STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. EC-23, SUB 50

Blue Ridge Electric Membership)	
Corporation,)	
)	MOTION FOR ENTENDION
Complainant)	MOTION FOR EXTENSION
v.)	OF TIME TO FILE ANSWER
)	
Charter Communications Properties, LLC,)	
)	
Respondent.)	
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Pursuant to Commission Rule R1-7(a)(5), Charter Communications Properties, LLC ("Charter") respectfully requests the North Carolina Utilities Commission grant Charter an additional twenty (20) days to file a formal Answer to Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation's ("BREMC") Verified Complaint and Petition for Relief ("Complaint") filed on November 30, 2016. In support of this Motion, Charter states as follows:

- 1. This matter was instituted with the filing of a Complaint on November 30, 2016 by BREMC against Charter. The Commission's "Order Serving Complaint" was issued on December 6, 2016, directing Charter to file an Answer to the Complaint on or before January 11, 2017.
- 2. On December 15, 2016 Charter asked BREMC to agree to a thirty (30) day extension for the deadline for filing a responsive pleading, but BREMC agreed to extend the deadline by only seven (7) days, citing a desire to resolve the dispute expeditiously.

- 3. Charter is also eager to resolve this dispute expeditiously, but believes the extension to the deadline for an Answer will allow the parties to engage in negotiations aimed at narrowing the issues before the Commission, while still allowing Charter to prepare a responsive pleading. In light of the holidays, and Charter's desire to streamline the issues for consideration by the Commission, an extension of twenty (20) days will give the parties the time necessary to attempt to resolve extraneous issues and for Charter to then prepare and submit a response.
- 4. During the intervening time, Charter will attempt to work with BREMC to limit the issues in dispute, and thereby reduce the burden on Commission.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Charter respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order granting Charter an additional twenty (20) days, to and including January 31, 2017, to file an Answer to BREMC's Complaint.

Respectfully submitted, this 22^{nd} day of December, 2016.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, of the law firm Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard, LLP, hereby certifies that he has served a copy of the foregoing **Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer** via electronic mail addressed to all counsel of record in this proceeding

This the 22nd day of December, 2016.

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