

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 15-M-0742 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to
Review the State Universal Service Fund.

NOTICE OF JOINT PROPOSAL AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

(Issued July 1, 2026)

On June 24, 2026, Charter Communications Operating, LLC (Charter) filed a Joint Proposal signed by Charter, Chazy and Westport Telephone Company, Crown Point Telephone Corporation, New York State Department of Public Service, Newport Telephone Company, Oneida County Rural Telephone Company, Pattersonville Telephone Company, Public Utility Law Project of NY, Utility Intervention Unit of the Division of Consumer Protection, Department of State, and Verizon New York, Inc. (collectively, the Signatory Parties).

The Joint Proposal contains the terms, conditions, practices, and guidelines recommended by the Signatory Parties for the phase down and final term of the State Universal Service Fund, which is a mechanism that was instituted to promote and preserve universal basic local exchange telephone service.

The Joint Proposal and all related documents may be viewed on the Department of Public Service's (Department) website by going to www.dps.ny.gov, clicking on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files"), entering "15-M-0742" in the "Search by Case Number" field, and clicking "Search."

The Public Service Commission (Commission) may adopt, adopt with changes, or reject, in whole or in part, any of the terms of the Joint Proposal. The Commission also may adopt terms other than those proposed.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that interested persons are invited to submit comments pertaining to the terms of the Joint Proposal. Comments should refer to "Case 15-M-0742" and be submitted **by August 12, 2026**. Please be advised that untimely comments may not be considered by the Commission. Comments may be submitted using one of the following methods:

Internet or Mail: Go to www.dps.ny.gov, click on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files"), enter "15-M-0742" in the "Search by Case Number" field, and then click on "Post Comments" at the top of the page.

Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 1223-1350; however, electronic filing of comments is strongly encouraged.

Written comments submitted in accordance with this Notice will be posted on the Department's website. Comments may be accessed by searching the case number, as described above, and clicking on the "Public Comments" tab.

Toll-Free Opinion Line: Individuals may choose to submit comments by calling the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to receive comments about pending cases from in-State callers, 24 hours a day. These comments are not transcribed verbatim, but a summary is provided to the Commission.

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MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS
Secretary