



FCC Approves Charter-Cox Combination

Deal Promotes Rural Builds, Creates Jobs, and Protects Against DEI Discrimination

WASHINGTON, February 27, 2026—Today, the FCC’s Wireline Competition Bureau [approved](#) Charter Communications’ \$34.5 billion acquisition of Cox Enterprises, Inc.’s residential cable, commercial fiber, and managed IT and cloud businesses. As approved by the FCC, the resulting combination will provide significant benefits to Americans, including in rural parts of the country, from increased investment in rural infrastructure builds to more job opportunities on U.S. soil and anti-discrimination protections.

Chairman Brendan Carr issued the following statement:

“By approving this deal, the FCC ensures big wins for Americans. This deal means that jobs are coming back to America that had been shipped overseas. It means that modern, high-speed networks will get built out in more communities across rural America. And it means that customers will get access to lower priced plans. On top of this, the deal enshrines protections against DEI discrimination.”

Bringing Greater Connectivity and Economic Opportunity to Rural America. After this transaction, Charter will invest billions of dollars to upgrade its network and deliver high-speed service to homes and businesses across the country. This means that Americans will see faster broadband and lower prices. Additionally, Charter’s Rural Construction Initiative is activating new services across rural states, which can bring better service and job opportunities to rural America.

Onshoring of Jobs and Services. Charter has committed to onshoring jobs to the benefit of American workers and their customers alike. With this transaction, Charter will onshore all of the job functions currently handled off-shore by Cox within 18 months, matching Charter’s own, longstanding commitment to a 100% U.S.-based customer sales and service employee workforce. Charter has also committed to extending its industry leading jobs practices, including a \$20/hour minimum starting wage, to Cox workers. All employees receive full benefits, including “Invest in America” Trump accounts and opportunities for investment and growth.

Enshrining Protections Against DEI Discrimination. Charter has committed to new safeguards to protect against DEI discrimination and has reaffirmed the merged entity’s commitment to equal opportunity and nondiscrimination. Specifically, Charter commits to recruiting, hiring, and promoting individuals based on the factors that matter most: skills, qualifications, and experience.

Additional Background Information:

On May 16, 2025, Cox, Charter, and Charter Holdings, entered into an agreement under which Charter will acquire Cox and the licensees from CEI. Through this acquisition, Charter acquires Cox’s residential cable, commercial fiber, and managed IT and cloud businesses. The combined company will take the Cox name and use the brand name Spectrum for the consumer market,

becoming the largest residential Internet Service Provider in the market. Charter will now indirectly control Cox's residential broadband, video, mobile, and voice businesses; its advertising and enterprise businesses; and its Segra, UPN, and RapidScale businesses.

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