	Executive Vice President and Interim Co-Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	February 4, 2005
* Paul E. Martin	Senior Vice President, Controller and Interim Co-Chief Financial Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	February 4, 2005

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<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
*	Director	February 4, 2005
W. Lance Conn		
*	Director	February 4, 2005
Jonathan L. Dolgen		
*	Director	February 4, 2005
Charles M. Lillis		
*	Director	February 4, 2005
Robert P. May		
*	Director	February 4, 2005
David C. Merritt		
*	Director	February 4, 2005
Marc B. Nathanson		
*	Director	February 4, 2005
Jo Allen Patton		
*	Director	February 4, 2005
John H. Tory		
*	Director	February 4, 2005
Larry W. Wangberg		

\*By: /s/ Curtis S. Shaw

Curtis S. Shaw  
*Attorney-in-fact*