BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Falcon Telecable A California Limited Partnership d/b/a Charter Communications to Assign its Video Service Authorization to Spectrum Mid-America, LLC

File No. KA-2019-0232

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), through the undersigned counsel, and hereby respectfully submits this Staff Recommendation.

1. On February 11, 2019, the above-referenced Falcon Telecable d/b/a Charter Communications ("Company") filed a *Notice of Change Application* with the Commission giving notice that it would be transferring its Missouri video service authorization granted by the Commission in Case No. KA-2008-0077 to Spectrum Mid-America, LLC. The Company included a list of all political subdivisions this would affect and filed all other requisite documentation.

2. The *Application* references Section 67.2701, RSMo, which permits a video service authorization to be transferred for any type of transaction following notice to the Missouri Public Service Commission. Notice must include the affected political subdivisions but the Commission has no authority to review or require approval of such transfer. Rule 4 CSR 240-28.011(4) further states that transactions involving sale, merger, or consolidation of a company with an existing certificate of service authority or authorization do not require Commission approval.

3. Spectrum Mid-America, LLC, holds a video service authorization granted by the Commission in Case No. KA-2013-0097. Staff recommends it is proper to expand

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Spectrum Mid-America, LLC's, existing video service authorization area to include those political subdivisions identified in the *Application*. Staff also recommends that the Commission cancel the video service authorization of Falcon Telecable d/b/a Charter Communications.

4. In lieu of a Memorandum, Staff herein states that the Company has complied with the applicable rules. No entities intervened to oppose. Neither affected company is delinquent in any required filings with the Commission.

5. WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission expand Spectrum Mid-America, LLC's, existing video service authorization area to include those political subdivisions identified in the *Application*; cancel the video service authorization of Falcon Telecable d/b/a Charter Communications; and grant such other and further relief as is just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Whitney Payne</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 26th day of February, 2019, to all counsel of record.

<u>/s/ Whitney Payne</u>