

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. /MO/
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 3)*

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

CLASS A COMMON STOCK, \$0.001 PAR VALUE PER SHARE

(Title of Class of Securities)

16119P108

(CUSIP Number)

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August 6, 2018

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

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CUSIP No. 16119P108

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

Advance/Newhouse Partnership

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a) (b) (1), (2)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

OO

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

New York

NUMBER OF **7** SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY **8** 33,507,797 (3)
OWNED BY SHARED VOTING POWER

EACH

REPORTING **9** 0
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12.8% (4)

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- (1) Each of the (i) Amended and Restated Stockholders Agreement, dated as of May 23, 2015, by and among the Issuer, former Charter Communications, Inc., Liberty Broadband Corporation (Liberty) and Advance/Newhouse Partnership (A/N) as amended on May 18, 2016 (the Second Amended and Restated Stockholders Agreement) and (ii) Proxy and Right of First Refusal Agreement, dated as of May 18, 2016, by and among Liberty, A/N and the Issuer (the Proxy and Right of First Refusal Agreement) contains provisions relating to the ownership and voting by the Reporting Persons in respect of their A/N Notional Shares (as defined below). The Reporting Persons expressly disclaim the existence of and membership in a group with Liberty. See Item 6 of the Schedule 13D.

- (2) Michael A. Newhouse, who beneficially owns 1,691 shares of Class A Common Stock is a Trustee of Advance Long-Term Management Trust, Executive Vice President of Newhouse Broadcasting Corporation, Co-President of Advance Publications Inc. and Vice President of Advance/Newhouse Partnership. Samuel I. Newhouse, III, who beneficially owns 538 shares of Class A Common Stock, is a Trustee of Advance Long-Term Management Trust, a Director and Executive Vice President of Newhouse Broadcasting Corporation, a Director and Co-President of Advance Publications, Inc. and Secretary and Treasurer of Advance/Newhouse Partnership. The Reporting Persons expressly disclaim the existence of and membership in a group with Michael A. Newhouse and Samuel I. Newhouse, III.
- (3) Consists of (i) 3,116,329 shares of Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (Class A Common Stock) of the Issuer, (ii) 21,057,968 shares of Class A Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the Class B Common Units (Class B Common Units) of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (Charter Holdings) and (iii) 9,333,500 shares of Class A Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the Convertible Preferred Units of Charter Holdings (Convertible Preferred Units), in each case, held by A/N. Upon request by A/N, the 21,057,968 Class B Common Units owned by A/N will be converted, at the Issuer's option, into either (x) shares of Class A Common Stock of the Issuer on a one-for-one basis or (y) cash based on the volume-weighted average price of the Class A Common Stock for the two consecutive trading days immediately prior to the date of delivery of an exchange notice by A/N. Each of the 25,000,000 Convertible Preferred Units with a face amount of \$100 each held by A/N are convertible, in the hands of A/N and its affiliates, into 0.37334 of a Class B Common Unit and, in the hands of any other person, into 0.37334 of a share of Class A Common Stock, representing a conversion price of \$267.85, subject to customary anti-dilution adjustments. A/N also owns one share of Class B Common Stock of the Issuer, which entitles A/N to vote on any matter submitted for a vote of the holders of Class A Common Stock of the Issuer such number of votes equal to the number of shares of Class A Common Stock into which the Class B Common Units and Convertible Preferred Units held by A/N and its affiliates are convertible or exchangeable, as applicable, in each case, assuming only shares of Class A Common Stock of the Issuer are delivered upon conversion or exchange (the A/N Notional Shares). Does not include the 1,691 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by Michael A. Newhouse or the 538 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by Samuel I. Newhouse, III.
- (4) For purposes of calculating beneficial ownership in this statement on Schedule 13D (this Statement), the total number of shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding as of June 30, 2018 is approximately 231.9 million. The percentage provided represents the number of shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by the applicable Reporting Person on an as-converted, as-exchanged basis divided by the sum of (i) the amount of Class A Common Stock outstanding as of June 30, 2018, plus (ii) the amount of Class A Common Stock issued upon exchange of the 219,375 Class B Common Units pursuant to the previously disclosed second letter agreement (the Second Share Repurchase Agreement), dated December 21, 2017, which supplements the previously disclosed letter agreement, dated December 23, 2016, between A/N and the Issuer (the Share Repurchase Agreement), plus (iii) the amount of Class A Common Stock issuable upon exchange or conversion, as applicable, of the Class B Common Units and Convertible Preferred Units, held by A/N.

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

Newhouse Broadcasting Corporation

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CO

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Advance Publications, Inc.

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

Newhouse Family Holdings, L.P.

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Delaware

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Advance Long-Term Management Trust

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(a) (b) (1), (2)

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New Jersey

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This Amendment No. 3 (this Amendment) amends and supplements the Statement on Schedule 13D (the Schedule 13D), which was jointly filed on May 27, 2016, the amended Statement on Schedule 13D, which was jointly filed on December 28, 2016, and the amended Statement on Schedule 13D, which was jointly filed on December 21, 2017, and is filed on behalf of Advance/Newhouse Partnership, a New York general partnership (A/N), Newhouse Broadcasting Corporation, a New York Corporation (NBCo), Advance Publications, Inc., a New York corporation (API), Newhouse Family Holdings, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (NFH), Advance Long-Term Management Trust, a New Jersey trust (Advance Long-Term Trust) and, together with A/N, NBCo, API and NFH, the Reporting Persons and each, a Reporting Person) with respect to (i) the shares of Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (Class A Common Stock), of Charter Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Issuer or Charter) that are directly or indirectly held by the Reporting Persons and (ii) the shares of Class A Common Stock into which the Class B Common Units (Class B Common Units) of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (Charter Holdings) and the Convertible Preferred Units of Charter Holdings (Convertible Preferred Units) that are directly or indirectly held by the Reporting Persons are exchangeable or convertible, as applicable.

This Amendment is being filed for purposes of disclosing the Collar Transactions and Loan Transactions (each, as defined below).

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

Item 5(a) and (b) of the Schedule 13D are amended and supplemented to read as follows:

(a) The Reporting Persons are the beneficial owner of 33,507,797 shares of Class A Common Stock (including Class B Common Units and Convertible Preferred Units on an as-converted, as-exchanged basis). The 33,507,797 shares of Class A Common Stock constitute approximately 12.8% of the outstanding shares of Class A Common Stock, based on approximately 231.9 million shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding as of June 30, 2018. In addition, Michael A. Newhouse is the beneficial owner of 1,691 shares of restricted Class A Common Stock received by him in connection with his services as a director of the Issuer and Samuel I. Newhouse, III, is the beneficial owner of 538 shares of Class A Common Stock.

(b) The Reporting Persons have the sole power to (i) vote or direct the voting of 33,507,797 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by them as described in the Schedule 13D (including Class B Common Units and Convertible Preferred Units on an as-converted, as-exchanged basis) and (ii) dispose or direct the disposition of such shares, in each case, subject to the terms of the previously disclosed Operating Agreement, Exchange Agreement, Proxy and Right of First Refusal Agreement and Second Amended and Restated Stockholders Agreement, as described in the Schedule 13D. Michael Newhouse has sole voting and dispositive power over 1,691 shares of restricted Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by him. Samuel I. Newhouse, III, has sole voting and dispositive power over the 538 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by him.

Item 5(c) of the Schedule 13D is amended by adding the following paragraphs at the end thereof:

On August 6, 2018, A/N established a credit facility backed by an equity collar transaction and an aggregate of 6,000,000 Class B Common Units of Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (Units) to provide financial flexibility to support its ongoing estate planning and its investment program and for other general corporate purposes. The transactions cover less than 20% of A/N's holdings in Charter and, absent physical settlement or default by A/N, have no effect on A/N's voting and Board of Directors rights. A/N remains committed to being a long-term shareholder of Charter and has no intent to sell any shares other than through its continued pro-rata participation in Charter's buyback program.

The equity collar transactions consist of a purchased put option and a sold call option (each, a Collar Transaction), pursuant to Share Collar Transactions Confirmations substantially in the form of Exhibit 7(q) (each, a Collar

Confirmation) with Credit Suisse Capital LLC, Citibank, N.A. and Bank of America, N.A. (the Banks). The Collar Transactions cover an aggregate of 6,000,000 shares of Class A Common Stock and expire over two sets of expiration dates, one running from August 16, 2021 to August 31, 2021, inclusive, and the other from August 15, 2023 to August 30, 2023, inclusive. The Collar Transactions have a put strike price of \$247.4860 and a call strike price of \$371.5202 and \$408.2063, respectively. The Collar Transactions will be settled in cash unless A/N elects physical settlement, in which case it expects to exchange Units for Class A Common Stock sufficient to satisfy its obligations under the Collar Transactions.

Simultaneously with entering into the Collar Transactions, A/N entered into revolving loan facilities (each, a Loan Transaction) with each of the Banks, pursuant to Revolving Loan Transactions Confirmations substantially in the form of Exhibit 7(r) (each, a Loan Confirmation). Under the Loan Transactions, A/N may, subject to satisfaction of certain conditions, draw an amount up to the present value of the put strike price multiplied by the number of underlying shares of Class A Common Stock under the Collar Transactions.

In connection with the Collar Transactions and the Loan Transactions, A/N pledged, in aggregate, 6,000,000 Class B Common Units of Charter Holdings (the Pledged Units) and A/N's rights under the Collar Transactions to the Banks.

The foregoing description of the Collar Transactions and the Loan Transactions do not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Collar Confirmations and the Loan Confirmations, forms of which are filed as Exhibits 7(q) and 7(r) hereto, and incorporated herein by reference.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

See the descriptions of the Collar Transactions and the Loan Transactions in Item 5(c), which are incorporated by reference into this Item 6.

Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
7(q)	Form of Share Collar Transactions Confirmation
7(r)	Form of Revolving Loan Transactions Confirmation

Signatures

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: August 7, 2018

Advance/Newhouse Partnership

By: /s/ Michael A. Newhouse
Michael A. Newhouse, Vice President

Newhouse Broadcasting Corporation

By: /s/ Michael A. Newhouse
Michael A. Newhouse, Executive Vice President

Advance Publications, Inc.

By: /s/ Michael A. Newhouse
Michael A. Newhouse, Co-President

Newhouse Family Holdings, L.P.

By: Advance Long-Term Management Trust,
as General Partner

By: /s/ Michael A. Newhouse
Michael A. Newhouse, Trustee

Advance Long-Term Management Trust

By: /s/ Michael A. Newhouse
Michael A. Newhouse, Trustee